Putnam County BOE (WV) Public School Bonds, Series 2025

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM DIRECTING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS OF PUTNAM COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ALL QUESTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CONTRACTING OF A DEBT AND THE ISSUING OF BONDS IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY NINE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($49,870,000)

BE IT ORDERED AND ENTERED OF RECORD BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM:

It appears to The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (the "Board"), from the experience of the Board in operating the schools in the Putnam County School District (the "School District"), and after carefully reviewing and considering information available to the Board and the needs of the School District regarding the desire for an improved educational program and facilities, the Board does accordingly find, determine and order that:

1. Conditions now exist in the School District, including but not limited to inadequate, obsolete, and inefficient school buildings and related facilities, as well as excessive maintenance costs, that are impacting the proper and adequate education of students to prepare them for gainful employment or further education, and those adverse conditions, together with due regard for proper health and safety standards, make it necessary that the Board acquire, enlarge, equip, extend, furnish, improve, construct, and renovate certain school buildings and facilities, all as further described and shown below (collectively, the "Projects"); and such conditions and requirements have been found and are hereby determined to exist, pursuant to investigation caused to be made by this Board.

2. The funds derived from current levies which this Board is now authorized by law to lay, after providing for administration of the affairs of the Board and meeting the current expenses thereof required by law, are insufficient to finance the Projects and, therefore, bonds should be issued to provide funds for such Projects.

3. To obtain the required funds for the Projects, it will be necessary to incur debt and issue bonds for the construction, acquisition, improvement, equipping and furnishing of the Projects. Information provided to the Board, including estimates of engineers engaged by the Board, show that the School District must spend at least the sum of Seventy Four Million Eight Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollars ($74,870,000) for such purposes, including the proceeds of the sale of the general obligation bonds hereinafter referenced (the "Bonds") in the amount not to exceed Forty Nine Million Eight Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollars ($49,870,000), all for the general purposes of providing adequate, safe, efficient and convenient educational facilities for the School District, including costs of issuance and sale of the Bonds, all as further described below.

4. As of the date hereof, the current aggregate valuation of the taxable property in the School District, as shown by the last assessment thereof for State and County taxation purposes, is $4,123,728,624 and valuation of each class of property within the School District is as follows:

Class I	$0
Class II	$2,127,965,990

Class III	$1,724,160,172
Class IV	$271,602,462
Total	**$4,123,728,624**

5. As of the date hereof, the Board and the School District have outstanding bonded indebtedness in the aggregate principal amount of $1,450,000, for which taxes have been levied, and outstanding unbonded indebtedness in the aggregate principal amount of $2,690,000. The maximum bonded indebtedness the Board may incur is $206,186,431. Accordingly, Bonds in the amount of $49,870,000, being less than five percent (5%) of the value of such taxable property as ascertained by the last assessments thereof for State and County taxes, may be issued and sold without violating any constitutional or statutory provision.

6. Bonds in the denomination of $5,000.00 each, or integral multiples thereof, aggregating up to an amount **not to exceed $49,870,000** should be issued and sold, the proceeds of which shall be used for the Projects in the manner hereinafter described; provided, however, that in the event that any part of the Bond proceeds should not be needed for completion of the Projects, such unneeded funds shall be deposited with the Municipal Bond Commission of West Virginia to be used solely for the purchase of any Bonds of this issue outstanding at not more than the par value thereof plus accrued interest to date of purchase or for the payment of such Bonds and the interest thereon at the maturities thereof. The proceeds of sale of the Bonds will not be used except as herein specified; provided, that the Board shall have the authority to pay matured interest and the principal amount of any matured Bonds from Bond proceeds until levy money is available to pay the same and thereafter, the Bond proceeds expended for this purpose shall be reimbursed from levy money collected.

7. The question of incurring said debt and issuing said Bonds and all other questions properly connected therewith shall be submitted to the voters of the School District at the general election to be held on **Tuesday, November 5, 2024**, and the commissioners and clerks for holding said election, at each of the legally established voting precincts in Putnam County, West Virginia, shall be those commissioners and clerks designated, appointed and certified by the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia in connection with said general election.

8. The Bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates not exceeding the rate of **six percent (6.00%) per annum**, with interest payable semiannually and principal payable annually, but it is hoped that the best bid for the Bonds will provide a lower interest rate (which could result in somewhat lower levy rates needed to pay the Bonds and the interest thereon); and the Bonds shall be payable for a maximum term of **fifteen and one-half (15.5) years** from the date thereof.

9. The Bonds shall be issued only in book entry or registered form as to principal and interest in compliance with the United States Internal Revenue Code Sections 103 and 149 (26 USCA 103 and 149), as amended, and as authorized by the West Virginia Public Obligations Registration Act, Article 2F, Chapter 13 of the Code of West Virginia of 1931, as amended (the "Code").

10. The proceeds of the Bonds, if authorized by the voters, including any grant or grants from the School Building Authority of West Virginia and/or other Federal, State, local, lease purchase, and/or private funds, are to be expended on the following Projects:

[*See the table on the following page*.]

PROJECT	LOCATION	ESTIMATED COST
New Hurricane Middle School Develop, acquire, design, construct, equip, furnish, improve, and pay all fees and expenses for a new Hurricane Middle School (replacing existing Hurricane Middle School as described below), which will meet the School Building Authority of West Virginia standards and guidelines and provide a safe and engaging learning environment for students. The new school will serve students in grades 6 through 8.	Adjacent to the existing Hurricane High School site in Hurricane, West Virginia	$64,628,344
New Football Stadium Bleachers and Press Boxes, and New Athletic Field Lighting for Hurricane High School Develop, acquire, design, construct, equip, furnish, improve, and pay all fees and expenses related to athletic facility improvements at Hurricane High School, including, without limitation, new bleachers, press boxes and lighting at the football stadium, and new field lighting at the soccer, baseball and softball facilities.	To be located at the existing Hurricane High School athletic facilities in Hurricane, West Virginia	$3,251,556
New Football Stadium Bleachers and Press Boxes, and New Athletic Field Lighting for Winfield High School Develop, acquire, design, construct, equip, furnish, improve, and pay all fees and expenses related to athletic facility improvements at Winfield High School, including, without limitation, new bleachers, press boxes and lighting at the football stadium, and new field lighting at the soccer, baseball and softball facilities.	To be located at the existing Winfield High School athletic facilities in Winfield, West Virginia	$2,666,556
New Football Stadium Bleachers and Press Boxes, and New Athletic Field Lighting for Poca High School.	To be located at the existing Poca High School athletic	$1,926,556

Develop, acquire, design, construct, equip, furnish, improve, and pay all fees and expenses related to athletic facility improvements at Poca High School, including, without limitation, new bleachers, press boxes and lighting at the football stadium, and new field lighting at the baseball and softball facilities.	facilities in Poca, West Virginia	
New Baseball and Softball Field Lighting for Buffalo High School Develop, acquire, design, construct, equip, furnish, improve, and pay all fees and expenses related to new baseball and softball field lighting at Buffalo High School.	To be located at the existing Buffalo High School baseball and softball facilities in Buffalo, West Virginia	$1,076,988
New Football Field Lighting for George Washington Middle School, Winfield Middle School and Poca Middle School Develop, acquire, design, construct, equip, furnish, improve, and pay all fees and expenses related to new football field lighting at George Washington Middle School, Winfield Middle School and Poca Middle School.	To be located at the applicable middle school athletic facilities in Putnam County, West Virginia	$1,020,000

	Total Estimated Project Costs (excluding Costs of Issuance):	**$74,570,000**
	Project Costs Funded by Other Sources, including but not limited to SBA Funds, and/or Federal, State, Local, Lease Purchase, and/or Private Funds:	$25,000,000
	Project Costs Funded by Bond Proceeds:	$49,570,000
	Estimated Costs of Issuance Funded by Bond Proceeds:	$300,000
	TOTAL PAR AMOUNT OF BONDS:	**$49,870,000**

The amounts set forth above as "Total Par Amount of Bonds" for the Projects include estimated Costs of Issuance for the Bonds, which may be funded from the proceeds of the Bonds. The Board shall be authorized to pay such Costs of Issuance from its general funds and/or the proceeds of the Bonds, as the Board deems appropriate at the time such Costs of Issuance are required to be paid.

If the Bond issue is approved by the voters of the School District, the Board receives an award or commitment of School Building Authority of West Virginia funds and/or other federal, state, local, lease purchase, and/or private funds sufficient, in the Board's reasonable discretion, to complete the Projects, and the Bonds proposed hereby are issued, then, in connection with the Projects proposed in this Order, upon the completion of the new Hurricane Middle School in the vicinity of Hurricane, West Virginia, the existing Hurricane Middle School (serving students in grades 6 through 8) will be closed as a middle school, and certain of those students in grades 6 through 8 will be assigned to and will attend the new Hurricane Middle School.

The foregoing estimated Project Cost amounts include the costs of acquiring any necessary lands, sites and rights-of-way and easements, if necessary, to complete the Projects, the payment of interest on the Bonds while the Projects are under construction and up to six months thereafter, and any engineering and architectural costs, construction costs, including, but not limited to, construction manager fees and expenses, the cost of using county maintenance personnel, the costs of erecting, improving, equipping and furnishing the Projects, the costs and estimated costs of the issuance of the Bonds, and such other costs, fees, and expenses as may be necessary and/or properly incurred in carrying out the Projects. All Handicapped and E.S.S.I.A. Title 1 expenditures are subject to written approval by the West Virginia Department of Education.

The estimated Project Costs set forth above are based upon the estimates provided to the Board by its architects, engineers and other professional advisers, and the actual costs of completing any

one or more of the Projects may vary due to circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the Board. To the extent the actual cost to complete any one or more of the Projects is greater or less than such estimates, the Board, in its reasonable discretion, can allocate and expend the available funds (including proceeds of the Bonds, School Building Authority of West Virginia grant funds and other funds available to the Board, including but not limited to other Federal, State, local, lease purchase, and/or private funds) between the Projects as necessary to carry out the intent of this Order; provided however, that in any event, the Board shall use its best efforts to complete each of the Projects described above, to the extent sufficient funding is available. If the proceeds of the Bonds and/or amounts allocated for the above-stated purposes are insufficient to complete the Projects, then the Board, in its discretion, shall allocate such shortfall to one or more of the above-stated purposes. In the event the Board shall obtain additional money by grant or otherwise from the State or Federal government, or from any agency of either, or from any other source (including, without limitation, private funds, lease purchase financing, and/or other available funds of the Board), for use in the acquisition, construction, renovation, improvement, furnishing, and/or equipping of the Projects, such additional money may be used either in substitution for or in addition to the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds proposed hereby, as may be determined by the Board and the granting body or agency, unless otherwise set forth in this Order.

11. Notwithstanding any provision of this Order to the contrary, the issuance of the Bonds (i) is subject to (a) the School Building Authority of West Virginia's timely award or commitment of funds to the Board in amounts sufficient, in the Board's reasonable discretion, to undertake and complete the Projects and/or (b) the availability of other funds to the Board (including Federal, State, local, lease purchase proceeds and/or private funds from any source or any combination thereof), in amounts sufficient, in the Board's reasonable discretion, to undertake and complete the Projects, and (ii) is further subject to any and all other necessary actions, approvals and consents required by applicable law. The Board acknowledges that the School Building Authority of West Virginia has not made any such award or commitment at this time, but the Board intends to seek an award or commitment of funds at the upcoming grant funding meeting of the School Building Authority of West Virginia.

12. If the voters of the School District approve the incurring of said debt and the issuance of said Bonds, the Board will lay annually upon the assessed valuation of all the taxable property within the School District an additional levy sufficient to provide funds for the payment of the annual interest upon the Bonds as such interest accrues semiannually and the principal of the Bonds at maturity, for which purposes a levy upon each $100 valuation, based upon the last assessment of such property for State and County purposes, will be required as follows:

Upon Class I Property approximately	4.64	cents
Upon Class II Property approximately	9.28	cents
Upon Class III Property approximately	18.56	cents
Upon Class IV Property approximately	18.56	cents

For the avoidance of doubt, the levy rates set forth above are in addition to any other levies currently in place in the School District.

13. In the laying of said levy, the assessment levy authorized to be laid by said Board by the Constitution of West Virginia and the statutes enacted pursuant thereto shall not be exceeded; provided, however, that said rates hereinabove set forth may, whenever necessary, be exceeded in making the annual levy for interest and principal of said Bonds within statutory and constitutional

limitations; and that in the levy, collection and disbursement of taxes within constitutional and statutory limitations, this levy for interest and principal shall have preference over all other taxes collected by said School District for any purpose whatsoever, except the payment of the interest and sinking fund requirements on any other bond issue or issues which lawfully have been authorized heretofore or which may be authorized hereafter.

14. If the debt represented by this Bond issue shall be approved by the voters, such Bonds, together with all existing bonded indebtedness heretofore incurred under Section 1, Article X, of the Constitution, will not exceed in the aggregate five percent (5%) of the taxable property in the School District ascertained in accordance with Sections 8 and 10, Article X, of the Constitution of this State and will be payable from a direct annual tax levied and collected in each year on all taxable property in said School District, sufficient to pay the principal and interest maturing on said Bonds in each year, which maximum rates are provided for tax levies for school districts on the several classes of property in Section 1, Article X of the Constitution, but in the same proportions as such maximum rates are levied outside the limits fixed by Section 1, Article X of the Constitution.

15. If the debt and Bonds submitted to the voters shall be approved, by virtue of Section 8, Article X of the Constitution, known as the "School Bond Amendment," and the enabling legislation enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia Regular Session, 1951, amending and reenacting Sections 3 and 4, Article 1, Chapter 13, of the Code, and the enabling legislation enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia, Regular Session, 1959, amending and reenacting Section 4 and adding Section 34, Article 1, Chapter 13, of the Code, levies hereinbefore provided will not violate any constitutional or statutory provisions of this State establishing maximum levies, said levies herein provided shall be levied and allocated each year for the purposes of discharging the interest and principal of the Bonds to be authorized, and for such purposes shall be laid separate and apart from all other levies made for all other purposes of the School District, and the Board does further find that after laying and allocating said special levies for payment of principal and interest requirements of said Bonds, there will be, out of the levies authorized by law and apportioned for current expenses, a sufficient levy authorized by law which, when added to other income, will be sufficient to carry out the proper requisite functions of said Board and of said School District.

16. The commissioners and clerks appointed and certified for the purpose of the general election shall be the same commissioners and clerks designated, appointed and certified by the County Commission and, if necessary, as adopted by a supplemental order of this Board.

17. Notice of this question shall be given by publication of this Order at least once each week for two (2) successive weeks before the election and within fourteen (14) consecutive days next preceding such general election in ***The Hurricane Breeze***, a qualified newspaper of primary circulation in the School District as certified by the Secretary of State of the State of West Virginia.

18. The ballot shall be in the form set forth on the following page:

OFFICIAL BALLOT
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM
GENERAL ELECTION HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

Shall The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (the "Board") incur debt and issue Bonds, in one or more series, in the amount of not more than Forty Nine Million Eight Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollars ($49,870,000), with maturities on such Bonds to run not more than fifteen and one-half (15.5) years from the date of such Bonds, with interest not exceeding the rate of six percent (6.00%) per annum, payable semi-annually, for the purpose of making the following improvements in the Putnam County School District (estimated costs to include both the Bond proceeds and proceeds of awards, if any, received from the School Building Authority of West Virginia and other sources, including but not limited to Federal, State, local, lease purchase, and/or private funds) to provide adequate, safe and convenient educational facilities for the Putnam County School District (the "School District"), and levy taxes sufficient to pay the interest on and the principal of such Bonds.

PROJECT	**LOCATION**	**ESTIMATED COST**
New Hurricane Middle School Develop, acquire, design, construct, equip, furnish, improve, and pay all fees and expenses for a new Hurricane Middle School (replacing existing Hurricane Middle School as described below), which will meet the School Building Authority of West Virginia standards and guidelines and provide a safe and engaging learning environment for students. The new school will serve students in grades 6 through 8.	Adjacent to the existing Hurricane High School site in Hurricane, West Virginia	$64,628,344
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	Total Estimated Project Costs (excluding Costs of Issuance):	**$74,570,000**
	Project Costs Funded by Other Sources, including but not limited to SBA Funds, and/or Federal, State, Local, Lease Purchase, and/or Private Funds:	$25,000,000
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	TOTAL PAR AMOUNT OF BONDS:	**$49,870,000**

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If the Bond issue is approved by the voters of the School District, the Board receives an award or commitment of School Building Authority of West Virginia funds and/or other federal, state, local, lease purchase, and/or private funds sufficient, in the Board's reasonable discretion, to complete the Projects, and the Bonds proposed hereby are issued, then, in connection with the Projects proposed in this Order, upon the completion of the new Hurricane Middle School in the vicinity of Hurricane, West Virginia, the existing Hurricane Middle School (serving students in grades 6 through 8) will be closed as a middle school, and certain of those students in grades 6 through 8 will be assigned to and will attend the new Hurricane Middle School.

The issuance of the Bonds (i) is subject to (a) the School Building Authority of West Virginia's award or commitment of funds to the Board in amounts sufficient, in the Board's reasonable discretion, to undertake and complete the Projects, and/or (b) the availability of other funds to the Board (including federal, state, local, lease purchase proceeds and/or private funds from any source or any combination thereof), in amounts sufficient, in the Board's reasonable discretion, to undertake and complete the Projects, and (ii) is further subject to any and all other necessary actions, approvals and consents required by applicable law. The Board acknowledges that the School Building Authority of West Virginia has not made any such award or commitment at this time, but the Board intends to seek an award or commitment of funds at the upcoming grant funding meeting of the School Building Authority of West Virginia.

The foregoing estimated Project Cost amounts include the costs of acquiring any necessary lands, sites and rights-of-way and easements, if necessary to complete the Projects, the payment of interest on the Bonds while the Projects are under construction and up to six months thereafter, and any engineering and architectural costs, construction costs, including, but not limited to, construction manager fees and expenses, the cost of using county maintenance personnel, the costs of erecting, improving, equipping and furnishing the Projects, the costs and estimated costs of the issuance of the Bonds, and such other costs, fees, and expenses as may be necessary and/or properly incurred in carrying out the Projects. All Handicapped and E.S.S.I.A. Title 1 expenditures are subject to written approval by the West Virginia Department of Education.

The estimated Project Costs set forth above are based upon the estimates provided to the Board by its architects, engineers and other professional advisers, and the actual costs of completing any one or more of the Projects may vary due to circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the Board. To the extent the actual cost to complete any one or more of the Projects is greater or less than such estimates, the Board, in its reasonable discretion, can allocate and expend the available funds (including proceeds of the Bonds, School Building Authority of West Virginia grant funds and other funds available to the Board) between the Projects as necessary to carry out the intent of this Order; provided however, that in any event, the Board shall use its best efforts to complete each of the Projects described above, to the extent sufficient funding is available.

If the proceeds of the Bonds and/or amounts allocated for the above-stated purposes are insufficient to complete the Projects, then the Board, in its discretion, shall allocate such shortfall to one or more of the above-stated purposes. In the event the Board shall obtain additional money by grant or otherwise from the State or Federal government, or from any agency of either, or from any other source (including private funds, local funds, lease purchase proceeds, or other funds made available to the Board), for use in the acquisition, construction, renovation, improvement, furnishing, and/or equipping of the Projects, such additional money may be used either in substitution for or in addition to the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds proposed hereby, as may be determined by the Board and the granting body or agency.

If the voters of the School District approve the incurring of said debt and the issuance of said Bonds, the Board will lay annually upon the assessed valuation of all the taxable property within the School District an additional levy sufficient to provide funds for the payment of the annual interest upon the Bonds as such interest accrues semiannually and the principal of the Bonds at maturity, for which purposes a levy upon each $100 valuation, based upon the last assessment of such property for State and County purposes, will be required as follows:

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NOTICE TO VOTERS:

To vote in favor of the proposition (for the Bond Issue) submitted on this ballot, mark an "X" in the box next to "Yes". To vote against the proposition (against the Bond Issue), mark an "X" in the box next to "No".

☐ Yes (For the Bond Issue)

☐ No (Against the Bond Issue)

*** * * * END OF SAMPLE BALLOT * * * ***

19. The Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized to take any actions, and execute and deliver any documents, that may be necessary or appropriate to assist the Clerk of the County Commission of the County of Putnam in connection with the general election and the official ballot approved by this Order, and said Clerk is hereby designated and appointed as an agent of the Board to perform all actions and duties imposed by law upon clerks of the County Commission in relation to said general election.

20. Absentee ballots shall be applied for, obtained from, and returned to the Clerk of the County Commission of the County of Putnam, and said Clerk is hereby appointed the agent for the Board to perform all duties relating to absentee ballots in the general election.

21. The registration of voters and the use of the registration booths shall be governed by the permanent registration laws of the State, and the Board hereby adopts the registration list of Putnam County as the official registration list of the School District for this election.

[*Signature page follows this page*.]

The foregoing Order was duly approved and adopted by The Board of Education of the County of Putnam on the 5th day of August 2024.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM

By: _____
President

ATTEST:

_____
Secretary

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THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM
RESOLUTION AND ORDER DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2024, The Board of Education of the County of Putnam, West Virginia (the "Board"), approved and adopted an Order (the "Election Order") directing an election to be held for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the Putnam County School District (the "District") all questions connected with the contracting of a debt and the issuing of general obligation bonds in the principal amount not to exceed Forty Nine Million Eight Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollars ($49,870,000), as more particularly set forth in the Election Order; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Election Order, an election was held on November 5, 2024, at each of the legally established voting precincts in the District, for the purpose of ascertaining the will of the voters upon the question of whether or not the Bonds (as defined below) should be issued; and

WHEREAS, the result of said election, as shown by a certified canvass of the returns thereof, was Sixteen Thousand and Thirty-One (16,031) votes for the issuance of the Bonds and Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-One (8,791) votes against the issuance of the Bonds; so that a majority of the voters, to wit, 64.5838% voting upon said proposition at said election, voted for the issuance of the Bonds;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Election Order and for the avoidance of doubt, the Board acknowledges that the issuance of the Bonds (as defined below) remains subject to (i)(a) the School Building Authority of West Virginia's timely award or commitment of funds to the Board in amounts sufficient, in the Board's reasonable discretion, to undertake and complete the Projects or (b) the availability of other funds to the Board (including Federal, State, local, lease purchase proceeds and/or private funds from any source or any combination thereof), in amounts sufficient, in the Board's reasonable discretion, to undertake and complete the Projects, and (ii) any and all other necessary actions, approvals and consents required by applicable law; and

WHEREAS, the Board has accordingly determined to proceed with the issuance of Bonds as hereinafter provided;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board, that:

SECTION 1. Bonds designated as "The Board of Education of the County of Putnam Public School Bonds, Series 2025" in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed Forty Nine Million Eight Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollars ($49,870,000) (the "Bonds") shall be issued and sold, in denominations of $5,000 or integral multiples thereof, the proceeds of which sale shall be used for the purposes hereinafter set forth, the projects and purposes set forth in the Election Order and approved by the voters of the District (the "Projects") and the costs of issuance of the Bonds; and the sale of such Bonds to be made in whole, or from time to time in part, as the Board may, in its discretion, deem proper and advisable. Upon completion of the Projects described in the Election Order and the payment therefor in full, any unused sum remaining from the sale of the Bonds shall be deposited with the West Virginia Municipal Bond Commission to be used for the purchase of any Bonds outstanding at a price of not more than the par value thereof plus accrued

interest to the date of such purchase or for the payment of the Bonds hereby authorized and the interest thereon at the maturities thereof.

SECTION 2. The Bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed six percent (6.00%) per annum, payable semiannually, and the Bonds shall be payable in the principal amounts and shall mature as follows, either by serial maturity or by mandatory sinking fund redemption, and with such variations as may be approved by the Board in a supplemental resolution hereto:

Bonds in the amount of $1,920,000 due and payable June 1, 2026;

Bonds in the amount of $2,280,000 due and payable June 1, 2027;

Bonds in the amount of $2,420,000 due and payable June 1, 2028;

Bonds in the amount of $2,565,000 due and payable June 1, 2029;

Bonds in the amount of $2,720,000 due and payable June 1, 2030;

Bonds in the amount of $2,880,000 due and payable June 1, 2031;

Bonds in the amount of $3,055,000 due and payable June 1, 2032;

Bonds in the amount of $3,235,000 due and payable June 1, 2033;

Bonds in the amount of $3,430,000 due and payable June 1, 2034;

Bonds in the amount of $3,635,000 due and payable June 1, 2035;

Bonds in the amount of $3,855,000 due and payable June 1, 2036;

Bonds in the amount of $4,085,000 due and payable June 1, 2037;

Bonds in the amount of $4,330,000 due and payable June 1, 2038;

Bonds in the amount of $4,590,000 due and payable June 1, 2039; and

Bonds in the amount of $4,870,000 due and payable June 1, 2040.

SECTION 3. The Bonds, including interest thereon, shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America at the office of the West Virginia Municipal Bond Commission, Charleston, West Virginia (the "Paying Agent"). The Bonds shall be registered as to ownership and authenticated by a bank to be designated in the Bonds. The Board shall annually, at the levy term thereof, make up and lay upon all taxable property within the District a sufficient levy to provide funds for paying the interest on the Bonds as the same accrues and becomes payable and the principal thereof at their respective maturities.

SECTION 4. The Bonds shall be issued under the five percent (5%) limitation of the Better Schools Amendment and will be payable from a direct annual tax on all taxable property in the District, in the ratio, as between the several classes or types of such taxable property specified

in Section 1, Article X of the West Virginia Constitution, separate and apart from and in addition to all other taxes for all other purposes, sufficient to pay, annually, the interest of such debt and the principal thereof, within and not exceeding fifteen and one-half (15.5) years, which may be levied outside the limits fixed by Section 1, Article X of the Constitution, and the Board covenants with the registered owners of the Bonds that the Board shall include in its budget the amount of the debt service for each fiscal year of the Board in which such sums are payable, shall appropriate such amount from its revenues for the payment of such debt service and shall duly and punctually pay or cause to be paid from its sinking fund or any other of its available revenues or funds the principal amount of each of the Bonds and the interest due thereupon at the date and place and in the manner stated therein, according to the true intent and meaning thereof; and, for such budgeting, appropriation and payment, subject to the limitations fixed by the Board, shall and does pledge, irrevocably, its full faith, credit and taxing power.

SECTION 5. It is hereby found and determined by the Board that the maximum aggregate amount of such Bonds, to wit, Forty Nine Million Eight Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollars ($49,870,000), together with all other bonds of the Board currently outstanding (if any), does not exceed or violate any provisions or limitations in any manner provided by the School Bond Amendment and the Better Schools Amendment.

SECTION 6. The Bonds hereby authorized shall be exempt from all taxation by the State of West Virginia or any political subdivision thereof and each Bond shall contain a provision that states the Bond is authorized by and is issued in conformity with the requirements of the Constitution and statutes of the State of West Virginia.

SECTION 7. Each Bond shall be signed by and on behalf of the Board by its President and countersigned by its Secretary, and the official seal of the Board shall be affixed to each Bond, which signatures and seal may be manual or by facsimile, and the Bonds herein authorized to be issued shall be upon the terms and in form or effect substantially as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto as a part hereof. No Bond shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose or entitled to any security or benefit under this Resolution and Order unless and until the Registrar's Certificate of Authentication and Registration on such Bond, substantially in the form set forth in said Exhibit A, shall have been manually executed by the registrar for the Bonds to be set forth and designated in the Bonds (the "Registrar").

SECTION 8. The Bonds shall be payable as to principal at the office of the Paying Agent, in any coin or currency which, on the dates of payment of principal is legal tender for the payment of public or private debts under the laws of the United States of America. Interest on the Bonds shall be paid by wire or by check or draft of the Paying Agent mailed to the registered owner thereof at the address as it appears on the books of the Registrar.

SECTION 9. Subject to the provisions for transfer of registration set forth below, the Bonds shall be and have all of the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the Uniform Commercial Code of the State of West Virginia, and each successive holder of the Bonds (a "Bondholder"), in accepting any of said Bonds shall be conclusively deemed to have agreed that such Bonds shall be and have all of the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the Uniform Commercial Code of the State of West Virginia, and each successive Bondholder shall

further be conclusively deemed to have agreed that said Bonds shall be incontestable in the hands of a *bona fide* Bondholder for value.

SECTION 10. So long as any of the Bonds remain outstanding, the Board, through the Registrar, shall keep and maintain books for the registration and transfer of the Bonds.

SECTION 11. The Bonds shall be transferable only upon the books of the Registrar, by the registered owner thereof in person or by his or her attorney duly authorized in writing, upon surrender thereto together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Registrar duly executed by the registered owner or his or her duly authorized attorney.

SECTION 12. In all cases in which the privileges of exchanging Bonds or transferring the registered Bonds is exercised, Bonds shall be delivered in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution and Order. All Bonds surrendered in any such exchanges or transfers shall forthwith be canceled by the Registrar. Transfers and exchanges of Bonds shall be made by the Registrar without charge to the holder or the transferee thereof, except as provided hereafter. For every such exchange or transfer of Bonds, the Registrar may make a charge sufficient to reimburse it for any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such exchange or transfer, and such tax or other governmental charge shall be paid by the person requesting such exchange or transfer as a condition precedent to the exercise of the privilege of making such exchange or transfer. The Registrar shall not be obliged to make any such exchange or transfer of Bonds during the period commencing on the 15th day of the month preceding an interest payment date on the Bonds.

SECTION 13. The Bonds may be subject to redemption prior to their stated dates of maturity at the option of the Board, on or after such date, in such order of maturity as may be determined by the Board and by lot within a maturity, and at the redemption price or prices to be set forth in the Notice of Sale of the Bonds. At the option of the Board, the Bonds or portions thereof may also be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption in lieu of serial maturities in the years and in the amounts set forth in the Bonds. The Board shall not levy taxes in connection with the redemption of any Bonds in excess of the taxes that would have been levied for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds in such year.

SECTION 14. The Bonds shall be registered upon issuance to Cede & Co. as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). In the event the Board determines that it is in the best interest of the beneficial owners of the Bonds that they obtain Bond certificates, the Board may notify DTC and the Registrar, whereupon DTC will notify its participants, of the availability through DTC of Bond certificates. In such event, the Registrar shall cause to be issued, transferred and exchanged Bond certificates as requested by DTC as Bondholder in appropriate amounts. DTC may determine to discontinue providing its service with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving notice to the Board or the Registrar and discharging its responsibilities with respect thereto under applicable law. Under such circumstances (if there is no successor securities depository), the Board and the Registrar shall be obligated to deliver Bond certificates as described in a resolution supplemental hereto. In the event the Bond certificates are issued, the provisions of this Resolution and Order shall apply to, among other things, the transfer and exchange of such certificates and the method of payment of principal of and interest on such Bond certificates. Whenever DTC requests the Board and the Registrar to do so, the Registrar and

the Board will cooperate with DTC in taking appropriate action after reasonable notice (a) to make available one or more separate certificates evidencing the Bonds to any participant having the Bonds credited to its DTC account or (b) to arrange for another securities depository to maintain custody of certificates evidencing the Bonds. The President of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to DTC an appropriate letter of representations, in consultation with the Board's bond counsel, and the Board is authorized to comply with all requirements of DTC.

SECTION 15. (a) The Board hereby covenants that it will restrict the use of the proceeds of the Bonds herein authorized in such manner and to such extent, if any, and take such other actions as may be necessary, after taking into account reasonable expectations at the time the debt is incurred, so that they will not constitute obligations the interest on which is subject to federal income taxation or "arbitrage bonds" under Sections 103(b)(2) and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and the regulations prescribed thereunder. In the event that at any time the Board is of the opinion that for purposes of this Section it is necessary to restrict or limit the yield on the investment of any moneys, the Board shall take such action as may be necessary. The Treasurer/Chief Business Officer of the Board (the "Treasurer") or any other officer having responsibility with respect to the issuance of the Bonds is authorized and directed to give an appropriate certificate on behalf of the Board, on the date of delivery of the Bonds for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings, setting forth the facts, estimates and circumstances and reasonable expectations pertaining to the use of the proceeds thereof and the provisions of said Sections 103(b)(2) and 148 of the Code and regulations thereunder, and to execute and deliver on behalf of the Board an IRS Form 8038-G in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

(b) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, unless the Board makes the election under Section 148(f)(4)(C)(vii) of the Code, the Board covenants that there shall be paid from time to time by the Board all amounts required to be rebated to the United States pursuant to Section 148(f) of the Code and any applicable proposed, temporary or final regulations thereunder (the "Regulations"). This covenant shall survive payment in full or defeasance of the Bonds.

(c) The Board shall invest all proceeds of the Bonds and any gross proceeds of the Bonds (as defined in the Regulations), subject to the restrictions set forth in Section 148 of the Code and the Regulations. The Board shall retain all earnings (calculated by taking into account net gains or losses on sales or exchanges and taking into account amortized discount or premium as a gain or loss, respectively) on said investments, if any.

(d) The Board shall remit to the United States at the times and in the manner set forth in Section 148 of the Code and the Regulations the excess of the amount earned on said investments over the amount which would have been earned if said investments were invested at a rate equal to the yield on the Bonds plus any income attributable to such excess or, if applicable, any penalty amounts under Section 148(f)(4)(C) of the Code.

(e) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, if the Board shall obtain an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel to the effect that any action required under this section is no longer required, or to the effect that some further action is required, to maintain the exclusion from gross income of the interest on the Bonds pursuant to Section 103(a) of the Code, the Board may rely conclusively on such opinion in complying with the provisions hereof.

SECTION 16. The Secretary of the Board, or his or her designee, shall transmit to the Attorney General of the State of West Virginia a duly certified copy of all orders, resolutions, proclamations, notices, advertisements, affidavits and records of all proceedings connected with or pertaining to this Bond issue, and any and all other matters relative thereto required by the Attorney General, as provided by W. Va. Code § 13-1-25.

SECTION 17. The Bonds hereby authorized shall be advertised for sale to the public on sealed bids or electronic bids, in the manner set forth in W. Va. Code § 13-1-21, at such time or times as shall be determined by the Board, and the appropriate officers of the Board are hereby authorized to place such advertisement as required thereby. The Board may issue the Bonds in one or more series and may reject any and all bids.

SECTION 18. Bowles Rice LLP is hereby retained as bond counsel to the Board for the purpose of preparing and/or reviewing the necessary documentation in connection with the issuance and delivery of the Bonds, and said bond counsel is further authorized to prepare certain necessary documents required to complete the transactions contemplated hereby.

SECTION 19. Crews & Associates, Inc. is hereby retained as municipal advisor to the Board for the purpose of assisting the Board in developing the plan of finance related to the Bonds, advise on the method of sale of the Bonds, assisting with the sale of the Bonds, including preparation of a notice of sale and preliminary Official Statement, bid verification, interest cost calculation, and said municipal advisor is further authorized to prepare certain necessary documents required to complete the transactions contemplated hereby.

SECTION 20. The Board hereby directs Crews & Associates, Inc., as its municipal advisor, to prepare and distribute, or cause the preparation and distribution of, a notice of sale, a Preliminary Official Statement and a final Official Statement relating to the Bonds and any supplements that may be required in connection therewith. The Board authorizes and directs the President of the Board and any other Authorized Officer (as defined below), in consultation with bond counsel, to approve the form of the notice of sale, Preliminary Official Statement or final Official Statement, as the case may be. This Board authorizes and directs each of the Authorized Officers to determine and to certify or otherwise represent when the Preliminary Official Statement is to be "deemed final", except for permitted omissions. The execution of the notice of sale and final Official Statement by the President, Treasurer or any other Authorized Officer shall constitute conclusive evidence that the approvals and determinations required by this paragraph have been received, which shall be deemed to be "final" for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 (as defined below), the execution thereof on behalf of the Board to be conclusive evidence of such authorization, approval and finality.

SECTION 21. The Board hereby covenants and agrees, pursuant to subsection (b)(5)(i) of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Rule 15c2-12"), that it will execute, comply with and carry out all of the provisions of a continuing disclosure procedures and/or certificate dated the date of issuance and delivery of the Bonds (the "Continuing Disclosure Certificate") in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. Failure to comply with any such provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate shall not constitute a default on the Bonds; however, any holder of the Bonds may take such action as may be reasonable and appropriate,

including seeking specific performance, to cause the Board to comply with its obligations under this Section and the Continuing Disclosure Certificate.

SECTION 22. That the Treasurer is hereby authorized to apply, if he or she deems it appropriate, for a rating or ratings on the Bonds from such rating agency or agencies as he or she deems appropriate. The Treasurer is further authorized to pay the fees and expenses for any rating to the extent authorized with proceeds of the Bonds.

SECTION 23. The Treasurer is hereby authorized, but not required, to purchase, if he or she deems it appropriate, a municipal bond insurance policy to secure the payment of interest on and principal of the Bonds, and to pay the fee or premium for said municipal bond insurance from proceeds of the Bonds to the extent authorized by law and approved by bond counsel.

SECTION 24. The Board reasonably expects that the Board will be reimbursed from the proceeds of the Bonds for certain preliminary and capital expenditures made not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date of this declaration of official intent, and after date of such adoption, but prior to the issuance of the Bonds, in connection with the Projects, all such preliminary and capital expenditures to be undertaken or incurred prior to the execution and delivery of the Bonds, which are reasonably expected to be executed and delivered within eighteen (18) months from the later of (i) the expenditure for payment of said cost, or (ii) the placing of the Projects in service, but in no event shall the reimbursement allocation be made more than three (3) years after the original expenditure is paid unless permitted by Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations promulgated under the Code. This Resolution is intended, among other things, to constitute a "declaration of official intent" pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations promulgated under the Code. The source or sources of payment for such capital expenditures were or will be from the Board's available funds for such purposes, and upon issuance of the Bonds, proceeds thereof not to exceed the amount of such capital expenditures will be applied to the reimbursement of the funds from which these qualifying expenditures were made. The maximum aggregate principal amount of the Bonds for the Projects is anticipated to be no more than $49,870,000. The Board shall provide written evidence of all reimbursement allocations within the time provided in Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations, which written evidence may be satisfied by one or more requisitions submitted in connection with the subject financing. Further, all expenses incurred by the Board in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds, including attorneys' fees, shall be reimbursed to the Board from the proceeds of the Bonds.

SECTION 25. The Post-Issuance Tax Compliance Procedures for Tax-Exempt Bonds, in substantially the form set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto, and the Continuing Disclosure Compliance Procedures, in substantially the form set forth in Exhibit C attached hereto, are each hereby approved, ratified and confirmed together with such changes thereto as the President or any other Authorized Officer (as defined below), after consultation with Bond Counsel, shall determine to be reasonable or appropriate, and the execution thereof by the President or any other Authorized Officer (as defined below) shall conclusively evidence such determination.

SECTION 26. The President, Vice President, Superintendent and Secretary, Treasurer and all other officers, members and employees of the Board (collectively, the "Authorized Officers" and each, an "Authorized Officer") shall be and are each hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do any and all things proper and necessary to carry out and effectuate the issuance

of the Bonds, as approved by the voters of the District, and effectuate the transactions and actions contemplated by this Resolution and Order, and all officers of the Board, including, without limitation, the Authorized Officers, respectively, shall be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed to take, or cause to be taken (or omitted), any and all actions and to prepare, execute, deliver and file any and all documents, agreements, instruments and certificates (collectively, "Related Documents") and to take any and all steps as each such Authorized Officer determines to be necessary or desirable to carry out the transactions contemplated by this Resolution and Order and any Related Documents, with such determination to be conclusively, but not exclusively, evidenced by the taking or omission of such actions or the execution of such Related Documents.

SECTION 27. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution and Order were adopted in an open meeting of the Board, and that all deliberations of the Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including, without limitation, Chapter 6, Article 9A of the West Virginia Code.

SECTION 28. This Resolution and Order shall be effective immediately upon its adoption and entry of record.

[*Signature page follows this page*.]

ADOPTED and ENTERED this 16th day of December, 2024.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
COUNTY OF PUTNAM

By: _____
President

ATTEST:

_____
Secretary

16432715.1

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of said Resolution and Order, made and entered of record by The Board of Education of the County of Putnam at a meeting thereof, duly called and held upon lawful notice to all members thereof and to the public and news media, on December 16, 2024, in Putnam County, West Virginia, a quorum of said members being present at said meeting and acting throughout the same. Such Resolution and Order is in full force and effect.

Given under my hand this 16th day of December 2024.

Secretary of The Board of Education
of the County of Putnam

Exhibit A

FORM OF BOND

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM
PUBLIC SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2025

RATE	MATURITY DATE	ISSUANCE DATE	CUSIP
[_____]%	June 1, 20[__]	[_____], 2025	[_____]

Registered Owner: **CEDE & CO.**

Principal Amount: **$[_____]**
[_____] DOLLARS

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, West Virginia, a public corporation created and existing under the laws of the State of West Virginia (the "Issuer"), for value received, hereby acknowledges itself to be indebted and promises to pay to the Registered Owner specified above, or registered assigns (the "Registered Owner"), on the Maturity Date specified above, upon presentation and surrender hereof, the Principal Amount specified above and to pay interest on said Principal Amount from the Interest Payment Date (as hereinafter defined) preceding the date of authentication hereof or, if authenticated after the Record Date (as hereinafter defined) but prior to the applicable Interest Payment Date or on said Interest Payment Date, from said Interest Payment Date or, if no interest has been paid, from the Issuance Date specified above, at the Interest Rate per annum specified above, semiannually, on June 1 and December 1 in each year, beginning [_____] 1, 20[__] (each an "Interest Payment Date"), until maturity. [_____, _____], West Virginia, shall act as registrar for the Bonds (the "Registrar") and the West Virginia Municipal Bond Commission, Charleston, West Virginia, shall act in the capacity of paying agent for the Bonds (the "Paying Agent").

Interest accruing on this Bond on and prior to the Maturity Date hereof shall be payable by check or draft mailed by the Paying Agent to the Registered Owner hereof as of the applicable Record Date (each May 15 and November 15) or, in the event of a default in the payment of Bonds, that special record date to be fixed by the Paying Agent by notice given to the Registered Owners not less than ten (10) days prior to said special record date at the address of such Registered Owner as it appears on the registration books of the Issuer maintained by the Registrar, or, at the option of any Registered Owner of at least $500,000 in aggregate principal amount of Bonds, by wire transfer in immediately available funds to a domestic bank account specified in writing by the Registered Owner to the Paying Agent at least five (5) days prior to such Record Date. Principal and premium, if any, shall be paid when due upon presentation and surrender of this Bond for

payment at the office of the Paying Agent. The Issuer and the Paying Agent shall not be required to issue or transfer any Bonds during a period beginning with the close of business on the Record Date next preceding any Interest Payment Date and ending at the close of business on such Interest Payment Date.

This Bond is one of a series of general obligation bonds of the Issuer designated as "The Board of Education of the County of Putnam Public School Bonds, Series 2025" (the "Bonds"), issued in the aggregate principal amount of Forty Nine Million Eight Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollars ($49,870,000). The Bonds were authorized to be issued by a majority of voters at the general election held on November 5, 2024. The Bonds are in fully registered form, without coupons, and are issued under the authority of and in full compliance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of West Virginia, including particularly, Chapter 13, Article 1 of the West Virginia Code, as amended (the "Act") and those certain resolutions and orders duly adopted by the Issuer on August 5, 2024 and December 16, 2024 (collectively, as the same may be supplemented and amended, the "Authorizing Order"), for the purpose of providing funds for making certain improvements in the Putnam County School District. The terms and provisions of the Authorizing Order hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein.

This Bond may be transferred or exchanged by the Registered Owner hereof upon surrender of this Bond to the Registrar at its principal corporate trust office, accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer in form, with instructions, and with guaranty of signature satisfactory to the Registrar, duly executed by the Registered Owner of this Bond or his attorney-in-fact or legal representative. The Registrar shall enter any transfer of ownership of this Bond in the registration books and shall authenticate and deliver in the name of the transferee or transferees a new fully registered bond or bonds of authorized denominations of the same maturity and form for the aggregate denominations of the same maturity and form for the aggregate amount which the transferee is entitled to receive at the earliest practicable time. The Issuer, the Registrar and the Paying Agent may deem and treat the registered owner hereof as the absolute owner thereof (whether or not this Bond shall be overdue) for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of principal hereof and interest due hereon and for all other purposes, and the Issuer, the Registrar and the Paying Agent shall not be affected by any notice to the contrary. All payments made to the Registered Owner of a Bond, as herein provided, shall be valid and effectual to satisfy in full and discharge the liability of the Issuer upon the Bond as paid.

No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of or interest on this Bond, or for any claim based hereon or on the Authorizing Order, against any member, officer or employee, past, present, or future, of the Issuer or of any successor body, as such, either directly or through the Issuer or any such successor body, under any constitutional provision, statute or rule of law, or by the enforcement of any assessment or by any legal or equitable proceeding or otherwise, and all such liability of such members, officers or employees is released as a condition of and as consideration for the issuance of this Bond.

[The Bonds maturing on [_____] and thereafter are subject to redemption at the option of the Issuer prior to their respective dates of maturity on or after [_____], in whole or in part, in any order of maturity selected by the Issuer, and by lot within a maturity, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of the Bonds to be redeemed, together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption.]

[The Bonds maturing [_____] are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at a redemption price of [___]% of the principal amount to be redeemed plus accrued interest to the date of redemption, on [____] in the years and in the respective principal amounts as set forth below:]

[_____] [_____]

Notice of any redemption of Bonds shall be given by the Registrar, on behalf of the Issuer, to the registered owners of the Bonds to be redeemed at least thirty (30) and not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for redemption, by registered or certified mail, at the address appearing in the registration records for the Bonds or at such other address as is furnished in writing by the registered owner to the Registrar. Failure to receive such notice or any defect therein or in the mailing thereof shall not affect the validity of any proceedings for the redemption of the Bonds and failure to mail such notice shall not affect the validity of any such proceedings for any Bond with respect to which no such failure has occurred. Notice of redemption having been given in the manner described herein, and moneys necessary for the redemption of the Bonds having been deposited, the Bonds specified in such notice shall, on the date fixed for redemption, become due and payable and from and after such date (unless the Issuer shall default in the payment of the redemption price), such Bonds shall cease to bear interest.

The Issuer has covenanted in the Authorizing Order that it shall include in its budget the amount of the debt service for each fiscal year of the Issuer in which principal and/or interest on the Bonds is payable, that it shall appropriate from its revenues any such sums for the payment of such debt service and that it shall duly and punctually cause to be paid when due, the principal of and interest on the Bonds.

Subject to the registration requirements set forth herein, this Bond, under the provisions of the Act is, and has all the qualities and incidents of, a negotiable instrument under the Uniform Commercial Code of the State of West Virginia. This Bond shall be exempt from all taxation by the State of West Virginia or any political subdivision thereof.

The Issuer has caused CUSIP numbers to be printed on the Bonds, and has directed the Paying Agent to use such numbers in notices, if any, as a convenience to bondholders. No representation is made as to the accuracy of such numbers either as printed on the Bonds or as contained in any notice.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED, RECITED AND DECLARED that this Bond is authorized by and is issued in conformity with the requirements of the Constitution and statutes of the State of West Virginia, that all acts, conditions and things required by the laws of the State of West Virginia to exist, to have happened or to have been performed, precedent to or in connection with the issuance of this Bond or in the creation of the debt of which this Bond is evidence, exist, have happened and have been performed in regular and due form and manner as required by law, and that legal provision has been made by the Issuer for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax sufficient in amount to meet the payment of the interest and principal hereof, which shall have precedence over all other taxes for any purpose whatever, except bond issues heretofore or

hereafter authorized and issued under the five percent limitation provided by the Better Schools Amendment of the Constitution of West Virginia, and said tax is levied outside the limits fixed by Section 1, Article X of the Constitution of West Virginia in the manner provided by Sections 8 and 10, Article X of the Constitution of West Virginia; that said levies do not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitations; and that the amount of this Bond, together with all other indebtedness of the Issuer, does not exceed any statutory or constitutional limitation thereon.

For payment of both principal and interest hereof, the full faith, credit and resources of the Issuer are hereby irrevocably pledged within the limitations prescribed by the Constitution and statutes of the State of West Virginia.

This Bond shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Authorizing Order nor shall it be valid, obligatory or enforceable for any purpose until the Certificate of Authentication and Registration shall have been signed by the Registrar.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, WEST VIRGINIA, has caused this Bond to be duly signed in its name and on its behalf by its President and countersigned by its Secretary and has caused its corporate seal to be hereto affixed in the manner provided in the Authorizing Order, and has caused this Bond to be dated as of the date specified above.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM

[SEAL]

By: _____
President

By: _____
Secretary

Unless this certificate is presented by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), to the Issuer, the Registrar or the Paying Agent for registration of transfer, exchange or payment, and any certificate issued is registered in the name of CEDE & Co. or such other name as requested by an authorized representative of DTC, and any payment is made to CEDE & Co., THE TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL since the registered owner hereof, CEDE & Co., has an interest herein.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S APPROVAL

I, JOHN B. MCCUSKEY, Attorney General of the State of West Virginia, do hereby certify that this Bond has been approved by me by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article 1, Chapter 13, of the West Virginia Code; that notice of my approval hereof was published as required by Section 25 of said Article 1; that 10 days have elapsed since the date of the last publication of such notice; that there has been no appeal from my approval to the Supreme Court of Appeals; and that this Bond has become incontestable, under and by virtue of the provisions of said Article 1, Chapter 13, and is a binding obligation upon The Board of Education of the County of Putnam, the authority issuing the same, and upon the taxable property within the Putnam County School District, and that by reason of the provisions of said Article 1, Chapter 13, no one has the right hereafter to contest in any court or in any action or proceeding the validity of this Bond for any cause whatsoever.

WITNESS my hand as of the ___ day of _____, 2025.

By: _____
Attorney General
State of West Virginia

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION AND REGISTRATION

This Bond is one of the Bonds of the Series designated therein, described in the within-mentioned Authorizing Order, and has been duly registered in the name of the Registered Owner set forth above, as of the date set forth below. Attached hereto is the complete text of the opinion of Bowles Rice LLP, bond counsel, a signed original of which is on file with the undersigned, delivered and dated on the date of the original delivery of and payment for the Bonds.

[_____**],**
Registrar

By: _____
Authorized Signature

Date of Registration and Authentication: _____, 2025.

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

_____

(name and address of assignee)

the within Bond and all rights thereunder, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints _____ attorney to transfer said Bond on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

_____ _____

Signature Guaranteed Signature

NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within bond in every particular, without any alteration or change whatever.

Exhibit B

POST-ISSUANCE TAX COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES FOR TAX-EXEMPT BONDS

The Board of Education of the County of Putnam Post-Issuance Tax Compliance Procedures For Tax-Exempt Bonds

The purpose of these Post-Issuance Tax Compliance Procedures is to establish policies and procedures in connection with the Public School Bonds, Series 2025 (the "Series 2025 Bonds") issued by The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (the "Board") so as to maximize the likelihood that all applicable post-issuance requirements of federal income tax law needed to preserve the tax-exempt status of the Bonds, as such term is defined below, are met. These policies and procedures are all effective as of January 1, 2025 and, as of such effective date, shall amend and supplement any existing post-issuance tax compliance procedures previously adopted by the Board. The Board reserves the right to use its discretion as necessary and appropriate to make exceptions or request additional provisions as circumstances warrant; provided, however, any exceptions to these procedures shall not be made without engaging bond counsel or other legal counsel for consultation for a determination that such exception would not cause the Bonds to lose their tax-exempt status. The Board also reserves the right to change these policies and procedures from time to time. The Superintendent of Putnam County Schools ("PCS") shall also be responsible for ensuring an adequate succession plan for transferring post-issuance compliance responsibility when changes in staff occur.

General

The Board now identifies the post-issuance tax compliance procedures set forth herein for all bonds and other tax-exempt obligations issued by the Board (the "Bonds"), including, but not limited to, the Series 2025 Bonds.

Post-Issuance Compliance Requirements

External Advisors / Documentation

The Board shall consult, and in the case of the Series 2025 Bonds has consulted, with bond counsel and other legal counsel and advisors, as needed, throughout the Bond issuance process to identify requirements and to establish procedures necessary or appropriate so that the Bonds will continue to qualify for tax-exempt status. The Board also shall engage bond counsel and other legal counsel and advisors, as needed, for consultation following issuance of the Bonds to ensure that all applicable post-issuance requirements in fact are met. **This shall include, without limitation, consultation in connection with any potential changes in use of Bond-financed or refinanced assets.**

The Board shall be responsible for determining (or obtain expert advice to determine) whether arbitrage rebate calculations have to be made for the Bond issue. If it is determined that such calculations are or are likely to be required, the Board shall engage expert advisors (each a "Rebate Service Provider") to assist in the calculation of arbitrage rebate payable in respect of the investment of Bond proceeds, or else shall ensure that it has adequate financial, accounting and legal resources of its own to make such calculations. In any event, the Board shall make any such rebate payments (if any) as are required on a timely basis.

Unless otherwise provided by the controlling bond resolution or trust indenture relating to the Bonds, unexpended Bond proceeds shall be held by a trustee or other financial institution or the West Virginia Municipal Bond Commission (the "WVMBC"), and the investment of Bond proceeds shall be managed by the Board. The Board shall prepare (or cause the trustee or other financial institution and/or the WVMBC to prepare) regular, periodic statements regarding the investments and transactions involving Bond proceeds.

Arbitrage Rebate and Yield

The Treasurer/Chief School Business Official of PCS or her/his designee (the "Oversight Officer") shall be responsible for overseeing compliance with arbitrage rebate requirements under federal tax regulations:

1) If at the time of the issuance of the Bonds, based on reasonable expectations set forth in the Tax Certificate or Tax Regulatory Agreement (the "Tax Certificate"), it appears likely that the Bond issue will qualify for an exemption from the rebate requirement, the Board may defer taking any of the actions set forth in subsection (2) below. In the case of Bonds issued to finance construction of one or more projects, not later than the time of completion of construction or acquisition of the Bond-financed project, and depletion of all funds from the project fund, the Borrower shall make a determination if expenditure of the Bond proceeds qualified for exemption from the rebate requirements is based on spending within a 6-month, 18-month or 2-year period after issuance. If rebate exemption is determined to be applicable, the Oversight Officer shall prepare and keep in the permanent records of the Bond issue a memorandum evidencing this conclusion together with records of expenditure to support such conclusion. If the transaction does not qualify for rebate exemption, the Oversight Officer shall initiate the steps set forth in subsection (2) below.

2) If at the time of Bond issuance it appears likely that arbitrage rebate calculations will be required, or upon determination that calculations are required pursuant to subsection (1) above, the Oversight Officer shall:

    - If necessary, (i) engage the services of a Rebate Service Provider, (ii) prior to each rebate calculation date, cause the trustee or other financial institution investing bond proceeds to deliver periodic statements concerning the investment of Bond proceeds to the Rebate Service Provider, and (iii) if necessary, contribute or cause the trustee or WVMBC, as applicable, to contribute any required annual payments into any rebate fund;

- Provide to the Rebate Service Provider additional documents and information reasonably requested by the Rebate Service Provider;

- Monitor efforts of the Rebate Service Provider;

- Assure payment of required rebate amounts, if any, no later than 60 days after each 5-year anniversary of the issue date of the Bonds, and no later than 60 days after the last Bond of each issue is redeemed or matures;

- In the case of Bonds issued to finance construction of one or more projects, during the construction period of each capital project financed in whole or in part by Bonds, monitor the investment and expenditure of Bond proceeds and consult with the Rebate Service Provider to determine compliance with any applicable exceptions from the arbitrage rebate requirements during each 6-month spending period following the issue date of the Bonds;

- Retain copies of all arbitrage reports and trustee statements as described below under "Record Keeping Requirements;" and

- In lieu of engaging an outside Rebate Service Provider, the Oversight Officer may make a determination that it has sufficient capabilities using PCS's own personnel, supported by its regular accounting and legal advisers, to be able to make the required rebate calculations. Such determination shall be evidenced in writing with specific reference to the personnel and advisers to carry out the calculations, and such written determination shall be maintained in the records of the Bond transaction.

Use of Bond Proceeds and Bond-Financed or Refinanced Assets:

The Oversight Officer shall be responsible for:

- Monitoring the use of Bond proceeds (including investment earnings and including reimbursement of expenditures made before Bond issuance) and the use of Bond-financed or refinanced assets (e.g., facilities, furnishings or equipment) throughout the term of the Bonds to ensure compliance with covenants and restrictions set forth in the Tax Certificate relating to the Bonds;

- Maintaining records identifying the assets or portion of assets that are financed or refinanced with proceeds of each issue of Bonds (including investment earnings and including reimbursement of expenditures made before Bond issuance), including a final allocation of Bond proceeds as described below under "Record Keeping Requirements";

- Consulting at least annually with personnel responsible for Bond-financed or refinanced assets to identify and discuss any existing or planned use of Bond-

financed or refinanced assets, to ensure that those uses are consistent with all covenants and restrictions set forth in the Tax Certificate relating to the Bonds; and

- To the extent that the Board or its staff discovers that any applicable tax restrictions regarding use of Bond proceeds and Bond-financed or refinanced assets will or may be violated, consulting promptly with bond counsel and other legal counsel and advisers to determine a course of action to remediate all nonqualified Bonds, if such counsel advises that a remedial action is necessary;

All relevant records and contracts shall be maintained as described below.

Record Keeping Requirement

The Oversight Officer shall be responsible for maintaining the following documents for the term of each issue of Bonds (including refunding Bonds, if any) plus at least 3 more years:

- a copy of the Bond closing transcript and other relevant documentation delivered to the Board at or in connection with closing of the issue of Bonds;

- a copy of all material documents relating to capital expenditures financed or refinanced by Bond proceeds, including (without limitation) construction contracts, purchase orders, invoices, trustee requisitions and payment records, as well as documents relating to costs reimbursed with Bond proceeds and records identifying the assets or portion of assets that are financed or refinanced with Bond proceeds, including a final allocation of Bond proceeds; and

- a copy of all records of investments, investment agreements, investment earnings, arbitrage reports and underlying documents, including trustee statements, in connection with any investment agreements, and copies of all bidding documents, if any.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
COUNTY OF PUTNAM

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

Effective as of: January 1, 2025

Exhibit C

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES

PROCEDURES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH OBLIGATIONS UNDER CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKINGS

These Procedures for Compliance with Obligations under Continuing Disclosure Undertakings (these "Procedures") are established and effective as of January 1, 2025, and set forth specific procedures of The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (the "Board"), designed to assist in compliance with applicable requirements set forth in undertakings ("Continuing Disclosure Undertakings") providing for ongoing disclosure in connection with the offering of obligations to investors for obligations (whether or not tax-exempt/tax-advantaged) subject to the continuing disclosure requirements of Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule") promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, including, without limitation, in connection with the issuance and sale of the Board's Public School Bonds, Series 2025 (the "Series 2025 Bonds"). As used herein, "Continuing Disclosure Undertakings" includes any such undertakings found in continuing disclosure agreements entered into by the Board with respect to its outstanding bonds, of any series, whether previously issued or issued in the future (including the Series 2025 Bonds, as defined below). These Procedures, as of such effective date, shall be amended and supplemented by any existing continuing disclosure compliance procedures previously adopted by the Board.

These Procedures document practices and describe various procedures for preparing and disseminating related reports and information and reporting "listed events" for the benefit of the holders of the Board's obligations and to assist the Participating Underwriters (within the meaning of the Rule) in complying with the Rule and the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking.

The Board recognizes that compliance with pertinent law is an ongoing process necessary during the entire term of any obligations issued by the Board, and is an integral component of the Board's debt management. Accordingly, implementation of these Procedures will require ongoing monitoring and consultation with bond counsel and the Board's accountants and advisors.

General Policies and Procedures

The following policies relate to procedures and systems for monitoring post-issuance compliance generally.

1. The Treasurer/Chief School Business Official or his or her designee (the "Compliance Officer") shall be responsible for monitoring post-issuance compliance issues.

2. The Compliance Officer will coordinate procedures for record retention and review of such records.

3. All documents and other records relating to obligations issued by the Board shall be maintained by or at the direction of the Compliance Officer.

4. The Compliance Officer will review post-issuance compliance procedures and systems on a periodic basis, but not less than annually.

5. The Compliance Officer will review the annual information required to be filed pursuant to each Continuing Disclosure Undertaking.

Continuing Disclosure

Under the provisions of the Rule, Participating Underwriters are required to reasonably determine that issuers (such as the Board) have entered into written Continuing Disclosure Undertakings to make ongoing disclosure in connection with offerings of obligations to investors subject to the Rule. Unless the Board is exempt from compliance with the Rule or the continuing disclosure provisions of the Rule as a result of certain permitted exemptions, a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking executed by the Board will be required.

In order to monitor compliance by the Board with its Continuing Disclosure Undertakings, the Compliance Officer will take the actions listed below as required by such Continuing Disclosure Undertakings. The Compliance Officer may coordinate with staff, and may engage a dissemination agent, counsel, and/or other professionals to assist in discharging the Compliance Officer's duties under these Procedures as the Compliance Officer deems necessary.

A. Compilation of Currently Effective Continuing Disclosure Undertakings

The Compliance Officer shall compile and maintain a set of all currently effective Continuing Disclosure Undertakings of the Board. Such agreements are included in the transcript of proceedings for the Board's respective obligation issue. Continuing Disclosure Undertakings are "Currently Effective" for purposes of these Procedures (and hence shall be included in the set of Currently Effective Continuing Disclosure Undertakings) for so long as the obligations to which they relate are outstanding. As obligations are completely repaid or redeemed, the Compliance Officer shall remove the related Continuing Disclosure Undertakings from the set of Currently Effective Continuing Disclosure Undertakings.

B. Annual Review and Annual Reporting Requirements

The Compliance Officer shall ensure that all necessary financial statements, financial information and operating data is filed in the manner and by the filing dates set forth in the Currently Effective Continuing Disclosure Undertakings. The Compliance Officer shall review the set of Currently Effective Continuing Disclosure Undertakings annually, prior to each annual filing, keeping in mind:

- The financial information and operating data required to be reported under a particular Continuing Disclosure Undertaking may differ from the financial information and operating data required to be reported under another Continuing Disclosure Undertaking; and

- The timing requirements for reporting under a particular Continuing Disclosure Undertaking may differ from the timing requirements for filing under another Continuing Disclosure Undertaking.

C. Calendar; EMMA Notification System

The Compliance Officer shall keep a calendar of all pertinent filing dates required under the Board's Currently Effective Continuing Disclosure Undertakings. The Compliance Officer shall also subscribe to notification services made available through the Electronic Municipal Market Access system of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

D. Annual Review of Prior Filings

As part of the annual review process, the Compliance Officer shall also review prior filings made within the past five years subsequent to the last such review of prior filings. If the Compliance Officer discovers any late or missing filings, the Compliance Officer (after discussing the circumstances with the Board's dissemination agent, legal/bond counsel or other agents as necessary) shall file the missing information.

E. Monitoring of Listed events

The Compliance Officer shall monitor the occurrence of any of the following events and/or other events set forth in the Currently Effective Continuing Disclosure Undertakings and shall provide notice of the same in the required manner and by the relevant reporting deadline (generally within 10 days of the occurrence):

- Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- Non-payment related defaults, if material;
- Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Board's obligations, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Board's obligations;
- Modification to rights of holders of the Board's obligations, if material;
- Calls of the Board's obligations, if material, and tender offers;
- Defeasances of the Board's obligations;

- Release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Board's obligations, if material;

- Rating changes;

- Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Board;

- The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Board or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Board, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material; and

- Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material.

- Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Board, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the Board, any of which affect Bondholders, if material; and

- Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the Board, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

F. Review of Official Statements

The Compliance Officer shall review drafts of any offering document for a new offering of obligations, with assistance from its dissemination agent, counsel or other agents of the Board as necessary, and shall determine that the offering document accurately and completely describes the Board's continuing disclosure compliance history within the five years prior to the date of the respective Official Statement. This compliance review is not meant to limit the Board's other reviews of or diligence procedures relating to its offering documents.

G. Record Retention

The Compliance Officer shall retain documentation evidencing the Board's annual reviews and its reviews of offering documents in connection with new offerings as set forth above. This Board shall retain this documentation, for each Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, for the period that the related obligations are outstanding.

H. Annual Review Checklist (see Schedule 1)

The Compliance Officer may (or may not) choose to use and retain the attached Continuing Disclosure Annual Review Checklist (see Schedule 1) to assist in implementing these Procedures.

I. Effective Date

These Procedures have been adopted and are effective as of January 1, 2025.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
COUNTY OF PUTNAM

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

Schedule 1

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE ANNUAL REVIEW CHECKLIST

1. **Fiscal Year Ending:** _____

2. **Compliance Officer:** _____

3. **Checklist Completion Date:** _____

4. **Obligations for which there are Currently Effective Continuing Disclosure Undertakings - Attach Agreements:**

$_____, _____, dated _____, 20_____

$_____, _____, dated _____, 20_____

$_____, _____, dated _____, 20_____

$_____, _____, dated _____, 20_____

$_____, _____, dated _____, 20_____

$_____, _____, dated _____, 20_____

$_____, _____, dated _____, 20_____

5. **Have any new Obligations subject to Continuing Disclosure Been Issued this Year?**

_____ No

_____ Yes (Add Agreement to Currently Effective Continuing Disclosure Undertakings, and please include on the list in Item 4 above.)

If Yes, did the Compliance Officer review the Offering Document's Description of the Board's Continuing Disclosure Compliance History within the Prior 5 Years?

Circle: Y/ N (If N, review and discuss any issues with legal/bond counsel.)

6. Have any Obligations subject to Continuing Disclosure Been Completely Paid or Redeemed this Year?

_____ No

_____ Yes (Remove Agreement from Currently Effective Continuing Disclosure Undertakings)

7. (a) Has the Compliance Officer Reviewed the Annual Continuing Disclosure Filing to Ensure that all Necessary Financial Statements, Financial Information and Operating Data is Included?

_____ Yes

_____ No (Compliance Officer must review the Annual Continuing Disclosure Filing)

(b) For purposes of this review, please keep in mind:

	Checked?
Different Continuing Disclosure Undertakings may require different **information** to be filed (so please carefully check each one).	Y / N
Different Continuing Disclosure Undertakings may have different filing **timing** requirements (so please carefully check each one).	Y / N

8. **(a) Have any of the Following Events Occurred this Year?**

	Event	**Circle**
1.	Principal and interest payment delinquencies	Y / N
2.	Non-payment related defaults, if material	Y / N
3.	Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties	Y / N
4.	Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties	Y / N
5.	Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform	Y / N
6.	Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Board's obligations, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Board's obligations	Y / N
7.	Modification to rights of holders of the Board's obligations, if material	Y / N
8.	Calls of the Board's obligations, if material, and tender offers	Y / N
9.	Defeasances of the Board's obligations	Y / N

10.	Release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Board's obligations, if material	Y / N
11.	Rating changes	Y / N
12.	Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Board	Y / N
13.	The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Board or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Board, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material	Y / N
14.	Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material	Y / N
15.	Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Board, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the Board, any of which affect Bondholders, if material	Y / N
16.	Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the Board, any of which reflect financial difficulties	Y / N

(b) If you believe one or more of the above events may have occurred this year but you are not sure, please check with legal/bond counsel to confirm. If this Item 8(b) applies, has Compliance Officer checked with legal/bond counsel?

_____Not Applicable (N/A)

_____ Checked with Legal/Bond Counsel

(c) If any such Event Occurred, was Proper Notice Provided?

_____ Yes

_____ No (Call your dissemination agent or legal/bond counsel immediately to discuss)

_____ N/A

9. Has the Board Retained a Dissemination Agent? (i.e., a Paid Third Party that Assists with Filings)

_____ Yes: Name/Contact: _____

_____ No

Tab 03

$49,870,000
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM (WEST VIRGINIA)
PUBLIC SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2025

CROSS-RECEIPT FOR BONDS AND BOND PROCEEDS

The undersigned, for and on behalf of Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin (the "Purchaser"), and John G. Hudson, Superintendent and Secretary of The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (the "Issuer"), hereby certify as follows:

1. On the 17th day of July, 2025, the Purchaser received the entire original issue of $49,870,000.00 in aggregate principal amount of The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (West Virginia) Public School Bonds, Series 2025 (the "Bonds"). The Bonds, as so received on original issuance, are in various denominations, are dated July 17, 2025, and are numbered from R-1 to R-15, inclusive.

2. At the time of such receipt of the Bonds, all the Bonds had been executed by President and Secretary, respectively, of the Issuer, the official seal of the Issuer had been imprinted upon each Bond, and each Bond had been authenticated by United Bank, as Registrar.

3. The Issuer has received and hereby acknowledges receipt from the Purchaser, as the original purchaser of the Bonds, of the proceeds of the Bonds in the amount of $52,363,500.00, reflecting the par amount of the Bonds of $49,870,000.00, plus a net original issue premium of $2,841,345.15, less an underwriter's discount of $347,845.15.

4. Payment for the Bonds was made by the Purchaser in the amount $52,363,500.00 on the date hereof.

[Signature page follows this page.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned duly signed and delivered this receipt on behalf of the Purchaser and The Board of Education of the County of Putnam has caused this receipt to be executed by its Superintendent and Secretary, this 17th day of July 2025.

ROBERT W. BAIRD & CO., INC.

By: Peter Anderson
Name: Peter Anderson
Title: Managing Director

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM

By: _____
John G. Hudson, Superintendent and Secretary

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned duly signed and delivered this receipt on behalf of the Purchaser and The Board of Education of the County of Putnam has caused this receipt to be executed by its Superintendent and Secretary, this 17th day of July 2025.

ROBERT W. BAIRD & CO., INC.

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM

By: _____
John G. Hudson, Superintendent and Secretary

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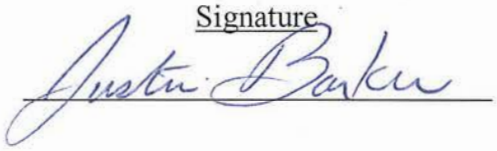
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THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM (WEST VIRGINIA)
PUBLIC SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2025

REGISTRAR AND AUTHENTICATING AGENT'S CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, Authorized Officer of United Bank, Charleston, West Virginia, (the "Bank"), hereby certifies as follows with respect to the above-captioned Bonds (the "Bonds"):

The Bank has full power and authority to enter into and carry out the provisions of the Registrar's Agreement, dated as of June 26, 2025, by and between The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (the "Issuer") and the Bank (the "Agreement").

The person whose title, name and signature is set forth below hold the position, by election or appointment by the Board of Directors of the Bank shown opposite to his/her respective name, and such person has been named and designated as authorized officer of the Bank to authenticate and register the Bonds, to deliver certificates on behalf of the Bank in connection with the closing of the sale of the Bonds and to take any other actions required by the Agreement.

Title	Name	Signature
Bank Officer	Justin Barker	

Justin Barker, Bank Officer, was duly authorized to, and did on or prior to the date hereof, execute and deliver the Agreement to the Issuer on behalf of the Bank.

The undersigned has received on or prior to the date hereof a direction on behalf of the Issuer to authenticate and deliver the Bonds to Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as original purchaser thereof.

The Bank has received from the Issuer on the date hereof the Bonds, in the respective numbers and denominations, maturing on June 1 of such years, and bearing interest at such rates, all as set forth in the final Official Statement relating thereto. At the time of such receipt, each of the Bonds had been executed by the signature of the President and the seal of the Issuer had been impressed or affixed thereto and attested by the signature of the Attorney General of the State of West Virginia.

The Bank has duly authenticated the Bonds originally issued as of July 17, 2025, by manually executing on each of such Bonds a certificate in the following form:

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION AND REGISTRATION

This Bond is one of the Bonds of the Series designated therein, described in the within-mentioned Authorizing Order, and has been duly registered in the name of the Registered Owner set forth above, as of the date set forth below. Attached hereto is the complete text of the opinion of Bowles Rice LLP, bond counsel, a signed original of which is on file with the undersigned, delivered and dated on the date of the original delivery of and payment for the Bonds.

UNITED BANK, Registrar

By: _____
Authorized Signature

Date of Registration and Authentication: July 17, 2025.

[*Signature page follows this page.*]

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this the 17th day of July 2025.

UNITED BANK

By: _____
Authorized Officer

Tab 16

$49,870,000
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM (WEST VIRGINIA)
PUBLIC SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2025

CERTIFICATE OF PAYING AGENT

The undersigned PATRICIA LOOS, Executive Director of the WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL BOND COMMISSION (the "Bond Commission"), hereby certifies as follows:

1. I am the duly appointed Executive Director of the Bond Commission.

2. The Bond Commission has duly authorized, by all necessary action, the acceptance of all duties of the Paying Agent for the above-captioned Bonds (the "Bonds") under the Resolution and Order dated December 16, 2024, as supplemented, pursuant to which they are issued.

WITNESS my signature as of this 17th day of July 2025.

WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL BOND COMMISSION

By: _____
Its: Executive Director

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

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED JUNE 12, 2025

NEW ISSUE
BOOK-ENTRY ONLY

Moody's Aa3 Underlying
S&P Program Rating AA-
S&P A+ Underlying
(See "Ratings" herein)

In the opinion of Bowles Rice LLP ("Bond Counsel"), under existing laws, regulations, rules and published rulings and judicial decisions of the United States of America, as presently written and applied, and assuming among other matters, the accuracy of certain representations and compliance with certain covenants, the interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"). Bond Counsel is of the further opinion that interest on the Bonds is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal individual alternative minimum tax; however, with respect to certain corporations, interest on Bonds is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth under the caption "TAX MATTERS" herein. In addition, under the Act as presently written and applied, the Bonds are exempt from all taxation by the State of West Virginia or by any political subdivision thereof. See "TAX MATTERS" herein for a description of certain provisions of the Code which may affect the tax treatment of interest on the Bonds for certain bondholders.

$49,870,000
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM (WEST VIRGINIA)
Public School Bonds, Series 2025

Dated: Date of Delivery **Due: June 1, as shown below**

The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (West Virginia), Public School Bonds, Series 2025 (the "Bonds") are general obligations of The Board of Education of the County of Putnam, West Virginia (the "Board"), which Board has the power and is obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Putnam County School District to pay the Bonds and the interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount.

The Bonds will be issued in fully registered form only, without coupons, and, when issued will be registered in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. DTC will act as securities depository of the Bonds. Individual purchases will be made in book-entry form only in the principal amount of $5,000 or integral multiples thereof. Purchasers of the Bonds will not receive certificates representing their interests in the Bonds.

Pursuant to Chapter 13, Article 1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, both the principal of and interest on the Bonds are payable at the office of the West Virginia Municipal Bond Commission, Charleston, West Virginia, as Paying Agent for the Bonds. The Board has designated United Bank, Charleston, West Virginia, the Registrar for the Bonds.

Interest on the Bonds will be payable on June 1 and December 1 in each year, commencing June 1, 2026 and continuing until maturity. The principal of and interest on the Bonds are payable by the Paying Agent to DTC, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to its Participants for subsequent distribution to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds, as described herein. See "APPENDIX E – BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM."

The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity as described herein.

MATURITIES, AMOUNTS, RATES, YIELDS AND CUSIPS

Maturing (June 1)	Principal Amount ($)	Interest Rate (%)	Yield (%)	CUSIP[1] Base #: [__]	Maturing (June 1)	Principal Amount ($)	Interest Rate (%)	Yield (%)	CUSIP[1] Base #: [__]
2026	1,920,000				2034	3,430,000			
2027	2,280,000				2035	3,635,000			
2028	2,420,000				2036	3,855,000			
2029	2,565,000				2037	4,085,000			
2030	2,720,000				2038	4,330,000			
2031	2,880,000				2039	4,590,000			
2032	3,055,000				2040	4,870,000			
2033	3,235,000								

The Bonds are offered for delivery when, as and if issued, subject to approval of legality by Bowles Rice LLP Charleston, West Virginia, Bond Counsel. It is expected that the Bonds will be available for delivery to DTC, New York, New York, or in the case of a FAST closing, delivery of the Bonds may be made locally to the Registrar through DTC on or about July 17, 2025.

Sale Date: June 26, 2025

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1 CUSIP numbers have been assigned by an independent company not affiliated with the Board and are included on this cover page solely for the convenience of the Owners of the Bonds only at the time of issuance of the Bonds. The Board makes no representation with respect to the accuracy of such CUSIP numbers as indicated in the above table and undertakes no responsibility for the selection of the CUSIP numbers or their accuracy now or at any time in the future. The CUSIP number for a specific maturity is subject to being changed after the issuance of the Bonds.

$49,870,000
The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (West Virginia)
Public School Bonds, Series 2025

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Harold L. "Chuck" Hatfield, President
Christian Wells, Vice President
Brad Hodges
Wade Neal
Tammy Sowards

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT
RELATING TO

$49,870,000
The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (West Virginia)
Public School Bonds, Series 2025

INTRODUCTION

This Official Statement provides certain information in connection with the sale of $49,870,000 in aggregate principal amount of The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (West Virginia) Public School Bonds, Series 2025 (the "Bonds"). Brief descriptions of The Board of Education of the County of Putnam, West Virginia (the "Board"), the Putnam County School District (the "School District") and Putnam County, West Virginia (the "County"), with which the boundaries of the School District are coterminous, together with a description of the Bonds and sources of payment therefor, are provided herein and in the appendices hereto.

The Bonds are general obligations of the Board, and, unless paid from other sources, are payable from ad valorem taxes levied upon all taxable property within the School District, without limitation as to rate or amount. The Board has no prior outstanding bonds.

THE BONDS

General

The Bonds will be dated as of the date of their delivery, will be issued as fully registered bonds in $5,000 denominations or integral multiples thereof, and are payable on June 1 each year in the amounts set forth on the cover page hereof.

Pursuant to Chapter 13, Article 1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended (the "Act"), both the principal of and interest on the Bonds are payable at the office of the West Virginia Municipal Bond Commission, Charleston, West Virginia (the "Bond Commission"), as the Paying Agent (the "Paying Agent"). The Board has designated United Bank, Charleston, West Virginia, as the Registrar (the "Registrar") for the Bonds.

Interest on the Bonds will be payable on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing June 1, 2026 and continuing until maturity. Such interest will be paid by check to the registered owner on each such interest payment date at the address as shown on the registration books kept for that purpose by the Paying Agent as of the 15th day of the month preceding each such interest payment date. In the case of an owner of $500,000 or more of the Bonds, interest may be paid to such owner by wire transfer to a domestic bank account specified in writing to the Paying Agent at least five days prior to an interest payment date.

Optional Redemption

The Bonds maturing on or after June 1, 2036, are subject to redemption on or after June 1, 2035, at the option of the Board, in whole or in part, in order of maturity selected by the Board, and by lot within a maturity, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of Bonds to be redeemed, together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption. In the event of such optional redemption, the Board may direct the maturity or maturities of the Bonds and the amounts thereof to be redeemed, provided that the Bonds will be redeemed in whole multiples of $5,000 in principal amount and in the minimum principal amount of $50,000.

Notice of Redemption

Notice of any redemption of Bonds shall be given by the Registrar, on behalf of the Board, to registered owners of the Bonds to be redeemed at least thirty (30) and not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed

for redemption, by registered or certified mail, at the address appearing in the Bond Register or at such other address as is furnished in writing by the registered owner to the Registrar, or by such electronic means as may be acceptable to the registered owners. Failure to receive such notice or any defect therein or in the mailing thereof shall not affect the validity of any proceedings for the redemption of the Bonds and failure to mail such notice shall not affect the validity of any such proceedings for any Bond with respect to which no such failure has occurred. Notice of redemption having been given in the manner described herein, and moneys necessary for their redemption of the Bonds having been deposited, the Bonds specified in such notice shall, on the date fixed for redemption, become due and payable and from and after such date (unless the Board shall default in the payment of the redemption price), such Bonds shall cease to bear interest. Electronic notification acceptable in the industry at the time shall also be an acceptable means of notification.

Authority and Purpose

In accordance with Article X, Sections 8 and 10, of the Constitution of the State of West Virginia (Section 10 is referred to as the "Better Schools Amendment") and the Act, county boards of education may, with the consent of at least a simple majority of the voters voting at an election on such questions, issue bonds for specified purposes in an amount which, when added to the aggregate indebtedness then outstanding, will not exceed 5% of the most recent assessed valuation of taxable property in the school district. Article X, Section 8, of the Constitution, and Sections 20 and 34 of the Act, require the annual levy and collection of a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds. Pursuant to the Better Schools amendment, the tax levy required to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds is laid separate and apart and in addition to the maximum levy rates otherwise authorized by law.

Pursuant to the Act and resolutions and orders duly entered and adopted by the Board, the issuance of the Bonds and the levy of taxes sufficient to pay principal of and the interest on the Bonds were authorized and approved at the countywide general election held on November 5, 2024. The ballot question included a maximum term of 15 and one-half years from the date of issuance of the Bonds and an interest rate not exceeding 6.0% per annum. The canvass of said general election showed 16,031 votes "For the Bond" and 8,791 votes "Against the Bond", a 64.5838% voter approval of those who participated in the election.

The Bonds are being issued to provide funds for making certain improvements in the School District as described in "Proposed Projects" in Appendix D.

Nature of Obligation, Security and Source of Payments

The Bonds will constitute valid and legally binding general obligations of the Board, and, unless paid from other sources, the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable from ad valorem taxes levied upon all taxable property within the School District, without limitation as to rate or amount. Pursuant to the Better Schools Amendment, the tax levy required to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds is laid separate and apart and in addition to the maximum levy rates otherwise authorized by law.

Debt Administration

Pursuant to Chapter 13, Article 3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended (the "West Virginia Code"), the Bond Commission shall serve as fiscal agent for all issuers of general obligation bonds issued by counties, municipalities, and school districts of the State of West Virginia when the Bond Commission is specifically named as the fiscal agent by statute (the "State") and is charged with the administration of the interest and sinking funds created to service the debt. The proceeds of taxes levied for debt service by the Board are collected by the Sheriff of Putnam County (the "Sheriff"), who remits the proceeds to the Board Treasurer, who forwards the proceeds thereof to the Bond Commission at least quarterly. The Bond Commission must notify the Board if the amount deposited is not sufficient to meet debt service payments due on the Bonds, upon which the Board is required to remit all funds in its possession and earmarked for debt service to the Bond Commission. The Bond Commission is required by law to render annually to each political subdivision having outstanding bonds a statement showing the levy required to pay the interest on and create a sinking fund for the retirement

of the outstanding bonds. The Bond Commission customarily sets the levy rates for such bonds at 110% of the annual principal and interest required so as to provide a margin to cover the statutory 2.5% discount for early payment of taxes and any attrition occasioned by delinquencies, improper assessments and exonerations. There has not been a default on the payment of principal or interest of any general obligation bond in the State since the Bond Commission commenced centralized supervision and administration in 1921.

Since 1933, the annual State Budget Bill has embodied a protective provision for certain State agency and taxing district obligations, such as the Bonds, if deficiencies should arise. The following excerpt from Section 16 of the 2025 Budget Bill is indicative:

> "Sec. 16. Sinking Fund deficiencies. There is hereby appropriated to the Governor a sufficient amount to meet any deficiencies that may arise in the mortgage finance bond insurance fund of the West Virginia housing development fund which is under the supervision and control of the Municipal Bond Commission as provided by W.Va. Code §31-18-20b, or in the funds of the Municipal Bond Commission because of the failure of any state agency for either general obligation or revenue bonds or any local taxing district for general obligation bonds to remit funds necessary for the payment of interest and sinking fund requirements. The Governor is authorized to transfer from time to time such amounts to the Municipal Bond Commission as may be necessary for these purposes. The Municipal Bond Commission shall reimburse the state of West Virginia through the Governor from the first remittance collected from the West Virginia housing development fund or from any state agency or local taxing district for which the Governor advanced funds, with interest at the rate carried by the bonds for security or payment of which the advance was made."

No representation is made that subsequent Budget Bills will have such provisions or that sufficient funds will be available to satisfy any such deficiencies. There has never been a default in payment of the principal of or interest on any general obligation bonds issued by the Board. The enforceability of rights or remedies with respect to the Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or other laws affecting creditors' rights or remedies heretofore or hereafter enacted.

SCHOOL DISTRICT

General

All school districts in West Virginia are organized under the terms of legislation enacted in 1933. There is one school district in each county, the boundaries of which district are coterminous with those of the county. The Board is responsible for and is vested with the supervision and control of the School District and with the control and management of all public schools in the School District from kindergarten through the secondary school level. The Board is composed of five members elected by the voters of the County without reference to political party affiliation. The terms of the members are for four years and are staggered. In 2026, the terms of three members will expire. The process will be repeated every two years thereafter.

Board Members' duties are established by State statute with the West Virginia Board of Education having regulatory powers. The Board appoints a superintendent who acts as the chief executive officer and secretary of the Board and who administers affairs of the School District in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and local policies. The Board is a public corporation and as such may sue, plead and be impleaded, and enter into contracts. The School District is fiscally independent of the County and all other political subdivisions.

The School District had an administrative staff with the overall responsibility to coordinate and supervise the activities of 40 school administrators, 676 instructional staff (teachers and other professionals), and 516 full-time equivalent service personnel. Total Full Time Equivalent positions are 1307. The estimated pupil-teacher ratio is approximately 13:1 for the combined elementary, middle and secondary schools.

The School District is the 8th largest district in the State based on enrollment and consists of a total of 23 schools, including a Career & Technical Center. Within the school system there are 14 elementary schools, 4 middle schools and 4 high schools. Also included within the School District is the Putnam County Career & Technical Center and various administration and support buildings, which include the School District's central office, transportation center and maintenance building. See "Facilities" herein for complete list of schools.

Historical School Enrollment (School Year)

Grades	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Pre-K Universal	372	429	446	435	451
K	633	642	589	538	490
1	575	632	624	594	542
2	631	578	616	613	588
3	620	642	590	639	614
4	676	626	643	594	633
5	625	673	627	646	592
6	671	610	687	638	637
7	698	690	638	673	627
8	703	716	697	631	677
9	786	796	758	724	648
10	733	705	739	716	697
11	743	655	674	661	672
12	678	740	703	727	661
Total	9,144	9,134	9,031	8,829	8,529

Rate of Increase (Decrease) in Enrollment	
2021-2025	
Average Annual Change	(154)

Source: Putnam County Board of Education

Projected Enrollment

School Year	Projected Enrollment
2026	8,465
2027	8,456

Source: Putnam County Board of Education

Facilities

School	Grades	Construction Type	Construction Date	Renovation or Addition Date
Buffalo High School	9-12	Steel frame construction/ brick/concrete block walls	2012	
Hurricane High School	9-12	Steel frame construction/ brick/concrete block walls	1970	1977, 1980, 1986, 1991, 1992, 2004
Poca High School	9-12	Steel frame construction/ brick/concrete block walls	1968	1980,1985,1989,1997, 2024
Winfield High School	9-12	Steel frame construction/ brick/concrete block walls	1979	1980, 1982, 1987, 2005

George Washington Middle School	6-8	Steel frame construction/ brick & masonry block walls	1977	1987, 2000, 2001, 2005
Hurricane Middle School	6-8	Steel frame construction/ brick & masonry block walls	1950	1952, 1958, 1979, 1982, 1995, 2000
Poca Middle School	6-8	Steel frame construction/ block & stone masonry walls	2013	
Winfield Middle School	6-8	Steel frame construction/ brick & concrete block walls	2014	
Buffalo Elementary School	PK-5	Steel frame construction/ brick & masonry block walls	1950	1974, 1978, 1999, 2000
Confidence Elementary School	PK-5	Steel frame construction/ brick & masonry block walls	2012	
Conner Street Elementary School	PK-5	Steel frame construction/ brick & glazed tile/masonry walls	1966	1975, 1978, 1992
Eastbrook Elementary School	PK-5	Steel frame construction/ brick/ masonry walls	1980	2008
George Washington Elementary School	PK-5	Steel frame construction/ brick/ masonry walls	1955	1978, 2009
Hometown Elementary School	PK-5	Steel frame construction/ brick, masonry walls	1977	1997
Hurricane Town Elementary School	PK-5	Steel frame construction/ brick, masonry walls	1980	1992
Lakeside Elementary School	PK-5	Steel frame construction/ brick, masonry walls	1980	
Mountain View Elementary School	PK-5	Steel frame construction/ brick, masonry walls	2008	
Poca Elementary School	PK-5	Steel frame construction/ brick, masonry walls	1951	1965, 1974
Rock Branch Elementary School	PK-5	Masonry bearing/ steel frame construction/concrete, block, brick, masonry, drywall/plaster walls	1952	1978, 1996, 2009
Scott Teays Elementary School	PK-5	Steel frame construction/ brick/masonry walls	1951	1962, 1973, 1978, 2009
West Teays Elementary School	PK-5	Steel frame construction/ brick/masonry walls	1978	1985, 1997, 2002
Winfield Elementary School	PK-5	Steel frame construction/ brick/masonry walls	1962	1965, 1985, 1998, 2002
Putnam Career & Technical Center	9-12-Adult	Split face concrete block/masonry bearing construction	1940	1967, 1971, 1985

Source: Putnam County Board of Education

Tax Collection Procedures

All taxes for real estate and personal property are collected by the Sheriff and are remitted by him to the State and other local levying bodies. Public utility taxes are collected directly by the State Auditor (the "Auditor") and are remitted by him to the Sheriff for distribution. Tax statements are mailed by the Sheriff's office in July, and they may be paid in two installments. The first half of the tax is subject to a 2.5% discount if paid by September 1; thereafter, the amount payable is net until October 1, after which a 9% penalty is added. Likewise, the second half is subject to a 2.5% discount if paid by March 1, net to April 1, and 9% penalty thereafter.

The Sheriff, after ascertaining which taxes are delinquent, shall on or before May 1 next succeeding the year for which taxes are assessed, prepare delinquent lists, which shall be posted at the front door of the courthouse and published as a legal advertisement at least two weeks prior to the presentation to The County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia (the "County Commission") for examination. After examination and correction, the Commissioners shall certify such lists pertaining to real property to the Auditor not later than July 1. On or before September 10, the Sheriff shall prepare a second list of delinquent taxes, as of September 1, together with a notice of sale for properties upon which such taxes are due. If not redeemed before, such properties shall be sold at public auction at the courthouse on any Monday after October 14, and before November 23. No such sale shall be made for any sum less than the total amount of taxes and interest charges then due. The former owner of any real or personal property so purchased by the State, or any other person who is entitled to pay the taxes thereon, may redeem such real or personal property from the Auditor at any time within the eighteen months after the date of such purchase.

The Auditor reports monthly to the Sheriff, the Putnam County Assessor (the "Assessor") and the Clerk of the County Commission all properties in the County which were redeemed in his office during the preceding month. The Auditor, each month, draws his warrant upon the State treasury payable to the Sheriff of the County for that part of the taxes, interest and charges received by him upon the redemption of the property included in his report which was owing to any of the taxing units in the County. The Sheriff accounts for and pays over such money as if it had been paid to him before sale and redemption.

Tax Levies and Collections

Fiscal Year ending June 30		Projected Gross Tax ($) at 100%	Projected Net Tax Collected ($)	Actual Collected ($)	Actual Collected (%)
2021	General Current	20,396,900	17,335,379	20,199,634	116.5%
	2020 Bond Levy	5,057,168	4,804,310	5,306,413	110.5%
	Excess Levy	24,129,323	21,738,107	25,294,883	116.4%
2022	General Current	20,095,839	17,072,848	19,677,368	115.3%
	2020 Bond Levy	5,065,395	5,065,395	5,263,622	103.9%
	Excess Levy	23,773,170	21,417,249	24,726,343	115.5%
2023	General Current	21,301,000	18,070,316	20,930,545	115.8%
	2020 Bond Levy	5,061,732	5,061,732	5,268,425	104.1%
	Excess Levy	25,198,865	22,701,657	26,219,625	115.5%
2024	General Current	22,263,945	18,542,831	22,042,332	118.9%
	2020 Bond Levy	5,061,031	5,061,031	5,298,993	104.7%
	Excess Levy	26,338,019	23,727,921	27,044,475	114.0%
2025	General Current	23,743,628	19,648,121	N/A	N/A
	Excess Levy	28,088,466	25,304,899	N/A	N/A

Sources: West Virginia State Auditor; Putnam County Board of Education

Assessment Procedure

State statutes provide that all property must annually be assessed as of the first day of July. Assessment on this day is the basis for the following year's property taxes. The Assessor must complete his or her

compilation of the land and personal property books not later than January 30. The County Commission, not later than February 1, must meet for the purpose of sitting as a board of equalization and review of such assessment books. After completion of the review and assessment, the County Commission certifies and returns the property books to the Assessor. Unless the taxpayer has elected to pay the property tax with respect to a property and have the County Commission hear its protest with respect to the valuation of such property in October, appeal of any assessment may be made to the Circuit Court of Putnam County within 30 days after adjournment of the County Commission sitting as a board of equalization and review. The Assessor annually, not later than March 3, must furnish a certified statement to certain governmental bodies in the county, including the Board, showing the aggregate value of all real and personal property. During the month of March, the County Commission, the Board and all municipal governments in the County prepare their budgets for the fiscal year which begins the following July. After these budgets are approved, these governments officially set the tax rate for the coming year sufficient to pay budgeted expenses not expected to be paid from other sources. For example, the 2025 assessment year valuations are made as of July 1, 2024, and taxes will be levied and collected during the fiscal year July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

The State Tax Commissioner has the responsibility for preparing tentative valuations for all public utility property in the State and providing these valuations to the Board of Public Works of the State for actual assessment of such property. The Board of Public Works reviews all assessments made, makes such corrections as it deems proper, conducts hearings to entertain protests from the public utilities involved, and fixes the assessments in final form. After such assessments are made, they are allocated by the State Auditor to the various counties in which the utility property is located, such allocation being approved by the Board of Public Works.

Property Classification

Article X, Section 1, of the Constitution of the State and Chapter 11, Article 8, Section 5 of the West Virginia Code created four classifications of property for which the tax rates, but not the assessed values, are limited. These tax classifications are as follows: "Class I" property means all tangible personal property employed exclusively in agriculture and all products of agriculture while owned by the producer; "Class II" property means owner-occupied residential property and certain farm lands; Article 10, Section 1b of the Constitution of the State and Chapter 11, Article 6B, Section 3 of the West Virginia Code provides that the first twenty thousand dollars of assessed valuation of any real property, or of personal property in the form of a mobile home, used exclusively for residential purposes and occupied by the owner or one of the owners thereof as his residence, who is a citizen of the State and is sixty-five years of age or older or is certified as being permanently disabled, shall be exempt from ad valorem property taxation; provided, that only one exemption shall be allowed for each homestead used and occupied exclusively for residential purposes by the owner thereof, regardless of the number of qualified owners residing therein; "Class III" property means all real and personal property, other than Class I and II property, situate outside of municipalities; "Class IV" property means all real, and personal property, other than Class I and II situate within municipalities. Public utility property falls within Class III or Class IV, as appropriate.

Assessed Valuations

The School District, the boundaries of which are coterminous with the County, has the same assessed valuation of property therein as does the County. Chapter 11, Article 1C of the West Virginia Code (the "Property Valuation Act") requires all assessors to appraise all property at fair market value (except for certain farm property), within three years. The State Tax Commissioner is required to monitor the assessors in the performance of their duties, and is required to perform the valuation process on industrial and natural resources property within the aforesaid three-year period. The Property Valuation Act limits the increase in property taxes that could result from the new calculations to one percent per year, unless, in the case of school boards, the legislature, after a public hearing, deems a greater increase is necessary. The Property Valuation Act requires that all property except farms and managed timberlands be assessed at 60% of Fair Market Value at the end of the 3-year reappraisal cycle, which became effective July 1, 1994.

Assessed Valuation by Property Class ($) (Fiscal Year ending June 30)

Class	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
I	-	-	-	-	-
II	1,857,380,316	1,845,953,474	1,927,648,812	1,994,803,682	2,127,965,990
III	1,493,299,459	1,458,435,371	1,558,462,462	1,615,115,423	1,724,160,172
IV	206,476,975	208,257,837	222,687,562	256,548,037	271,602,462
Total	3,557,156,750	3,512,646,682	3,708,798,836	3,866,467,142	4,123,728,624

Assessed Valuation by Property Category ($) (Fiscal Year ending June 30)

Class	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Real	2,374,091,610	2,366,800,422	2,497,750,706	2,564,964,366	2,718,223,764
Personal	696,214,812	619,388,220	680,033,275	765,459,545	789,251,871
Public Utility	486,850,328	526,458,040	531,014,855	536,043,231	616,252,989
Total	3,557,156,750	3,512,646,682	3,708,798,836	3,866,467,142	4,123,728,624

Source: West Virginia State Auditor

Largest Assessed Valuations (Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024)

Property Owner	Real Property ($)
Toyota Motor Manufacturing	49,270,200
Charleston Area Medical	11,146,920
Wexford Ventures LLC et al	7,902,480
Rolling Frito Lay Sales LP	7,025,820
Wexford Ventures LLC et al	6,848,940
Wal Mart Real Estate	6,803,580
FLSmidth USA Inc	5,419,560
Diamond Electric MFG Corp	4,540,740
Devonshire AL LLC	4,320,540
Vandalia Produce Operations	4,294,860

Property Owner	Personal Property ($)
Toyota Motor MFG WV Inc	197,365,730
Diamond Electric MFG Corp	32,673,592

Boyd Company	15,960,221
FLDSmidth USA Inc	12,913,322
DOW Chemical Company	8,884,510
Apex Pipeline Services Inc	7,660,760
Parkline Inc	7,635,446
Rudd Equipment Co Inc	6,534,565
Rolling Frito-Lay Sales LP	4,546,170
Wal-Mart Stores East LP	4,539,118

Property Owner	Public Utility Property ($)
Appalachian Power Company	397,725,622
Columbia Gas Transmission LLC	139,753,603
AEP WV Transmission Company	71,738,363
CSX Transportation Inc	15,607,797
Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company	15,253,019
West Virginia American Water Co	12,326,722
Frontier West Virginia Inc	8,321,135
Union Oil & Gas Inc	4,824,096
AT&T Mobility LLC	2,902,330
Carlines	2,680,609

Source: Putnam County Assessor

County Tax Rates

Except as hereinafter stated, the maximum tax rates allowed by the Constitution of the State for the four classifications of property are as follows: Class I - $0.50 per $100 assessed valuation; Class II - $1.00 per $100 assessed valuation; Class III - $1.50 per $100 assessed valuation; Class IV - $2.00 per $100 assessed valuation.

The maximum tax rates described above are divided among the several levying bodies by statute. Under Chapter 11, Article 8 of the West Virginia Code, the maximum levy rates available to the County without approval by the voters is as follows: Class I - $0.1430 per $100 assessed valuation; Class II - $0.2860 per $100 assessed valuation; Class III - $0.5720 per $100 assessed valuation; and Class IV - $0.5720 per $100 assessed valuation.

These rates of levy may not be exceeded except that a local levying body may provide for an election to increase such rates within the respective taxing unit at either a general or special election. If at least 60% of the voters voting in the election cast their ballots in favor, property tax levy rates may be increased by up to 50% by municipalities and counties. If at least 50% of the voters voting in the election cast their ballots in favor, property tax levy rates may be increased by up to 100% by boards of education. The increased levies may not continue for more than five years without resubmission to the voters.

School Tax Rates

Taxes for school purposes are uniform throughout the County. In accordance with Chapter 11, Article 8, Section 6c of the West Virginia Code, the tax limit for school current expenses and school permanent improvement purposes combined is $0.2295 per $100 assessed valuation in respect to Class I property, $0.4590 per $100 in respect to Class II property, and $0.9180 per $100 in respect to property in Classes III and IV. By favorable vote of at least a simple majority of the voters in an election, the above limitations may be increased by up to 100% for a period of up to five years, after which an election must again be held to renew the tax for additional periods of up to five years each renewal. Further, a county board of education is required to levy outside the rates provided by Chapter 11, Article 8, Section 6c, sufficient to pay the principal and interest requirements on bonds issued by the school district not exceeding five percent of the assessed value of all taxable property in the school district, in the manner provided by the Better Schools Amendment. The current levy rates imposed by the Board, in cents per $100 assessed valuation, are as follows:

School Current Levy (Fiscal Year ending June 30)					
Class	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**
I	19.40	19.40	19.40	19.40	19.40
II	38.80	38.80	38.80	38.80	38.80
III and IV	77.60	77.60	77.60	77.60	77.60

School Excess Levy (Fiscal Year ending June 30)					
Class	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**
I	22.95	22.95	22.95	22.95	22.95
II	45.90	45.90	45.90	45.90	45.90
III and IV	91.80	91.80	91.80	91.80	91.80

Bond Levy for Series 2020 Refunding Bonds (Fiscal Year ending June 30)					
Class	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**
I	4.81	4.89	4.61	4.41	-
II	9.62	9.78	9.22	8.82	-
III and IV	19.24	19.56	18.44	17.64	-

Source: West Virginia State Auditor

Rates of Levy

The tax rates for citizens of the County, including those imposed by the Board, but not including those relating to the proposed bond issue, in cents per $100 assessed valuation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, are as follows:

Tax Type	Class I	Class II	Class III/IV
State Current	0.25	0.50	1.00
County Current	13.75	27.50	55.00
School Current	19.40	38.80	77.60
School Excess	22.95	45.90	91.80

Source: West Virginia State Auditor

In addition to the rates of levy established for State, County and School purposes, the municipalities within the County have additional current and excess levy rates of levy in effect as shown in the following table, in cents per $100 assessed valuation for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Municipality	Class I	Class II	Class III/IV
Bancroft	12.48	24.96	49.92
Buffalo	12.50	25.00	50.00
Eleanor	12.50	25.00	50.00
Hurricane Current	12.50	25.00	50.00
Hurricane Excess	6.25	12.50	25.00
Poca	12.50	25.00	50.00
Winfield	11.95	23.90	47.80
Nitro Current	12.50	25.00	50.00
Nitro Excess	3.65	7.30	14.60

Source: West Virginia State Auditor

Tax Rate Comparisons

The following shows County property taxes in cents per $100 assessed valuation (this includes all state, county and school rates, but excludes municipalities), in comparison with a few select surrounding counties, for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

County	Class I	Class II	Class III/IV
Putnam	**56.35**	**112.70**	**225.40**
Kanawha	62.99	125.98	251.96
Cabell	68.47	136.94	273.88
Lincoln	62.18	124.36	248.72
Mason	59.15	118.30	236.60

Source: West Virginia State Auditor

Summary of Statistical Debt Information

As heretofore stated, under Article X, Sections 8 and 10 of the Constitution of the State and the Act, the Board may issue bonds for certain purposes in an amount which, when added to the aggregate indebtedness then outstanding, will not exceed 5% of the most recent assessed valuation of taxable property in the School District as of the date of bond authorization. Under such constitutional and statutory standard, the computation of debt limit of the School District and its debt contracting margin are as follows:

Debt Limit and Debt Contracting Margin	
Population of Putnam County (2024)[1]	57,067
Assessed Valuation (Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025)	$4,123,728,624
Debt Limit (5% of Assessed Valuation)	$206,186,431
Proposed Series 2025 Public School Bonds	$49,870,000
Total Outstanding at the Issuance Date of the Bonds	$49,870,000
Debt Contracting Margin	$156,316,431
Per Capita Debt	$873.89
Outstanding Debt as percentage of Assessed Valuation	1.21%

[1]Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division

Debt Service Requirements

The Board issued its Taxable Public School Refunding Bonds, Series 2020, in the par amount of $17,695,000 on November 25, 2020 (the "Series 2020 Refunding Bonds"), and such Series 2020 Refunding Bonds mature on May 1, 2025 and will be no longer outstanding prior to the issuance of the Bonds. Upon the issuance of the Bonds, based on the interest rates and yields set forth on the cover page, the Board will have the following bond debt service requirements:

Schedule of Bonded Indebtedness

Series 2025 Public School Bonds			
Bond Year	**Principal ($)**	**Interest ($)***	**Total ($)***
2026	1,920,000		
2027	2,280,000		
2028	2,420,000		
2029	2,565,000		
2030	2,720,000		
2031	2,880,000		
2032	3,055,000		
2033	3,235,000		
2034	3,430,000		
2035	3,635,000		
2036	3,855,000		
2037	4,085,000		
2038	4,330,000		
2039	4,590,000		
2040	4,870,000		
Totals	$49,870,000		

*Preliminary, subject to change

Outstanding Lease Obligations

Lessor	Date	Maturity Date	Original Issue	Balance as of 12/23/2024	Interest Rate
Poca Valley Bank, Inc.	7/13/21	7/15/31	$3,755,000	$2,688,774	1.50%

Overlapping Debt

There is no overlapping County or municipalities general obligation debt.

CERTAIN FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Description of Funds

The accounts of the Board are organized on the basis of funds, each of which constitutes a separate entity for accounting procedures. For reporting purposes, the various funds are organized into the following major groups:

1. Debt Service Fund: The Debt Service Fund is a separate and distinct fund used only as an "Interest and Sinking Fund" to meet the demands of maturing bonds and bond interest payments. Taxes levied on real and personal property (other than public utility property), to be used to make Debt Service Fund payments, are collected by the Sheriff, while taxes levied on public utility property to be used to make

Debt Service Fund payments are collected by the State Auditor and remitted to the Sheriff. Collections are transferred periodically to the Bond Commission. The Bond Commission, in turn, disburses funds to meet the payment of bonds and bond interest payments as well as paying agency fees. From time to time, the Commission invests amounts in the Debt Service Fund that are in excess of payment schedules and credits the interest income to the Debt Service Fund. (See "Investment of Certain Funds").

2. Bond Construction Fund: The Bond Construction Fund is a separate and distinct fund consisting of proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by an election, from State School Building Authority funds and from special funds that are categorically identified and authorized to supplement local bond proceeds or State School Building Authority funds. Expenditures are generally restricted to capital outlay purposes by the bond election call, by special funding agreements or by the State Board of Education in approving specific building projects.

3. Capital Projects Fund: The Capital Projects Fund accounts for financial resources used to acquire or construct specific major capital facilities other than by the sale of bonds or the reservation of monies in a permanent improvement fund. A separate fund may be established for each specific capital project.

4. Permanent Improvement Fund: a permanent improvement fund accounts for the proceeds of resources used for the support of various building and permanent improvement projects.

5. General Current Expense Fund: The General Current Expense Fund is a separate and distinct fund and is used for all general operating purposes except for revenues and expenditures that are contained in the Debt Service Fund and the Bond Construction Fund. Revenues generally come from: (1) general and special levy taxes, (2) other local or miscellaneous revenues, (3) State aid to counties for restricted and unrestricted purposes, and (4) Federal aid received directly or through the State, usually categorical or restricted.

6. Excess Levy Fund: The Excess Levy accounts for all revenue and expenditures attributable to funds received as additional property taxes beyond what is raised through the regular levy. Expenditures are legally restricted to the details specified in the excess levy. The Board's current excess levy expires on June 30, 2026. However, the Board's excess levy for Fiscal Years beginning July 1, 2026 to July 1, 2030 was approved by the voters of Putnam County at the primary election held May 14, 2024 and will go into effect on July 1, 2026.

7. Special Revenue Fund: Accounts for the financial resources of the Board, which are restricted either legally or by the grantor.

8. Special Revenue Federal Stimulus and Stabilization Fund: A governmental fund type used to account for the financial resources of LEAs, MCVCs, and ESCs received through the federal government; most notably in regard to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act.

9. Special Revenue School Activity Fund: Accounts for the financial resources received and held by each school to support co-curricular and extra-curricular student activities in which the Board has administrative involvement.

Investment of Certain Funds

Proceeds of tax collections relating to the Bonds which are transferred to the Bond Commission will be invested in the Consolidated Fund managed by the State Treasurer's Office. The State Board of Treasury Investments is governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of the Governor, the State Auditor, the State Treasurer and two members appointed by the Governor. The Bond Commission currently invests its funds in the Consolidated Fund's Government Money Market Pool. Investments are limited to U.S. Government obligations,

select U.S. Government Agency-guaranteed obligations or repurchase agreements with average maturities not to exceed 90 days.

Accounting Practices

The financial statements are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to local governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The district-wide statements (Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the full accrual basis of accounting. The governmental fund financial statements (Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds) were prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Annual Audit

An annual audit of accounts is prepared by the State Auditor or an independent certified public accounting firm approved by the State Auditor. The audit is conducted 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. See "APPENDIX A – Audit Report of Putnam County Board of Education for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024."

Budgetary Procedures

Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the Board develops a fiscal plan consisting of contemplated expenditures. The annual budget development process is customarily developed along the following guidelines and in accordance with a budget calendar summarized as follows:

July	Overall goals are revised and established by the Board. Implementation and valuation of Board goals are established by the superintendent.
October	Student enrollment and personnel employee numbers are gathered system wide to determine State aid funding basis for subsequent fiscal year.
November/December	All staffing reviewed. Personnel reductions and additions are determined by local school councils, the public, the administration and the superintendent.
January/February	Preliminary forecasts of revenues and expenditures are determined by administration. Non-salary items reviewed.
March	Assessed valuations and preliminary State aid calculations received on or about March 3. The Board is required to ascertain the fiscal condition of the School District and determine the amount to be raised by the levy of taxes. Proposed levy rates must be submitted to the State Tax Commissioner and State Board of Education by March 28.
April/May	On the third Tuesday in April, the Board typically enters all levies for the coming year by ordering the levy of taxes commencing July 1. The Board's current excess levy expires on June 30, 2026. However, the Board's excess levy for Fiscal Years beginning July 1, 2026 to July 1, 2030 was approved by the voters of Putnam County at the primary election held May 14, 2024 and will go into effect on July 1, 2026. For the avoidance of doubt and as further described above, the bond levy supporting the debt service on the Bonds was previously approved by the voters of the School District at the general election held on November 5, 2024. The proposed budget must be made available for public inspection for ten days and must be published in local newspapers for two weeks

	prior to the budget hearing. A public hearing shall be held concerning the operating budget not less than 10 days after such budget has been made available for public inspection. The Board is required to submit a budget to the State Board of Education and State Tax Commissioner no earlier than 10 days after receipt of the final State aid computations.
September	Board advised of ending balances for previous fiscal year. Board and administration evaluate status for current fiscal obligations in relation to ending balances and established budgetary changes necessitated.

Internal Control

The system of internal control includes budgetary control, periodic operating reports and statistical analyses. The system checks the accuracy and reliability of its accounting data, promotes operational efficiency and encourages prescribed managerial policies. The system provides segregation of functional responsibilities and control over assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Responsibilities and delegations of authority are assigned by the superintendent and Board in accordance with State Board of Education policy and advice of the State Auditor.

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Statement of Revenues and Expenditures -- Budget and Actual (Regulatory Basis)

General Current Expense Fund
(Fiscal Year ending June 30) ($)

	2021 Audited	2022 Audited	2023 Audited	2024 Audited	2025 Budget
Revenues:					
Property Taxes	45,494,517	44,403,711	47,150,170	49,086,807	49,398,923
Other Local Sources	859,986	272,851	2,050,513	3,009,384	2,402,535
State Sources	65,334,473	63,084,465	64,594,289	71,667,644	75,520,584
Federal Sources	707,149	733,064	659,771	601,304	1,171,580
Miscellaneous Sources	31,880	62,057	0	0	0
Total Revenues	112,428,005	108,556,148	114,454,743	124,365,139	128,493,622
Expenditures:					
Instruction	63,315,347	65,730,872	68,232,218	72,072,033	85,448,939
Supporting Services:					
Students	6,279,919	6,105,756	6,310,757	6,971,156	7,729,195
Instructional Staff	2,528,166	2,361,673	2,281,591	2,869,606	3,326,038
General Administration	1,624,641	1,786,089	1,685,391	1,716,969	2,022,519
School Administration	6,922,402	6,962,225	7,268,409	8,051,286	8,625,897
Central Services	2,604,376	2,813,255	3,020,738	3,010,868	3,325,217
Operation & Maintenance of Facilities	10,821,092	11,094,220	12,042,810	12,451,531	14,164,870
Student Transportation	7,805,896	8,560,765	8,777,505	9,466,013	11,542,862
Other support services	12,157	11,839	12,271	11,742	28,879
Food Services	320,736	321,211	293,320	322,210	330,514
Community Services	218,205	251,965	260,045	260,045	275,045
Capital Outlay	59,401	195,353	174,789	759,733	1,081,472
Debt Service:					
Principal Retirement	380,533	562,210	350,000	0	0
Interest and Fiscal Charges	134,131	149,645	52,927	0	0
Finance Leases:					
Principal Payment Expense	0	0	0	360,000	365,000
Interest Expense	0	0	0	46,777	41,850
SBITAs					
Principal Payment Expense	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Expense	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	103,027,002	106,907,078	110,762,771	118,369,969	138,308,297
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	9,401,003	1,649,070	3,691,972	5,995,170	(9,814,675)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(26,587)	(300,571)	(384,271)	(1,891,424)	(1,870,047)
Net change in fund balances	9,374,416	1,348,499	3,307,701	4,103,746	(11,684,722)*
Fund balances - beginning	23,720,942	33,095,358	34,443,857	37,751,558	41,855,304
Fund balances - ending	33,095,358	34,443,857	37,751,558	41,855,304	30,170,582

* The Board routinely uses a portion of its unreserved fund balance to balance the beginning budget. For Fiscal Years 2021 through 2024, the Board realized positive net changes in fund balance due to higher than anticipated revenue collections and lower than anticipated expenditures.

Source: Putnam County Board of Education

Teachers Retirement Systems (Defined Benefit)

The Teachers Retirement System ("TRS"), established in 1941, is a multiple employer defined benefit cost sharing public employee retirement plan covering all full-time employees of the 55 county public school system, certain personnel of the 13 state-supported higher education institutions, and employees of the State Department of Education and the Higher Education Policy Commission hired prior to July 1, 1991. TRS closed membership to new hires effective July 1, 1991. However, effective July 1, 2005, all new employees hired for the first time are required to participate in TRS. As of July 1, 2022, there were 34,871 active members of the plan and 37,097 retirees and beneficiaries were receiving benefits.

State law regulating TRS provides for member contributions based on 6% of a member's monthly gross salary. It also establishes that for members hired prior to July 1, 2005, the employer shall contribute 15.0% of a member's gross salary and for members hired on or after July 1, 2005, the employer shall contribute 7.5% of a member's gross salary. A portion of that contribution is paid by the State on behalf of the counties in the form set forth in Chapter 18, Article 9A of the West Virginia Code (the "School Aid Formula"). In addition, the State is additionally required to pay to TRS an amount equal to 10% of the premium tax imposed on fire insurance and casualty insurance policies under Chapter 33, Article 3, Section 14d of the West Virginia Code, 7.5% of salaries of TDCRS (as hereinafter defined) members covered by the School Aid Formula, and a payment equal to the total of all forfeited amounts in the TDCRS suspension account. Finally, statute requires that the State contribute to TRS any additional amount that is necessary to eliminate the plan's unfunded liability by June 30, 2034.

The most recent actuarial valuation of TRS was performed as of July 1, 2021, by Buck Global, LLC. The asset valuation method utilized the fair-market-value method to value assets. The actuarial cost method valuation utilized entry age cost with individually computed accrued liabilities, including an investment assumption of 7.25% annually, net after expenses. As of July 1, 2021, the unfunded liability for TRS was $2.755 billion, based on recognized valuation of assets at approximately $8.740 billion. The funded percentage was 76.0%. Under the current funding arrangement, the TRS unfunded accrued liability is scheduled to be fully amortized on or about June 30, 2034.

During the 2015 First Regular Session of the 82nd Legislature, the State Legislature passed Senate Bill 529 which ultimately created a Tier II retirement benefit structure for those employees who are hired for the first time on or after July 1, 2015. Some distinctions of Tier II of TRS are that (i) qualification for normal retirement age is increased from 60 with 5 years of contributory service to 62 with 10 years of contributory service and deferred retirement age is increased from 62 with 5 years of contributory service to 64 with 10 years of contributory service, all as described above; (ii) it changes military service provisions from current non-contributory military service for draft era service to permitting members to purchase up to five years of active military service with the Armed Forces or National Guard by paying the actuarial reserve purchase amount within 48 months of the member's date of hire; (iii) it removes the provisions for members to receive additional retirement service credit based upon their unused sick and/or annual leave; (iv) it removes the current eligibility provisions of any age with 35 years of service or age 55 with 30 years of service; and (vii) it removes the reciprocity provisions between TRS and the Public Employees Retirement System if one changes employment and no longer permits highest salary in either plan to be used for final average salary.

Source: State Consolidated Public Retirement Board

Teachers' Defined Contribution Retirement System

The Teachers' Defined Contribution Retirement System ("TDCRS") is a multiple employer defined contribution retirement system covering primarily full-time employees of the State's 55 county public school systems, the State Department of Education, and School for the Deaf and Blind hired between June 30, 1991, and July 1, 2005. The system includes former TRS plan members, including higher education employees, who elected to transfer into or participate in TDCRS.

As of July 1, 2022, there were 2,430 members in the TDCRS. Benefits depend solely on amount contributed to the plan plus investment earnings. Employees are eligible to participate from the date of employment. TDCRS closed participation to new members effective June 30, 2005. Members may choose from twenty separate investment options, which include fixed income, balanced, large cap, mid cap, small cap, and international mutual funds, a money market fund and a fixed annuity.

Employees contribute 4.5% of their gross compensation and employers contribute 7.5% of covered members' gross compensation, which may include amounts allocated to the employers through the State School Aid formula. Employer contributions for each employee (and interest allocated to the employee's account) become partially vested after six years and fully vested after 12 years of complete service. Employer contributions and earnings thereon forfeited by employees who leave employment prior to becoming fully vested are available, in the event the employee does not return to active participant status within five years, to reduce the employer's current-period contribution requirement. Benefits depend solely on the amounts contributed plus net investment earnings thereon.

In 2008, the West Virginia Legislature enacted legislation authorizing members of the TDCRS to elect to voluntarily transfer to TRS. For the transfer to occur the legislation required that at least 65% of members of TDCRS as of December 31, 2007, vote to elect the transfer. Over 78% of actively contributing TDCRS members elected to transfer to TRS. Approximately 15,152 TDCRS members were transferred to TRS on July 1, 2008.

Source: State Consolidated Public Retirement Board

Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)

The Board has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 43, "Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans", which among other things, requires reporting on an accrual basis the liability associated with other postemployment benefits. In conjunction with the implementation of GASB Statement No. 43, the State established the Retiree Health Benefit Trust Fund ("RHBT"), an irrevocable trust, to account for and administer the other postemployment benefits ("OPEBs") provided under the multiemployer cost-sharing plan. The PEIA Finance Board was assigned the authority to establish and amend contribution requirements of the plan members and the participating employers, and PEIA administers the plan. The legislation requires the RHBT to determine through an actuarial study the contractually required contribution ("CRC") which shall be sufficient to maintain the RHBT in an actuarially sound manner. The CRC, which is reviewed and approved by the PEIA Finance Board, shall be allocated to the respective employers who are required by law to remit at least the minimum annual premium component of the CRC. The Board is required to participate in the RHBT established for the multiemployer cost-sharing plan. Details regarding this plan can be obtained by contacting West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA), 601 57th Street, SE, Suite 2, Charleston, WV 25304 or http://www.wvpeia.com.

Revenues collected by RHBT are used to fund current OPEBs health care claims and administrative expenses with residual funds held in trust for future costs of OPEBs. The rates charged must generate sufficient revenues to not only meet all expected expenses, including insurance, administrative expenses, and incurred but unreported claims of the RHBT, but also include the amounts necessary to fund the unfunded obligation of the plan over an amortization period not to exceed 30 years.

On February 10, 2012, the West Virginia Legislature passed Senate Bill 469, granting relief to the 55 county boards of education regarding liability for OPEBs effective July 1, 2012. For professional employees, service personnel and professional student support personnel of the various county boards of education in the State, including the Board, which are employed within the limits permitted by the foundation allowance of the State school aid formula, the necessary OPEB premiums which are required to be paid to PEIA with respect to such employees shall be charged to the State. However, such county boards of education, including the Board, retain liability for payment of the necessary OPEB premiums which are required to be paid to PEIA for all professional employees, service personnel and professional student support personnel which are employed by such county boards of education in excess of the limits permitted by the foundation allowance of the State school aid formula. In compliance with Senate Bill 469, for fiscal year 2012, the RHBT transferred $715 million in annual required contribution liability from the county boards of education to the State.

Senate Bill 419, adopted by the West Virginia Legislature on February 26, 2016, requires $30 million of annual personal income tax proceeds to be dedicated to the payment of RHBT's unfunded liability until such time as the Governor certifies to the Legislature that an independent actuarial study has determined that the unfunded liability of RHBT has been provided for in its entirety or July 1, 2037, whichever date is later. RHBT started receiving the aforementioned $30 million transfer in 2017.

For professional employees, service personnel and professional student support personnel of the various County Boards of Education in the State, including the Board, which are employed within the limits permitted by the foundation allowance of the State school aid formula, the necessary OPEB premiums which are required to be paid to PEIA with respect to such employees shall be charged to the State of West Virginia. However, such County Boards of Education, including the Board, retain liability for payment of the necessary OPEB premiums which are required to be paid to PEIA for all professional employees, service personnel and professional student support personnel which are employed by such County Boards of Education in excess of the limits permitted by the foundation allowance of the State school aid formula.

For additional information regarding the Board's liabilities and expenses, see "APPENDIX A – Audit Report of Putnam County Board of Education for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024" and the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Sources: West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency; Putnam County Board of Education

Insurance Coverage

	Amount in Force (FY 2025)
Property insurance – structural insurance	$455,654,359
Deductible per occurrence	$2,500
Property insurance – content insurance	$68,491,172
Deductible per occurrence	$2,500
Public official position bond:	
Superintendent	$25,000
Board President	$5,000
Treasurer	$600,000

Liability Insurance:

The Board is insured for the coverage indicated below under a general liability policy and an automobile policy issued to the State by the State of West Virginia Board of Risk and Insurance Management. The Board is an Additional Insured under the policies for a coverage period July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2025. The Board is insured for the following coverages:

- Comprehensive general liability insurance;
- Personal injury liability insurance;
- Professional liability insurance;
- Stop gap liability insurance;
- Wrongful act liability insurance;
- Comprehensive auto liability insurance;
- Auto physical damage insurance, including comprehensive and collision; and
- Garagekeepers insurance.

Limits of Liability:

EACH OCCURRENCE: $1,250,000 each occurrence and is subject to $2,500 deductible. This limit is not increased if a claim is insured under more than one coverage or if claim is made against more than one insured.

SPECIAL LIMITS: The auto physical damage limit is the actual cash value of each vehicle subject to a deductible of $1,000.00.

Cyber Liability Insurance:

The Board is insured under a cyber policy issued to the State by AIG Specialty Insurance Company. The Board is a Named Member under the policy for a coverage period of July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2025.

Source: Putnam County Board of Education

INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS

The Bonds, like all obligations of state and local governments, are subject to changes in value due to changes in the condition of the tax-exempt bond market and/or changes in the financial position of the School District. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds may need to consult their own tax advisors prior to any purchase of the Bonds as to the impact of the provisions of the Code upon their acquisition, holding or disposition of the Bonds. It is possible under certain market conditions, or if the financial condition of the School District should change, that the market price of the Bonds could be adversely affected.

In recent years, the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") has increased the frequency and scope of its examination and other enforcement activities regarding tax-exempt bonds. Currently, the primary penalty available to the IRS under the Code is the determination that interest on tax-exempt bonds is subject to federal income taxation. In addition, although the IRS has only infrequently taxed the interest received by holders of bonds that were represented to be tax-exempt, the IRS has examined a number of bond issues and concluded that such bond issues did not comply with applicable provisions of the Code and related regulations. No assurance can be given that the IRS will not examine the initial or subsequent purchasers of the Bonds, the School District or the Bonds. If the Bonds are examined, it may have an adverse impact on their price and marketability. Based on the stated use of proceeds from the sale of the Bonds as described herein, and on representations, warranties and covenants of the School District, Bond Counsel will deliver its opinions as to the tax-exemption of interest on the Bonds in the form set forth in Appendix C hereto.

There are or may be pending in the Congress of the United States legislative proposals, including some that carry retroactive effective dates, that, if enacted, could alter or amend the federal tax matters with respect to the Bonds or affect the market value of the Bonds. It cannot be predicted whether or in what form any such proposal might be enacted or whether, if enacted, it would apply to bonds issued prior to enactment. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding any pending or proposed federal tax legislation. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any pending or proposed federal tax legislation.

All financial and other information presented herein has been provided by the School District from its records, except for information expressly attributed to other sources. The presentation of information, including tables of receipts from rates, charges, taxes, and other sources, is intended to show recent historical information, and is not intended to indicate future or continuing trends in the financial position or other affairs of the School District except as otherwise especially indicated herein. No representation is made that past experience, as might be shown by such financial and other information, will necessarily continue or be repeated.

Pursuant to Chapter 6, Article 9 of the West Virginia Code (the "Audit Act"), the State Auditor, as the chief inspector and supervisor of public offices (the "Chief Inspector") is charged with the responsibility of (1) formulating, prescribing and installing a system of accountability for all local units of government in West Virginia, including school districts and (2) examining the financial affairs of every local government office or political subdivision and all boards, commissions, authorities, agencies or other offices. The School District is a local government under the Audit Act. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 7 of the Audit Act, an audit of the School District's finances must be accomplished by the Chief Inspector or any person appointed by him. The Chief Inspector has developed procedures which allow certain school districts to obtain audit services from certain approved accounting firms. The School District has been instructed by the Chief Auditor to procure audit services pursuant to such procedures. The procedures developed by the Chief Inspector to procure a CPA firm for the audit require written approval of all contracts and extensions to contracts by the Chief Inspector prior to the commencement of work on the audit by the CPA firm. Additionally, the Chief Inspector is authorized to unilaterally cancel any contract between the School District and a CPA firm under certain conditions and elect to perform the audit. Accordingly, the actions or lack of actions of the Chief Inspector may adversely impact the ability of the selected CPA firm to timely complete the annual audited financial information required to be submitted to EMMA pursuant to the Continuing Disclosure Agreement. See "Continuing Disclosure" herein. Additionally, the School District has no power to require the Chief Inspector to take any action required under such procedures that would ensure the completion of the audit to meet the timely filing of such information.

Cybersecurity

The Board, like many other public and private entities, relies on technology to conduct its operations. As a recipient and provider of personal, private, and sensitive information, the Board faces multiple cyber threats including, but not limited to, hacking, phishing, viruses, malware and other attacks on its computers and other sensitive digital networks and systems (collectively, "Systems Technology"). The Board follows the cybersecurity policies of West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE), which incorporates the cybersecurity policies of the West Virginia Office of Technology. The Board is insured under a cyber policy issued to the State by AIG Specialty Insurance Company and is a Named Member under the policy for a coverage period of July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2025.

Despite the implementation of Systems Technology policies and other network security measures by the Board, no assurances can be given that the Board's policies, security, and operational control measures will protect against existing and future cybersecurity threats and attacks. A cybersecurity incident or breach could damage the Board's Systems Technology and cause disruption to the Board and/or its services, operations, and finances. The costs of remedying any such damage or protecting against future attacks could be substantial. Further, cybersecurity breaches could expose the Board to material litigation and other legal risks, which could cause the Board to incur material costs related to such legal claims or proceedings. The Board is in the continual process of compiling, evaluating, and updating cyber and data security policies and provisions, and will continue to implement and update these policies and procedures as they are determined to be in the best interest of the Board's cyber security position. Despite the foregoing efforts of the Board, no assurances can be given that the Board's measures will prevent cybersecurity attacks, and no assurances can be given that any cybersecurity attacks, if successful, will not have a material adverse effect on the operations or financial conditions of the Board and the School District.

TAX MATTERS

General

The following discussion of "Tax Matters" is a brief discussion of certain income tax matters with respect to the Bonds under existing applicable law. It does not purport to deal with all aspects of taxation that may be relevant to the owner of a bond. Prospective investors, particularly those who may be subject to special rules, are advised to consult their own tax advisors regarding the tax consequences of owning and disposing of the Bonds.

Federal Income Tax Exemption of the Bonds

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under existing laws, regulations, rules and published rulings and judicial decisions of the United States of America, as presently written and applied, and assuming among other matters, the accuracy of certain representations and compliance with certain covenants, the interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Code. Bond Counsel is of the further opinion that interest on the Bonds is not a specific item of tax preference, under Section 57(a)(5) of the Code, in computing the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, with respect to certain corporations, interest on Bonds is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022. In addition, under the Act as presently written and applied, the Bonds are exempt from all taxation by the State of West Virginia or by any political subdivision thereof. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any other state or federal tax consequences related to the ownership and disposition of, or the accrual or receipt of interest on, the Bonds.

The Board has not designated the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" under Section 265 of the Code. A complete copy of the opinion of Bond Counsel for the Bonds is set forth in Appendix C attached hereto.

Assumed Compliance with Certain Covenants and Federal Tax Requirements

The Code imposes various restrictions, conditions and requirements relating to the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on obligations such as the Bonds. The Board has covenanted to comply with all such restrictions, conditions, and requirements to ensure that interest on the Bonds will not be includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes. Failure to comply with these covenants could result in interest on the Bonds being includable in income for federal income tax purposes and such inclusion could be required retroactively to the date of original issuance of the Bonds. The opinion of Bond Counsel assumes compliance with these covenants. However, Bond Counsel has not undertaken to determine (or to inform any person) whether any actions taken (or not taken) or events occurring (or not occurring) after the date of issuance of the Bonds may adversely affect the value of, or the tax status of the interest on, the Bonds. Further, no assurance can be given that pending or future legislation or amendments to the Code, if enacted into law, or any proposed legislation or amendments to the Code, will not adversely affect the value of, or the tax status of interest on, the Bonds. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds are urged to consult their own tax advisors with respect to proposals to restructure the federal income tax.

Certain requirements and procedures contained or referred to in the resolution and order of the Board authorizing the issuance of the Bonds and other relevant documents may be changed and certain actions (including, without limitation, defeasance of the Bonds) may be taken or omitted under the circumstances and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in such documents. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion as to any Bonds or the interest thereon if any such change occurs or action is taken or omitted upon the advice or approval of bond counsel other than Bond Counsel.

The tax status of the Bonds could be affected by post-issuance events. There are various requirements of the Code that must be observed or satisfied after the issuance of the Bonds in order for the Bonds to qualify for, and retain, tax-exempt status. These requirements include those relating to use of the proceeds of the Bonds,

use of the facilities financed or refinanced by the Bonds, investment of bond proceeds, and the rebate of so-called excess arbitrage earnings. Compliance with these requirements is the responsibility of the Board.

Individual Circumstances

Although Bond Counsel is of the opinion that interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal and West Virginia income tax purposes, the ownership or disposition of, or the accrual or receipt of interest on, the Bonds may otherwise affect a Bondholder's federal, state or local tax liabilities. The nature and extent of these other tax consequences may depend upon the particular tax status of the Bondholder or the Bondholder's other items of income or deduction. Bond Counsel expresses no opinions regarding any tax consequences other than what is set forth in its opinion and each Bondholder or potential Bondholder is urged to consult with tax counsel with respect to the effects of purchasing, holding or disposing the Bonds on the tax liabilities of the individual or entity.

Under the Code, interest on the Bonds may increase the federal tax liability for "applicable corporations" (within the meaning of Section 59(k) of the Code) pursuant to the alternative minimum tax imposed under Section 55(b) of the Code on such applicable corporations for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022. Ownership or disposition of the Bonds may result in other collateral federal, state or local tax consequences for certain taxpayers. Such effects include, without limitation, increasing the federal tax liability of certain foreign corporations subject to the branch profits tax imposed by Section 884 of the Code, increasing the federal tax liability of certain insurance companies, under Section 832 of the Code, increasing the federal tax liability and affecting the status of certain S Corporations subject to Sections 1362 and 1375 of the Code, increasing the federal tax liability of certain individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, under Section 86 of the Code and limiting the use of the Earned Income Credit under Section 32 of the Code that might otherwise be available. Ownership of any Bonds may also result in the limitation of interest and certain other deductions for financial institutions and certain other taxpayers, pursuant to Section 265 of the Code. Finally, residence of the holder of Bonds in a state other than West Virginia or being subject to tax in a state other than West Virginia, may result in income or other tax liabilities being imposed by such states or their political subdivisions based on the interest or other income from the Bonds. Bond Counsel will express no opinion and make no representation regarding such consequences.

Tax Changes

Current and future legislative proposals, if enacted into law, clarification of the Code or court decisions may cause interest on the Bonds to be subject, directly or indirectly, to federal income taxation or to be subject to or exempted from state income taxation, or otherwise prevent beneficial owners from realizing the full current benefit of the tax status of such interest. The introduction or enactment of any such future legislative proposals, clarification of the Code or court decisions may also affect the market price for, or marketability of, the Bonds. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding pending or proposed federal and state tax legislation and court proceedings, and prospective purchasers of the Bonds at other than their original issuance at the respective prices indicated on the cover page of this Official Statement should also consult their own tax advisors regarding other tax considerations such as the consequences of market discount, as to all of which Bond Counsel expresses no opinion.

The opinion of Bond Counsel is based on current legal authority and represents Bond Counsel's judgment as to the proper treatment of the Bonds for federal income tax purposes. It is not binding on the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") or the courts. Furthermore, Bond Counsel cannot give and has not given any opinion or assurance about the future activities of the Board, or about the effect of future changes in the Code, the applicable regulations, the interpretation thereof or the enforcement thereof by the IRS. The Board has covenanted, however, to comply with the requirements of the Code.

Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding pending or proposed federal and state tax legislation and court proceedings, and prospective purchasers of the Bonds at other than their original issuance at the respective prices indicated on the cover page of this Official Statement

should also consult their own tax advisors regarding other tax considerations such as the consequences of market discount, as to all of which Bond Counsel expresses no opinion.

[Original Issue Discount

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

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

Original Issue Premium

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

Holders of any Premium Bonds, both original purchasers and any subsequent purchasers, should consult their own tax advisors as to the effect of such Acquisition Premium with respect to their own tax situation and as to the treatment of the Acquisition Premium for state tax purposes.]

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

As a result of the enactment of the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005, interest on tax-exempt obligations such as the Bonds is subject to information reporting in a manner similar to interest paid on taxable obligations. A recipient not otherwise exempt from information reporting who fails to satisfy the information reporting requirements will be subject to "backup withholding," which means that the payor is required to deduct and withhold a tax from the interest payment, calculated in the manner set forth in the Code. For the foregoing purpose, a "payor" generally refers to the person or entity from whom a recipient receives its payments of interest or who collects such payments on behalf of the recipient. In any event, backup withholding does not affect the excludability of the interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Any amounts withheld pursuant to the backup withholding should be allowed as a refund or a credit against any owner's federal income tax once the required information is furnished to the IRS.

Bond Counsel Obligations

Bond Counsel's engagement with respect to the Bonds ends with the issuance of the Bonds and, unless separately engaged, Bond Counsel is not obligated to defend the Board or the beneficial owners regarding the tax-exempt status of the Bonds in the event of an audit examination by the IRS. Under current procedures, parties other than the Board and its appointed counsel, including the beneficial owners, would have little, if any, right to participate in the audit examination process. Moreover, because achieving judicial review in connection with an audit examination of the Bonds would be difficult, obtaining an independent review of IRS positions with which the Board legitimately disagrees may not be practicable. Any action of the IRS, including but not limited to selection of the Bonds for audit, or the course or result of such audit, or an audit of tax-exempt obligations presenting similar tax issues may affect the market price for, or the marketability of, the Bonds, and may cause the Board or the beneficial owners to incur significant expense.

Bond Counsel's opinions represent its legal judgment based in part upon the representations and covenants referenced therein and its review of existing law, but are not a guarantee of result or binding on the IRS or the courts. Furthermore, Bond Counsel cannot give and has not given any opinion or assurance about the future activities of the Board or about the effect of future changes in the Code, the application or regulations, the interpretation thereof or the enforcement thereof by the IRS. Bond Counsel assumes no duty to update or supplement its opinions to reflect any facts or circumstances that may come to Bond Counsel's attention after the date of its opinions or to reflect any changes in law or the interpretation thereof that may occur or become effective after such date.

LITIGATION IN THE STATE CONCERNING THE SCHOOL FINANCING SYSTEM

The School District may be affected by litigation pending in the courts of the State with potential impact on local taxes for school purposes similar to the litigation which has continued in certain states, such as Serrano v. Priest in California, challenging the constitutionality of present systems of levying taxes and applying funds for public school purposes.

On May 11, 1982, in the matter entitled Pauley v. Bailey, a special judge of the Circuit Court for Kanawha County held that the West Virginia school finance system violates the West Virginia Constitution and that inequities in the levels of funding for various counties were attributable to undue reliance on excess levies which favored property-rich counties. By order of March 4, 1983, a master plan prepared by the State Board of Education and State Superintendent of Schools was filed as part of the record in the case. The court expressed its intention that the master plan be viewed as a proposal to the State Legislature for implementing, by statute, a constitutional system of financing public education. No legislation resolving the question was adopted during the 1984 legislative session, and on January 8, 1985, the plaintiffs moved the court to address the excess levy problem. On December 3, 1985, the court ordered that if the legislature did not, by July 1, 1987, replace or equalize excess levy revenues by one of the methods enumerated in such order, the court would direct a more equitable distribution. The legislature then adopted a constitutional amendment authorizing a statewide excess levy. The proposed amendment was to be submitted to the voters in a special election to be held March 5, 1988. The court entered a supplemental order on June 29, 1987, providing that if the statewide excess levy was not approved by the voters, a sum equal to 20% of each county's excess levy revenues in fiscal year 1988-89 (to be increased by an additional 20% in each of the next four fiscal years) would be withheld and distributed "on an equitable basis described by the court." The statewide excess levy amendment was defeated at the special election and the supplemental order became operative. However, on April 8, 1988, the state tax commissioner, the auditor and 33 county boards of education petitioned the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia for a writ of prohibition to bar enforcement of the supplemental order. On November 23, 1988, in State ex rel. the Boards of Education of the Counties of Upshur et al, the Supreme Court of Appeals issued the writ of prohibition, and noting that the court below had plainly exceeded its legitimate powers by the entry of an unconstitutional order, found the existing excess levy provision not violative of the State Constitution. The Supreme Court of Appeals suggested therein that it would be appropriate for the lower court to consider whether a statewide reappraisal should be ordered to be implemented to remedy the school financing problem.

In May of 1995, a Motion to join the President of the State Senate and the Speaker of the State House of Delegates as defendants in Pauley was granted by the Circuit Court. The Circuit Court later reconsidered this Motion and the President of the State Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates were not made parties to the case. Additionally, with the motion to join defendants, the plaintiffs moved the Circuit Court for an order enforcing the judgment previously entered including establishment of a timetable for implementation of the Master Plan for Public Education and a timetable for implementation of changes to the system of financing public education in West Virginia. A trial was scheduled for July 3, 2000. However, prior to going to trial, the parties reached a settlement with regard to a number of the issues.

Finally, on January 3, 2003, Pauley was dismissed and dropped from the active docket of the court. The court stated in its Memorandum of Opinion and final Order the following:

1. The plaintiff class's request to compel the West Virginia Legislature to remove the net enrollment caps in Steps 1 and 2 of the Foundation Allowance to provide additional professional and service personnel of the county as embraced within West Virginia Code §18-9A-1, et seq., and the use of a density mileage factor within the Foundation Allowance is hereby DENIED.

2. The decision of the honorable Dan C. Robinson that the School Financing Formula as embraced within West Virginia Code §18-9A-1, et seq., was constitutionally deficient is hereby vacated and held for naught; and

3. West Virginia Code §18-2E-5 is specifically found to satisfy the requirements of W.Va. Const. Art. XII §1 to the extent that the Legislature has provided, by public law, for a thorough and efficient system of free schools.

4. There being no further need to maintain continuing jurisdiction in this matter, this case shall be dismissed and dropped from the active docket of this Court, to all of which action all parties' objection is hereby preserved.

On December 28, 1990, a class action was filed against the State Superintendent of Schools, the West Virginia Board of Education and the School Building Authority of West Virginia in the United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia by a group of plaintiffs alleging improper action by defendants in following a policy of approval of segregated outbuildings for special education students and expenditures therefor. (Harris et. al. v. Marockie, et. al.). The action also alleged that defendants have discriminated against the plaintiff class by failure to protect them from improper behavioral control procedures by county boards of education, failure to monitor or enforce educational standards and failure to provide adequately trained instructors.

Plaintiffs requested relief in the form of various declaratory and injunctive measures to remedy the alleged improprieties, including submission of a plan to alleviate alleged constitutional and legal deficiencies in special education in the State. No monetary damages were stated in the complaint. On July 10, 1991, a Settlement Agreement was approved by the District Court. The Settlement Agreement, as approved by the District Court, provided inter alia that the State School Building Authority would, in the application process and before disbursement of monies to local boards of education, obtain sufficient information to assure that no projects approved or funded would permit segregated outbuildings, segregated schools or inappropriately located self-contained classrooms in regular buildings in which classrooms are not contiguous to or in proximity with classrooms of age-appropriate, non-handicapped children or that permits a county to continue the existence of such an outbuilding, school or classroom.

Though no guarantee regarding the final resolution of the Pauley and Harris decisions by the courts of the State can be made, neither of such decisions are expected to affect the validity or binding obligation of the Board or the nature of the Bonds or modify the right of the holders thereof to ultimate recourse to unlimited ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the School District for the payment of the Bonds if not paid from other sources.

LITIGATION

In the ordinary conduct of its affairs, the Board is party to litigation pending in the courts of the State. The Board engages counsel to represent the Board on various matters. The Secretary of the Board has reviewed the current status of all pending and threatened litigation with such counsel, and expresses the opinion of the Board that while the outcome of litigation cannot be predicted, it is nevertheless not probable that Board liability in any such matters is likely to have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the Board.

On February 22, 2010, forty-nine (49) county boards of education, including the Board, filed a Complaint in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County against the West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency ("PEIA"), the PEIA Finance Board and the West Virginia State Auditor (the "OPEB Litigation") seeking legislative funding through the Public School Support Program (the "Program") to offset the costs of providing other post-employment benefits to employees otherwise funded through the Program. The Circuit Court of Kanawha County dismissed the suit on the grounds that it was a political question better answered by the West Virginia Legislature. The county boards of education appealed this decision to the West Virginia Supreme Court. The West Virginia Supreme Court upheld the Circuit Court of Kanawha County's decision to dismiss the suit.

The West Virginia Legislature enacted Senate Bill 469 subsequent to the West Virginia Supreme Court's decision in the OPEB Litigation above described. Senate Bill 469 provides that OPEB premiums associated with the PEIA for certain County School Board employees which are employed within the foundation allowance of the State school aid formula are to be charged to the State of West Virginia rather than the County School Boards. However, the County School Boards retain liability for such OPEB premiums for employees which are employed outside of the foundation allowance of the State school aid formula (see Other Post Employment Benefits discussion in this Official Statement for additional detail).

The State of West Virginia's OPEB liability and the Board's OPEB liability may be subject to additional lawsuits and legislative action in the future which could have an effect on the amount of the Board's OPEB liability. No representation can be made regarding the potential outcome of any such lawsuits, if initiated, or the likelihood of any future legislative actions and any effect on the amount of the Board's OPEB liability.

At the time of payment for and delivery of the Bonds, the purchasers will be furnished with a certificate of the Secretary of the Board that there is no litigation pending or threatened affecting the validity of the Bonds or any of the proceedings taken with respect to the issuance and sale thereof or the levy or collection of any taxes to pay the principal of or interest on the Bonds. Such certificate shall also state that there is no litigation pending or threatened against the Board which materially adversely affects the financial condition of the Board.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

The Board has covenanted for the benefit of the Owners of the Bonds, in accordance with the Continuing Disclosure Agreement which shall be delivered in substantially the form attached hereto as Appendix G, to provide financial information on or before June 30 of each year following the end of the Board's fiscal year for which the disclosure is due, commencing with the report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and to provide notice of the occurrence of the enumerated events listed therein, if material for those enumerated events which specify a materiality determination). The Annual Information and each notice of enumerated material events will be filed electronically by United Bank, Charleston, West Virginia as dissemination agent, on behalf of the Board with the Electronic Municipal Markets Access system ("EMMA").

This continuing disclosure obligation is being undertaken to comply with Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule") promulgated by the Securities Exchange Commission. The Board has agreed to give notice in a timely manner to EMMA of any failure to supply the required information. However, any such failure to supply information pursuant to the terms of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement will not constitute a default under the terms of the Bonds or any document executed and delivered in connection therewith. Under the Continuing Disclosure

Agreement, the sole remedy for such failure is to seek an order for specific performance. SEE "APPENDIX G – FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT."

Continuing Disclosure Compliance

In connection with the issuance of the Series 2020 Refunding Bonds, the Board and United Bank, as Disclosure Agent, executed a Continuing Disclosure Agreement dated as November 25, 2020 (the "2020 Disclosure Agreement"). Pursuant to the 2020 Disclosure Agreement, the Board agreed to file its annual audited financial statements with EMMA for purposes of the Rule before June 30 of each year following the end of the Board's fiscal year. The Board also agreed in the 2020 Disclosure Agreement to file notice of the enumerated events listed therein, if material, to EMMA for purposes of the Rule. In the past five years, (i) the Board failed to timely file its annual financial statement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, although the Board did file its annual financial statement for such fiscal year on May 13, 2025, and (ii) the Board failed to timely file its annual financial statements for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2021, June 30, 2022, June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2024, although the Board did file its annual financial statements for such fiscal years on April 23, 2025. The Board has put procedures in place to help ensure that the annual financial statements of the Board are filed with EMMA in a timely fashion as required by the Continuing Disclosure Agreement.

LEGAL MATTERS

All legal matters incident to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds are subject to the approval of Bowles Rice LLP, Charleston, West Virginia, Bond Counsel, whose approving legal opinion will be delivered with such Bonds.

SALE AT COMPETITIVE BIDDING

The Bonds will be offered by the Board at competitive bidding on June 26, 2025 in accordance with the Official Notice of Sale.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the Board as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, included in Appendix A of this Official Statement, have been audited by Independent Auditors to the extent and for the period indicated in their report dated January 14, 2025, and have been included in this Official Statement as public documents. The independent auditors did not review this Official Statement nor perform any procedures relating to the issuance of the Bonds.

RATINGS

Moody's Ratings ("Moody's") and S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") have assigned the Bonds underlying ratings of 'Aa3' and 'A+' (stable outlook), respectively. Concurrently, Moody's has assigned an underlying 'Aa3' issuer's rating to the Board. S&P has also assigned the Bonds a program rating of 'AA-' based in part on (a) the administrative oversight duties of the Bond Commission in its capacity as Paying Agent for the Bonds to determine the annual rates of the tax levy required to make debt service payments on the Bonds, as well as the authority to augment such rates to provide for delinquencies, and (b) the annual blanket appropriation to the Governor of amounts sufficient to meet any deficiencies with regard to amounts received by the Bond Commission to make debt service payments on the Bonds (see "THE BONDS – Debt Administration" herein).

An explanation of the significance of any ratings given by S&P may be obtained from S&P at 55 Water Street, New York, New York 10041. An explanation of the significance of any ratings given by Moody's may be obtained from Moody's at 7 World Trade Center at 250 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10007. Such ratings reflect only the views of such organizations and reference is made to such organizations for the meaning of such ratings. There is no assurance that such ratings will continue for any period of time or that such ratings

will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by the assigning rating agency, if in the judgment of such rating agency, circumstances so warrant. Any downward revision or withdrawal of any such rating may have an adverse effect upon the market price or value of the Bonds.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Crews & Associates, Inc., of Morgantown, West Virginia, and Little Rock, Arkansas, is serving as Financial Advisor to the Board in connection with the issuance of the Bonds to render certain professional services, including advising the Board on a plan of financing relating to the Bonds. The Financial Advisor has not undertaken an independent investigation into the accuracy of the information presented in this Official Statement.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

The information furnished in this Official Statement is set forth for the benefit of prospective purchasers of the $49,870,000 in aggregate principal amount of The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (West Virginia) Public School Bonds, Series 2025. The material contained in the Official Statement was compiled for, and at the direction of, the Board by Crews & Associates, Inc. in its capacity as Financial Advisor.

All statements, estimates, assumptions and summaries of documents in this Official Statement have been made on the basis of the best information available and are believed to be correct and reliable, but no representations whatsoever are made that such statements, estimates, assumptions and summaries of documents are correct or will be realized.

So far as any statements are made in this Official Statement involving matters of opinion, whether or not expressly so stated, they are set forth as such and not as representation of fact. Neither this Official Statement nor any statement which may have been made orally or in writing is to be construed as a contract with the holders of any of the Bonds.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, WEST VIRGINIA

By: /s/ John G. Hudson
Title: Superintendent

APPENDIX A

Audit Report of
Putnam County Board of Education for the
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

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PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

2024

Annual Financial Report

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PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OFFICIALS
JUNE 30, 2024

Office	Name	Term
	Elective	
Board Members:	G. Robert Cunningham	07/01/22 – 06/30/26
	Bruce Knell	07/01/20 – 06/30/24
	Brad Hodges	07/01/22 – 06/30/26
	Wade Neal	07/01/22 – 06/30/26
	Christian Wells	07/01/20 – 06/30/24
	Appointive	
Board President:	G. Robert Cunningham	07/01/22 – 06/30/24
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Members of
Putnam County Board of Education
Winfield, West Virginia

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Putnam County Board of Education, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Putnam County Board of Education's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Putnam County Board of Education, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof for the year ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information for the General Current Expense Fund, the Special Revenue Fund, the Special Revenue ESSERF Fund, the Special Revenue School Activity Fund, the schedule of the district's proportionate share of the net pension liability, the schedule of district contributions to Teachers' Retirement System, the schedule of the district's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability and the schedule of the district contributions to Retiree Health Benefit Trust Fund on pages 6 through 15 and pages 63 through 73 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements.

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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Putnam County Board of Education's basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying other supplementary information of the budgetary comparison information for the Debt Service Fund, the Capital Project Fund, the schedule of changes in School Activity Funds, the schedule of excess levy revenues and expenditures, and the schedule of state grant receipts and expenditures are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are also not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the 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 January 14, 2025, on our consideration of Putnam County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Putnam County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Putnam County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Huntington, West Virginia
January 14, 2025

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Our discussion and analysis of the Putnam County Board of Education's (Board) financial performance provides an overview of the Board's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. Please read this discussion and analysis in conjunction with the Board's basic financial statements, which are presented immediately following this Management's Discussion and Analysis.

Financial Highlights

- The Board's assets plus deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources by approximately $192.0 million *(net position)* at the close of the most recent fiscal year. Of this amount, approximately $26.2 million represents the unrestricted net position.

- The Board's total net position increased by approximately $9.5 million which is primarily the result of an increase in property taxes, unrestricted state aid, and unrestricted earnings.

- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Board's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of approximately $52.6 million, an increase of approximately $4.6 million in comparison with the prior year.

- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the general fund represented a fund balance of approximately $25.6 million.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Board's basic financial statements. The Board's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) district-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

District-wide financial statements - The district-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Board's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *statement of net position* presents information on all of the Board's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflow of resources. Net position is reported as assets plus deferred outflows of resources minus liabilities minus deferred inflows of resources. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Board is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing or related cash flows.* Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

The district-wide financial statements can be found on the pages following this report.

Fund financial statements - A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Board, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Board can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the district-wide financial statements. However, unlike the district-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the district-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the district-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The Board maintains six individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund, the special revenue fund, special revenue school activity fund, special revenue cares act fund, debt service fund, and the capital projects fund, all of which are considered major funds.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the governmental entity. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the district-wide financial statement because the Board cannot use these funds to finance its operations.

The Board uses a custodial fund to account for resources held for student activities and groups. The basic fiduciary fund financial statement can be found on the pages following the basic financial statements.

Notes to the basic financial statements - The notes provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the data provided in the district-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on the pages following the basic financial statements.

District-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Board, assets plus deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources by approximately $192.0 million at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

	2024 Governmental Activities	2023 Governmental Activities	Variance
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Current and other assets	$ 68,521,155	$ 63,104,654	$ 5,416,501
Capital assets	159,504,341	160,080,810	(576,469)
Net OPEB asset - Proportionate share	281,733	-	281,733
ROU Assets	1,209,373	1,780,992	(571,619)
Deferred outflows of resources	7,962,828	2,230,575	5,732,253
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	237,479,430	227,197,031	10,282,399
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION			
Liabilities and deferred inflows of resources:			
Current and other liabilities	$ 15,793,604	$ 18,538,760	$ (2,745,156)
Long-term liabilities outstanding	2,505,000	4,320,000	(1,815,000)
Deferred inflows of resources	2,530,203	3,876,338	(1,346,135)
Net pension liability - Proportionate share	7,233,996	4,185,341	3,048,655
Net pension liability - Board plan	7,515,824	7,842,012	(326,188)
Net other post employment benefit (OPEB) liability - Proportionate share	-	214,293	(214,293)
Net other post employment benefit (OPEB) liability - Dental & Vision	9,926,474	5,758,746	4,167,728
Asset Retirement Obligation (ARO) liability	-	-	-
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	45,505,101	44,735,490	769,611
Net position:			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	155,184,341	150,420,810	4,763,531
Restricted	10,615,192	10,095,445	519,747
Unrestricted	26,174,796	21,945,286	4,229,510
Total net position	191,974,329	182,461,541	9,512,788
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position	$ 237,479,430	$ 227,197,031	$ 10,282,399

The key elements of the increase of the Board's net position for the year ended June 30, 2024 are as follows:

- Current and other assets increased by approximately $5.4 million which primarily represents an increase in cash and cash equivalents and receivables.

- Capital assets decreased by approximately $576 thousand which represents the net amount of depreciation expense in excess of capital assets additions.

- Right of use assets decreased by approximately $571 thousand which represents the amount of amortization expense.

- GASB 68/71 requires the Board to record its proportionate share of the net pension liability, deferred outflows and deferred inflows. The net pension liability increased by approximately $3.0 million, to approximately $7.2 million at June 30. The Boards net pension liability for the Board plan decreased by approximately $326 thousand to $7.5 million. This decrease was due to a change in the actuarial discount rate.

- GASB 75 requires the Board to record its proportionate share of the Net OPEB liability/asset, deferred outflows and deferred inflows. The Net OPEB liability changed by approximately $496 thousand to a Net OPEB asset of approximately $282 thousand at June 30.

- The Net OPEB liability dental & vision increased by approximately $4.2 million to $9.9 million due to a change in the discount interest rate, increased usage by retirees and adding cost trends to the actuarial evaluation.

- Deferred outflows increased by approximately $5.7 million and deferred inflows decreased by approximately $1.3 million.

- Long term liabilities decreased by approximately $1.8 million which was primarily the result of the payments made on the principal of the bond debt and capital lease liabilities.

- The largest portion of the Board's net position (81%) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, furniture and equipment, vehicles), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The Board uses these capital assets to provide services to students; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Board's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

- An additional portion of the Board's net position (6%) represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The majority of the restricted balance is represented by taxes collected for repayment of the bond issue and grant funds received but not spent as of June 30.

- The Board's net position represents cash and other receivable balances and may be used to meet the Board's obligations to students, employees, and creditors and to honor next year's budget. The Board had an unrestricted net position (13%) of approximately $26.2 million.

The Board's net position increased by approximately $9.5 million which is primarily the result of an increase in various revenue sources. The following summarizes the revenue and expense activity for the Board:

	2024 Governmental Activities	2023 Governmental Activities	Variance
Revenues:			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	$ 601,303	$ 703,465	$ (102,162)
Operating grants and contributions	20,869,692	23,652,653	(2,782,961)
Capital grants and contributions	815,640	665,860	149,780
General revenues:			
Property taxes	54,108,691	52,302,172	1,806,519
Unrestricted state aid	66,426,776	52,093,176	14,333,600
Unrestricted investment earnings	3,331,955	2,223,477	1,108,478
Unrestricted grants and contributions	349,211	205,751	143,460
Gain or (loss) on disposal of capital assets	165,253	54,045	111,208
Total revenues	146,668,521	131,900,599	14,767,922
Expenses:			
Instruction	87,299,342	75,735,784	11,563,558
Supporting services:			
Students	7,659,472	6,386,908	1,272,564
Instructional staff	3,581,923	2,976,625	605,298
General administration	1,693,529	1,654,066	39,463
School administration	7,870,905	6,588,868	1,282,037
Central services	2,918,910	2,810,915	107,995
Operation and maintenance of facilities	9,152,907	7,188,857	1,964,050
Student transportation	9,356,010	7,714,601	1,641,409
Other	14,083	13,551	532
Total supporting services	42,247,739	35,334,391	6,913,348
Food services	7,237,533	6,178,188	1,059,345
Community services	260,045	260,045	-
Interest on long-term debt	111,074	88,894	22,180
Total expenses	137,155,733	117,597,302	19,558,431
Change in net position before transfers	9,512,788	14,303,297	(4,790,509)
Transfers	-	-	-
Change in net position	9,512,788	14,303,297	(4,790,509)
Net position - Beginning	182,461,541	166,114,531	16,347,010
Restatement	-	2,043,713	(2,043,713)
Net position - Ending	$ 191,974,329	$ 182,461,541	$ 9,512,788

The key elements of the increase of the Board's revenues and expenses for the year ended June 30, 2024 are as follows:

- Operating grants and contributions decreased by approximately $2.7 million which was primarily the result of a decrease in various state and federal grants.

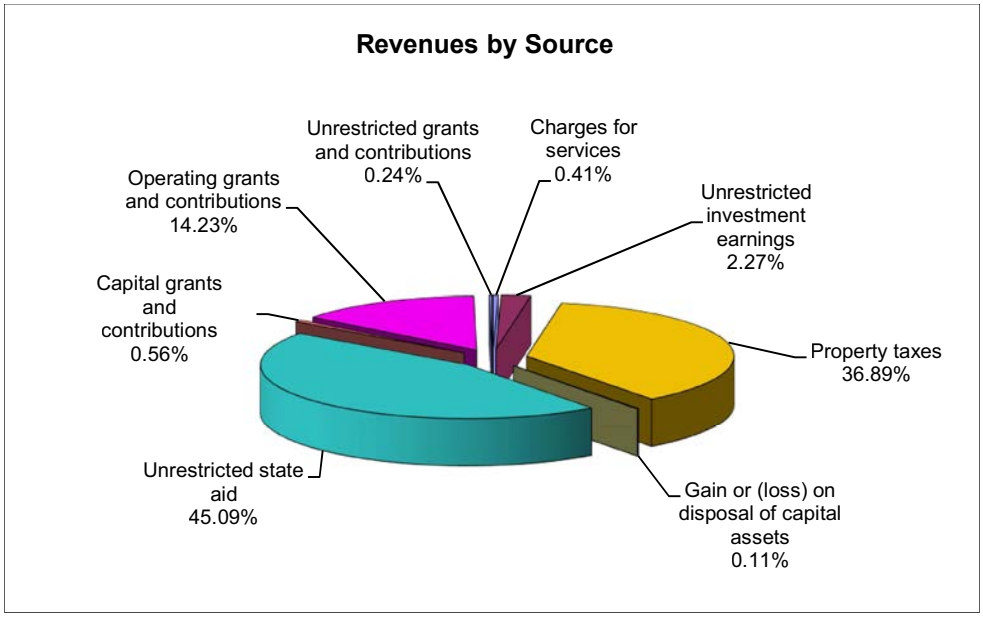
- Property tax revenue increased by approximately $1.8 million which was primarily the result of the increase in assessed valuations.

- Unrestricted state aid increased by approximately $14.3 million which was primarily the result of the increase in state aid grants and related GASB 68/75 entries and due to a statewide salary raise.

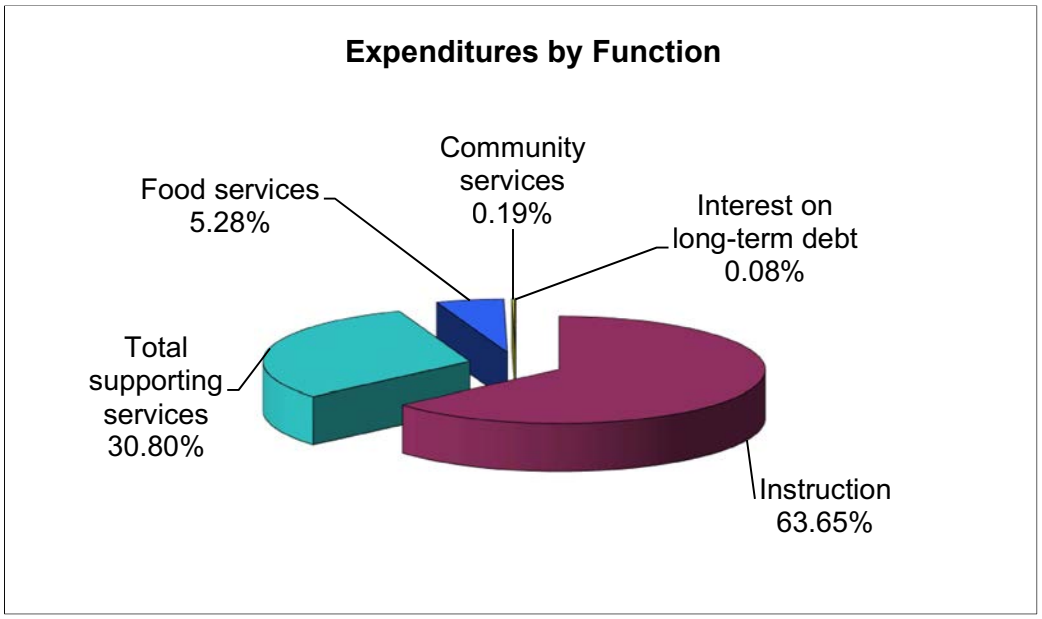
- Unrestricted investment earnings increased by approximately $1.1 million which was primarily the result of increased interest rates.

- Overall expenses increased by approximately $19.6 million primarily as a result of the increase in instruction expenses and a statewide raise.

The following chart shows the Board's revenues for fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 by source:



The following chart shows the Board's expenditures for fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 by function:



Financial Analysis of the Board's Funds

As noted earlier, the School Board uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds. The focus of the Board's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Board's financing requirements. In particular, *unassigned fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year. As the Board completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of approximately $52.6 million. The net change in fund balance was an increase of approximately $4.6 which was primarily due to the increase in property tax revenue and other local sources.

In addition, the following other changes in fund balances should be noted as the Board's total restricted fund balance was approximately $10.6 million, committed fund balance was approximately $80 thousand, and assigned fund balance of approximately $16.0 million.

Governmental funds report the differences between their assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows as fund balance, which is divided into nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned portions. Nonspendable, restricted, committed, and assigned indicate the portion of the Board's fund balances that are not available for appropriation. The unassigned fund balance is available expendable financial resources in governmental funds. The Board had an unassigned fund balance of approximately $25.6 million.

The Board had six major funds for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. Those funds are the General Current Expense Fund, Special Revenue Fund, Special Revenue School Activity Fund, Special Revenue Cares Act Fund, Debt Service Fund, and Capital Projects Fund.

General Current Expense Fund

This is the principal operation fund which accounts for all financial resources of the Board except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The fund balance increased from approximately $37.8 million to $41.9 million during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. This increase of approximately $4.1 million was due primarily to the increase in property tax revenue and other local sources.

Special Revenue Fund

This is an operating fund of the Board and accounts for all revenues and expenditures attributable to state and federal grants and other revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes. The fund balance increased from approximately $2.0 million to $2.8 million during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. This increase of approximately $765 thousand was due primarily to the timing of State grants received in advance of disbursement.

Special Revenue School Activity Fund

This is a separate special revenue fund to account for the financial resources received and held by each school to support co-curricular and extracurricular student activities in which the Board has administrative involvement. The fund balance increased from approximately $3.4 million, to approximately $3.5 million during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The increase of approximately $100 thousand is due to the normal activity of the individual schools.

Special Revenue Federal Stimulus and Stabilization Fund

This is a separate special revenue fund to account for all revenue and expenditures attributable to funds received as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act, and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, which are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes. The fund balance remained at $0 as the Board received and expended the same amount.

Debt Service Fund

This is a separate fund used to account for the accumulated resources, and the payment of, general long-term debt, principal, and interest. The fund balance increased from approximately $3.9 million to $4.5 million during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. This increase of approximately $567 thousand was due primarily to the tax revenues received in excess of principal and interest payments.

Capital Projects Fund

This is a separate fund used to account for all financial resources used to acquire or construct specific major capital facilities other than by the sale of bonds or the reservation of monies in a permanent improvement fund. The fund balance decreased from approximately $951 thousand to $26 thousand during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. This decrease of approximately $925 thousand was due to the spend down of construction funds.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

During the year, the Board revised the budget. Budget amendments were to reflect changes in programs and related funding. The difference between the original budget and the final amended budget was an increase of approximately $26.1 million or twenty percent in total general fund expenditures. The most significant differences are related to budget carryover transactions and retirement payments made by the State on behalf of the Board.

Capital Asset, Right-of-Use Assets, and Debt Administration

Capital assets - The Board's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2024, amounts to approximately $159.5 million (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, and vehicles. The total decrease in the Board's investment in capital assets for the current fiscal year was approximately $576 thousand.

Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included the following:

- Construction in process increased by approximately $2.9 for the Poca High School SBA MIP project for a STEM Lab/Media Center, gym roof replacement at Poca High School, and various playground equipment projects put into service as of June 30, 2024.

- The Board purchased approximately $2.3 million in furniture and equipment.

	2024 Governmental Activities	2023 Governmental Activities	Variance
Land	$ 6,594,001	$ 6,594,001	$ -
Land improvements	1,687,290	1,696,866	(9,576)
Buildings and improvements	134,752,467	136,724,854	(1,972,387)
Furniture and equipment	9,160,395	10,182,617	(1,022,222)
Vehicles	3,956,861	4,396,681	(439,820)
Construction in process	3,353,327	485,791	2,867,536
Total capital assets	$ 159,504,341	$ 160,080,810	$ (576,469)

Additional information on the Board's capital assets can be found in notes to the basic financial statements.

Right-of-Use assets - The Board's investment in Right-of-use assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2024, amounts to approximately $1.2 million (net of accumulated amortization). This investment in right-of-use assets are primarily SBITAs for etext books. The total decrease in the Board's investment in right-of-use assets for the current fiscal year was approximately $572 thousand. There was no liability for these SBITAs as they had been paid in full.

Major right-of-use asset events during the current fiscal year included the following:

	2024 Governmental Activities	2023 Governmental Activities	Variance
Land	$ -	$ -	$ -
Buildings	-	-	-
Furniture and equipment	-	-	-
Vehicles	-	-	-
SBITAs	1,209,373	1,780,992	(571,619)
Total right-of-use-assets	$ 1,209,373	$ 1,780,992	$ (571,619)

Additional information on the Board's right-of-use assets can be found in the notes to the basic financial statements.

Long-term debt and other liabilities. At the end of the current fiscal year, the Board had the following long-term debt liabilities:

	2024 Governmental Activities	2023 Governmental Activities	Variance
General obligation bonds	$ 1,450,000	$ 6,430,000	$ (4,980,000)
Finance Lease obligations	2,870,000	3,230,000	(360,000)
SBITA obligations	-	-	-
Compensated absences	672,031	610,586	61,445
Net pension liability - proportionate share	7,233,996	4,185,341	3,048,655
Net pension liability- Board plan	7,515,824	7,842,012	(326,188)
Net OPEB liability (asset)- proportionate share	(281,733)	214,293	(496,026)
Net OPEB liability - dental & vision	9,926,474	5,758,746	4,167,728
Asset retirement obligation	-	-	-
Total debt outstanding	$ 29,386,592	$ 28,270,978	$ 1,115,614

The Board had bonded debt in the amount of approximately $1.5 million. The debt was issued or the purpose of constructing three new schools and additions/renovations at five other schools. The decrease in the general obligation bonds was a result of the 2024 bond principle payments.

The Boards outstanding finance lease obligation was approximately $2.9 million, a decrease of approximately $360 thousand. The decrease was due to the principal payments made during the fiscal year.

In addition to participating in the State of West Virginia Teachers Retirement System, the Board has a single-employer defined benefit plan. This plan provides certain benefits to retirees of the Board who were hired prior to July 1, 1990. These benefits are paid based upon a calculation which includes years of service up until death of the retiree. The obligation for this liability was approximately $7.5 million at June 30, 2024. This decrease was due to the normal activity of the plan.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*, Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 68* requires the Board to record its portion of the net pension liability. The Boards proportionate share of the net pension liability increased by approximately $3.0 million to approximately $7.2 million as of June 30.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Other Post Employment Benefits* requires the Board to record its portion of the net OPEB liability. The Boards proportionate share of the net OPEB liability changed by approximately $496 thousand to a Net OPEB Asset of approximately $282 thousand as of June 30.

The Board also has a net OPEB liability for its dental and vision plan in the amount of $9.9 million. This liability increased by approximately $4.2 million due to an update of actuarial assumptions and the costs of the dental and vision to the Board.

Additional information on the Board's long-term debt can be found in notes to the basic financial statements.

Factors Bearing on the Board's Future

At the time these financial statements were prepared and audited, the Board was aware of circumstances that could significantly affect its financial health in the future:

- As disclosed in the notes to the financial statements, these financials include the June 30, 2023 adjustments for the Medicaid Cost Report settlement. The financials do not reflect any adjustments for the June 30, 2024 adjustments for the Medicaid Cost Report settlement.

- The final payment of the 2009 bond will be made in May 2025.

Contacting the Board's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens and taxpayers with a general overview of the Board's finances and to demonstrate the Board's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Board Office at 77 Courthouse Drive, Winfield, West Virginia 25213.

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

		Governmental Activities
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$	58,474,349
Investments		-
Inventory		-
Taxes receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible taxes		2,670,351
Deposit with Retirement Board		-
Food service receivable		716,631
Lease receivable		-
Other receivables		209,106
Prepaid Workers' Compensation		247,364
Other prepaid expenses		-
Due from other governments:		
State aid receivable		495,641
PEIA allocation receivable		1,875,930
Reimbursements receivable		3,831,783
Capital Assets:		
Land		6,594,001
Land improvements		10,838,297
Buildings and improvements		177,239,840
Furniture and equipment		23,628,615
Vehicles		14,288,372
Construction in process		3,353,327
Less accumulated depreciation		(76,438,111)
Total capital assets, net of depreciation		159,504,341
Right-of-Use Assets:		
Land		-
Buildings		-
Equipment		-
Vehicles		-
Subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs)		3,607,768
Less accumulated amortization		(2,398,395)
Total ROU assets, net of amortization		1,209,373
Net other post employment benefit (OPEB) asset - Proportionate share		281,733
Total assets		229,516,602
Deferred outflows of resources:		
Pension		3,618,476
Other post employment benefit (OPEB)		264,117
Other post employment benefit (OPEB) - dental & vision benefits		4,080,235
Total deferred outflows of resources		7,962,828
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	$	237,479,430
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION		
Liabilities:		
Salaries payable and related payroll liabilities	$	9,913,911
PEIA premiums payable		2,709,208
Compensated absences		672,031
Accounts payable		647,453
Other post employment benefit payable		-
Unearned revenue		13,242
Long-term obligations:		
Due within one year:		
Bonds and contracts		1,450,000
Accrued interest		22,759
Finance lease obligation		365,000
Finance lease liability		-
Financed purchases and other		-
SBITA liability		-
Due beyond one year:		
Bonds and contracts		-
Finance lease obligation		2,505,000
Finance lease liability		-
Financed purchases and other		-
SBITA liability		-
Asset retirement obligation (ARO) liability		-
Net pension liability - Proportionate Share		7,233,996
Net pension liability - Board Plan		7,515,824
Net other post employment benefit (OPEB) liability - Proportionate Share		-
Net other post employment benefit (OPEB) liability - Dental & Vision		9,926,474
Total liabilities		42,974,898
Deferred inflows of resources:		
Pension		1,136,769
Other post employment benefit (OPEB)		380,025
Other post employment benefit (OPEB) - dental & vision benefits		1,013,409
Total deferred inflows of resources		2,530,203
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	$	45,505,101
Net Position:		
Net Investment in Capital Assets		155,184,341
Restricted for:		
Debt service		4,478,571
Special projects		6,110,558
Capital projects		26,063
Unrestricted		26,174,796
Total net position	$	191,974,329

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PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Functions	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense), Revenue & Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:					
Instruction	$ 87,299,342	$ 405,207	$ 15,313,509	$ 549,643	$ (71,030,983)
Supporting services:					
Students	7,659,472	35,552	19,678	48,225	(7,556,017)
Instructional staff	3,581,923	16,626	9,202	22,552	(3,533,543)
General administration	1,693,529	7,861	4,351	10,663	(1,670,654)
School administration	7,870,905	36,533	20,221	49,556	(7,764,595)
Central services	2,918,910	13,548	7,499	18,378	(2,879,485)
Operation and maintenance of facilities	9,152,907	42,484	23,515	57,628	(9,029,280)
Student transportation	9,356,010	43,427	24,037	58,906	(9,229,640)
Other support services	14,083	65	36	89	(13,893)
Food services	7,237,533	-	5,447,644	-	(1,789,889)
Community services	260,045	-	-	-	(260,045)
Interest on long-term debt/finance leases	111,074	-	-	-	(111,074)
Total governmental activities	137,155,733	601,303	20,869,692	815,640	(114,869,098)
General revenues:					
Property taxes					54,108,691
Unrestricted state aid					66,426,776
Unrestricted investment earnings					3,331,955
Unrestricted grants and contributions					349,211
Extraordinary item - other post employment benefits					-
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets					165,253
Gain (loss) on termination of ROU assets					-
Transfers in					5,860,197
Transfers (out)					(5,860,197)
Total general revenues, extraordinary items and transfers					124,381,886
Change in net position					9,512,788
Net position - beginning					182,461,541
Net position - ending					$ 191,974,329

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PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

JUNE 30, 2024

	General Current Expense	Special Revenue Fund	Special Revenue School Activity Fund	Special Revenue ESSERF Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES							
Assets:							
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 49,588,712	$ 973,398	$ 3,475,274	$ -	$ 4,403,922	$ 33,043	$ 58,474,349
Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Taxes receivable, net	2,398,891	-	-	-	271,460	-	2,670,351
Deposit with Retirement Board	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prepaid Insurance	247,364	-	-	-	-	-	247,364
Food service receivable, net	-	716,631	-	-	-	-	716,631
Lease Receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other receivables	209,106	-	-	-	-	-	209,106
Due from other governments:							
State aid receivable	495,641	-	-	-	-	-	495,641
PEIA allocation receivable	1,875,930	-	-	-	-	-	1,875,930
Reimbursements receivable	515,868	1,840,368	-	1,475,547	-	-	3,831,783
Due from other funds	1,444,784	-	-	-	-	-	1,444,784
Total assets	56,776,296	3,530,397	3,475,274	1,475,547	4,675,382	33,043	69,965,939
Deferred outflows of resources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS PLUS DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	$ 56,776,296	$ 3,530,397	$ 3,475,274	$ 1,475,547	$ 4,675,382	$ 33,043	$ 69,965,939
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES							
Liabilities:							
Salaries payable and related payroll liabilities	$ 9,766,695	$ 124,098	$ -	$ 23,118	$ -	$ -	$ 9,913,911
Other post employment benefits payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PEIA premiums payable	2,709,208	-	-	-	-	-	2,709,208
Accounts payable & Payable to others	593,255	39,574	-	7,645	-	6,980	647,454
Due to other fiscal agents	-	-	-	-	-		-
Due to other funds	-	-	-	1,444,784	-	-	1,444,784
Unearned Revenue	-	13,242					13,242
Total liabilities	13,069,158	176,914	-	1,475,547	-	6,980	14,728,599
Deferred inflows of resources	1,851,834	603,898	-	-	196,811	-	2,652,543
Total deferred inflows of resources	1,851,834	603,898	-	-	196,811	-	2,652,543
Fund Balances:							
Nonspendable	247,364	-	-	-	-	-	247,364
Restricted	-	2,635,284	3,475,274	-	4,478,571	26,063	10,615,192
Committed	80,000	-	-	-	-	-	80,000
Assigned	15,932,653	114,301	-	-	-	-	16,046,954
Unassigned	25,595,287	-	-	-	-	-	25,595,287
Total fund balances	41,855,304	2,749,585	3,475,274	-	4,478,571	26,063	52,584,797
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	$ 56,776,296	$ 3,530,397	$ 3,475,274	$ 1,475,547	$ 4,675,382	$ 33,043	$ 69,965,939

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PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

Total governmental fund balance	$ 52,584,797
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position differ due to:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	159,504,341
Right-of-use assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	1,209,373
Other deferred charges are not reported in the funds	130,564
Property taxes receivable and food service billings receivable will be collected this year but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures, and are therefore deferred in the funds	2,521,980
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB are	
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	3,618,476
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	(1,136,769)
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	264,117
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	(380,025)
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB - Dental & Vision	4,080,235
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB - Dental & Vision	(1,013,409)
Some liabilities, including net pension and OPEB obligations, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	
Bonds payable, due within one year	(1,450,000)
Bonds payable, due beyond one year	-
Unamortized bond premium	-
Accrued interest on bonds	(22,759)
Accrued sick leave payable	-
Compensated absences	(672,031)
Net pension liability - proportionate share	(7,233,996)
Net OPEB liability - proportionate share	281,733
Net pension liability - proportionate share Board Plan	(7,515,824)
Net OPEB liability - proportionate share Dental & Vision	(9,926,474)
Asset Retirement Obligation (ARO) Liability	-
Finance lease liability, due within one year	(365,000)
Finance lease liability, due beyond one year	(2,505,000)
Financed purchases and other, due within one year	-
Financed purchases and other, due beyond one year	-
SBITA liability, due within one year	-
SBITA liability, due beyond one year	-
Net position of governmental activities	$ 191,974,329

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PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	General Current Expense	Special Revenue	Special Revenue School Activity Fund	Special Revenue ESSERF	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental
Revenues:							
Property taxes	$ 49,086,807	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 5,298,993	$ -	$ 54,385,800
Other Local sources	3,009,384	925,891	3,486,200	-	324,032	-	7,745,507
State sources	71,667,644	2,573,883	-	-	-	815,640	75,057,167
Federal sources	601,304	9,541,104	181,554	4,157,105	-	-	14,481,067
Miscellaneous sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	124,365,139	13,040,878	3,667,754	4,157,105	5,623,025	815,640	151,669,541
Expenditures:							
Instruction	72,072,033	6,031,952	3,515,752	2,526,707	-	-	84,146,444
Supporting services:							
Students	6,971,156	429,428	-	620,798	-	-	8,021,382
Instructional staff	2,869,606	606,051	-	191,673	-	-	3,667,330
General administration	1,716,969	-	-	-	-	-	1,716,969
School administration	8,051,286	117,408	-	125,694	-	-	8,294,388
Central Services	3,010,868	2,040	-	40,711	-	-	3,053,619
Operation and maintenance of facilities	12,451,531	-	-	13,628	-	179,940	12,645,099
Student transportation	9,466,013	16,114	-	82,083	-	-	9,564,210
Other support services	11,742	-	-	-	-	-	11,742
Food services	322,210	7,057,890	-	-	-	-	7,380,100
Community services	260,045	-	-	-	-	-	260,045
Capital outlay	759,733	46,125	-	102,537	-	2,090,491	2,998,886
Debt service:							
Principal retirement	-	-	-	-	4,980,000	-	4,980,000
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	-	76,093	-	76,093
Finance Leases:							
Principal payment expense	360,000	-	-	-	-	-	360,000
Interest Expense	46,777	-	-	-	-	-	46,777
SBITAs:							
Principal payment expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	118,369,969	14,307,008	3,515,752	3,703,831	5,056,093	2,270,431	147,223,084
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	5,995,170	(1,266,130)	152,002	453,274	566,932	(1,454,791)	4,446,457
Other financing sources (uses):							
Proceeds from disposal of real or personal property	165,252	30	-	-	-	-	165,282
Proceeds from the sale of bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Premium on sale of bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from finance lease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from financed purchases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from SBITAs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	1,758,994	2,631,933	472,404	-	-	996,866	5,860,197
Transfers (out)	(3,815,670)	(599,951)	(524,572)	(453,274)	-	(466,730)	(5,860,197)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(1,891,424)	2,032,012	(52,168)	(453,274)	-	530,136	165,282
Net change in fund balances	4,103,746	765,882	99,834	-	566,932	(924,655)	4,611,739
Fund balances - beginning	37,751,558	1,983,703	3,375,440	-	3,911,639	950,718	47,973,058
Fund balances - ending	$ 41,855,304	$ 2,749,585	$ 3,475,274	$ -	$ 4,478,571	$ 26,063	$ 52,584,797

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

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,

EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	$ 4,611,739
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different due to:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of net position, the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. The effect on net position is the amount by which capital outlays exceed depreciation in the current period.	
Depreciation expense	(7,206,256)
Capital outlays	7,390,510
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of net position, the cost of SBITA assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as amortization expense. The effect on net position is the amount by which capital outlays exceed amortization in the current period.	
Amortization expense	(571,619)
Capital outlays	-
Certain receivables will be collected this year but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures. This is the amount by which such receivables increased (decreased).	
Property taxes receivable	191,123
Operating Grants and Contributions	(116,556)
A portion of the change in fund balances is the proceeds from SBITAs. Those proceeds are not considered revenue items for the purpose of this statement.	361,608
The repayment of the principal of long-term debt (e.g., bonds, leases) consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. However, such repayment has no effect on net position.	4,980,000
Differences in the cost and accumulated depreciation on disposed capital assets are reported as a loss and reduction in net position in the statement of activities.	
Cost of assets disposed	(1,197,970)
Accumulated depreciation of assets disposed	437,247
Differences in the ROU asset and accumulated amortization on ROU asset terminated	
Compensated absences are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position, but are only reported in government funds to the extent they have matured. This is the amount by which compensated absences (increased)/decreased.	
Accrued vacation payable	(61,445)
Interest on long-term debt in the statement of activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recognized as an expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the statement of activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due.	11,796
Governmental funds report district pension contributions as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as pension expense	
District pension contributions	(2,254)
Cost of benefits earned net of employee contributions	(182,871)
Governmental funds report district OPEB contributions as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of OPEB benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as OPEB expense	
District OPEB contributions	74,246
Cost of benefits earned net of employee contributions	852,096
District OPEB contributions - dental & vision	1,555,346
Cost of benefits earned net of employee contributions - dental & vision	(2,300,140)
Governmental funds report district pension contributions as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as pension expense - board plan	
District pension contributions	677,031
Cost of benefits earned net of employee contributions	(350,843)
Finance Lease payables are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position, but are only reported in government funds to the extent they have matured. This is the amount by which finance lease payables decreased.	360,000
Financed purchases are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position, but are only reported in government funds to the extent they have matured. This is the amount by which financed purchases decreased.	-
SBITA payables are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position, but are only reported in government funds to the extent they have matured. This is the amount by which SBITA payables decreased.	-
Change in net position of governmental activities	$ 9,512,788

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

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to local government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

A. Reporting Entity:

The Putnam County Board of Education (School Board) is a corporation created under the authority of West Virginia Code §18-5-1 et seq. and is composed of five members nominated and elected by the voters of the county for four-year terms. The Board is responsible for the supervision and control of the county school district and has the authority, subject to State statutes and the rules and regulations of the State Board, to control and manage all the non-charter public schools and school interests in the county.

GASB Statement 14 (as amended by GASB Statement Number 39) establishes the criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and the component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under the provisions of this statement, the School Board is considered to be a primary government, since it is a separate legal entity, has its own elected governing body, and is fiscally independent of other local governments. The School Board has no component units, defined by GASB Statement 14 (as amended by GASB Statement Number 39) as other legally separate organizations for which the elected board members are financially accountable.

B. District-wide and Fund Financial Statements:

The ***district-wide financial statements*** (the statement of net position and the statement of activities) display information about the School Board as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary fund activities. Fiduciary funds are reported only in the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position at the fund financial statement level.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the school district's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function.

Depreciation expenses and amortization expenses for capital assets and right-of-use assets, respectively, that can be specifically identified with a function are included in its direct expenses. Depreciation and amortization expense for "shared" capital assets (such as a school building that may be used for instructional services, student and instructional staff support services, school administration, and child nutrition services) and right-of-use assets are distributed proportionally among the various functions. Indirect expense allocations that have been made in the funds have been reversed for the statement of activities. Interest on general long-term debt liabilities is considered an indirect expense and is reported in the Statement of Activities as a separate line.

Program revenues include: grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function, restricted state aid, tuition, and other fees and charges paid by students. Revenues that are not considered as program revenues are classified as general revenue and include property taxes, unrestricted state aid, unrestricted investment earnings, gain on sale of capital assets, and federal and state grants not restricted to a specific purpose.

The ***fund financial statements*** provide information about the individual funds maintained by the School Board. All funds maintained by the school district are considered to be major funds for reporting purposes and are discretely presented in the accompanying financial statements.

The funds maintained by the Board are:

General Current Expense Fund: The General Current Expense Fund is the operating fund of the Board and accounts for all revenues and expenditures not encompassed within other funds. All general tax revenues and other receipts that are not allocated by law or contractual agreement to other funds are accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures and the capital improvement costs that are not paid through other funds are paid from the General Current Expense Fund.

Special Revenue Fund: The Special Revenue Fund is an operating fund of the Board and accounts for all revenues and expenditures attributable to state and federal grants and other revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditure for specific purposes.

Special Revenue Fund: Federal Stimulus and Stabilization Fund – A governmental fund type used to account for the financial resources of LEAs, MCVCs, and ESCs received through the federal government; most notably in regard to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act, and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act.

Special Revenue Fund: School Activity Fund – A governmental fund type used to account for the financial resources received and held by each school to support co-curricular and extra-curricular student activities.

Debt Service Fund: The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the resources accumulated and payments made for principal, interest, and related costs on general obligation bonds issued by the Board for the acquisition of capital assets.

Capital Projects Funds: Capital Projects Funds are used to account for all resources used for the acquisition of capital facilities by the Board. These funds can include: a bond construction fund, used to account for the proceeds from the issuance of general obligation bonds; a permanent improvement fund established under the authority of West Virginia Code §18-9B-14 to account for the proceeds of resources used for the support of various building and permanent improvement projects, and; one or more capital projects funds used to account for the resources used in the construction of a specific capital facility.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting:

The ***district-wide statements*** (Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) were prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the full 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 flows are received. Revenues and expenses resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place; revenues and expenses resulting from non-exchange transactions, such as property taxes, federal and state grants, state aid to schools, and donations, are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement 33. Property taxes are recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied; state aid to schools is recognized in the year for which the legislative appropriation is made; and grants and donations are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

The ***governmental fund financial statements*** were prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The Board considers all revenues available if they are collected within 30/60 days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded generally when the related fund liability is incurred, except for unmatured principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under finance leases and financed purchases are reported as other financing resources.

Custodial funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not present results of operations or have a measurement focus. Custodial funds are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. These funds are used to account for assets that the School Board holds for others in a custodial capacity.

D. Encumbrances:

Encumbrance accounting is employed in governmental funds. Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is employed as an extension of the formal budgetary process. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end are reported in the appropriate fund balance category (restricted, committed or assigned) since they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities because the commitments will be honored during the subsequent year.

E. Cash and Investments:

Cash on hand and deposits with banking institutions either in checking or savings accounts or other highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less are presented as cash in the accompanying financial statements.

Boards of education are authorized by statute to provide excess funds to either the State Consolidated Investment Pool or the West Virginia Municipal Bond Commission (MBC) for investment purposes, or to invest such funds in the following classes of securities: obligations of the United States or any agency thereof; certificates of deposit; and repurchase agreements. Funds of the School Board are temporarily invested by the West Virginia Municipal Bond Commission specifically on behalf of the School Board as part of the Commission's consolidated investment pool. Deposits with the State Consolidated Investment Pool are held by the West Virginia Board of Treasury Investments (BTI). The deposits with the MBC are held for debt service requirements of the School Board. The deposits with the BTI and MBC are not separately identifiable as to specific types of securities. Investment income is prorated to the School Board at rates specified by the BTI and MBC. The amounts on deposit are available for immediate withdrawal and, accordingly, are presented as cash and cash equivalents in the accompanying basic financial statements. These investments are considered cash and cash equivalents due to their liquid nature. The BTI is directed by the State Treasurer to invest the funds in specific external investment pools in accordance with West Virginia code, policies set by the BTI, and by provisions of bond indentures and trust agreements, when applicable. Balances in the investment pools are recorded at fair value or amortized cost which approximates fair value. Fair value is determined by a third-party pricing service based on asset portfolio pricing models and other sources, in accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools. The BTI was established by the State Legislature and is subject to oversight by the State Legislature.

All deposit accounts and investments of the School Board at June 30, 2024 consisted of the following:

	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value	Bank Balance
State Investment Pool	$ 38,332,293	$ 38,332,293	$ 38,332,293
Municipal Bond Commission	4,403,922	4,403,922	4,403,922
Deposits with financial institutions - Individual Schools	3,475,274	3,475,274	3,688,934
Deposits with financial institutions - Board of Education	12,262,860	12,262,860	14,852,410
Total Investments	$ 58,474,349	$ 58,474,349	$ 61,277,559

Deposits with financial institutions were entirely covered by federal deposit insurance or secured by adequate bond or other securities held by the banking institution in the School Board's name. Custodian credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the School Board's deposits may not be returned to it. The School Board has limited its custodial credit risk by assuring that these deposits with financial institutions are adequately collateralized.

Cash on deposit with the MBC is held by the BTI in the West Virginia Government Money Market Pool and is subject to the following BTI policies and limits.

Investments and Deposits

The BTI has adopted an investment policy in accordance with the "Uniform Prudent Investor Act." The "prudent investor rule" guides those with responsibility for investing the money for others. Such fiduciaries must act as a prudent person would be expected to act, with discretion and intelligence, to seek reasonable income, preserve capital, and, in general, avoid speculative investments. The BTI's investment policy is to invest assets in a manner that strives for maximum safety, provides adequate liquidity to meet all operating requirements, and achieves the highest possible investment return consistent with the primary objectives of safety and liquidity. The BTI recognizes that risk, volatility, and the possibility of loss in purchasing power are present to some degree in all types of investments. Due to the short-term nature of the Consolidated Fund, the BTI believes that it is imperative to review and adjust the investment policy in reaction to interest rate market fluctuations/trends on a regular basis and has adopted a formal review schedule. Investment policies have been established for each investment pool and account of the Consolidated Fund.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. Two of the BTI's pools, the WV Money Market and WV Government Money Market Pools, have been rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's. A fund rated AAAm has extremely strong capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit, market, and/or liquidity risks. AAAm is the highest principal stability fund rating assigned by Standard & Poor's. Neither the BTI itself nor any other Consolidated Fund pool or account has been rated for credit risk by any organization. Of the Consolidated Fund pools and accounts, six are subject to credit risk: WV Money Market Pool, WV Government Money Market Pool, WV Short Term Bond Pool, WV Bank Pool, Loan Pool, and School Fund Account.

The BTI limits the exposure to credit risk in the WV Government Money Market Pool by limiting the Pool to U.S. Treasury issues, U.S. government agency issues, money market funds investing in U.S. Treasury issues and U.S. government agency issues, and repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury issues and U.S. government agency issues. The following table provides information on the credit ratings of the WV Government Money Market Pool's investments (in thousands):

Security Type	Rating	Carrying Value (in Thousands)	Percent of Pool Assets
U.S. Treasury notes*	AA+	$ 59,829	12.56%
U.S. Treasury bills*	A-1+	253,430	53.22
U.S. agency bonds and notes	AA+	31,000	6.51
Money market funds	AAAm	215	0.05
Repurchase agreements (underlying securities):			
U.S. Treasury bonds and notes*	AA+	105,000	22.05
U.S. Agency bonds and notes	AA+	26,700	5.61
		$ 476,174	100.00%

* U.S. Treasury issues are explicitly guaranteed by the United States government and are not considered to have credit risk.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. All Consolidated Fund pools and accounts are subject to interest rate risk.

The overall weighted average maturity of the investments of the WV Government Money Market Pool cannot exceed 60 days. Maximum maturity of individual securities cannot exceed 397 days from date of purchase, except for government floating rate notes, which can be up to 762 days. The following table provides information on the weighted average maturities for the various asset types in the WV Government Money Market Pool:

Security Type	Carrying Value (In Thousands)	WAM (Days)
U.S. Treasury notes	$ 59,829	15
U.S. Treasury bills	253,430	77
U.S. agency bonds and notes	31,000	3
Repurchase agreements	131,700	3
Money market funds	215	3
	$ 476,174	44

Other Risks of Investing

Other risks of investing can include concentration of credit risk, custodial credit risk, and foreign currency risk.

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a Consolidated Fund pool or account's investment in a single corporate issuer. The BTI investment policy prohibits those pools and accounts permitted to hold corporate securities from investing more than 5% of their assets in any one corporate name or one corporate issue.

The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the BTI will not be able to recover the value of investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Repurchase agreements are required to be collateralized by at least 102% of their value, and the collateral is held in the name of the BTI. The BTI or its agent does not release cash or securities until the counterparty delivers its side of the transaction. Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment or a deposit. None of the Consolidated Fund's investment pools or accounts holds interests in foreign currency or interests valued in foreign currency.

Deposits

Custodial credit risk of deposits is the risk that in the event of failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Deposits include nonnegotiable certificates of deposit. The WV Term Deposit Account contains term deposit accounts value at approximately $40,318,000. The BTI does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk.

F. Food Service Receivables:

The accounts receivable for the Food Service Program has been reduced by $956,514 for uncollectible accounts. The allowance for uncollectible accounts was calculated based upon historical data maintained by the Board.

Year	Accounts Receivable	Uncollectible Accounts	Net Receivable
FY10 and prior	$ 634,586	$ 634,586	$ -
FY11 and after	946,848	321,928	624,920
Total	1,581,434	956,514	624,920
Federal food service receivable	91,711	-	91,711
Total	$ 1,673,145	$ 956,514	$ 716,631

G. Interfund Receivables and Payables:

Activities between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the non-current portion of interfund loans).

Advances between funds, as reported in the fund financial statements, are offset by a fund balance reserve account in applicable governmental funds to indicate that they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources.

H. Inventories:

The Board considers inventories of materials and supplies expended at the time of purchase; therefore, they do not appear in the Board's financial statements.

I. Prepaid Items:

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

J. Capital Assets:

Capital assets, which include land, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, and vehicles are reported in the district-wide financial statements. The board defines capital assets as assets with an initial, individual cost of $5,000 or more for land, furniture, vehicles, and equipment and $100,000 for buildings and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair value at the date of donation. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase is not capitalized.

Buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, and vehicles of the Board are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Assets	Years
Buildings	80
Site Improvements	20 - 35
Furniture and Equipment	5 - 20
Vehicles	8 - 12

K. Right-of-Use Assets

Right-of-use assets, which include land, buildings, equipment, vehicles, and subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) are reported in the district-wide financial statements.

The School Board defines lease right-of-use assets (land, buildings, equipment, and vehicles) as the right to occupy, operate, or hold a leased asset during the rental period. This rental period must be for greater than 12 months including any option to renew if it is reasonably certain, based on all relevant factors, that the School Board will exercise that option. These assets do not include any lease contracts that transfer ownership at the end of the lease.

Lease Right-of-use assets are recorded at the present value of the payments expected to be made during the lease term, including any lease payments made to the lessor at or before the commencement of the lease term, less any lease incentives. Initial direct costs that are necessary to place the lease asset into service are also included.

Lease Right-of-use assets (Land, buildings, equipment, and vehicles) of the School Board are amortized using the straight-line method over the shorter period of the lease term or the useful life of the asset.

The School Board defines SBITA right-of-use assets as a contract that grants the right to use IT software for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. This subscription period must be for greater than 12 months including any option to renew if it is reasonably certain, based on all relevant factors, that the School Board will exercise that option.

SBITA Right-of-use assets are recorded at the present value of the payments expected to be made during the subscription term, including any payments made to the vendor at or before the commencement of the subscription term (less any incentives), and capitalizable initial implementation costs.

SBITA Right-of-use assets of the School Board are amortized using the straight-line method over the shorter period of the subscription term or the useful life of the underlying IT asset.

L. Deferred Outflow of Resources:

A deferred outflow of resources is a consumption of net position by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period. The Board's deferred outflows for the government wide financials include the Board's current year retirement contributions for pension expense that will impact future reporting periods.

M. Pensions:

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the State Teacher Retirement System (TRS) and additions to/deductions from the TRS fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TRS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value. See Note 10 for further discussion.

N. Compensated Absences and Other Post Employment Benefit Liability:

Compensated Absences:

It is the Board's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation pay benefits. Vacation benefits can be accumulated up to 40 days, and carried forward to the subsequent fiscal year. All vacation pay is accrued when incurred. In lieu of a cash payment at retirement, employees hired prior to July 1, 2015, can elect to use accumulated annual leave toward their postemployment health care insurance premium. Employees also earn sick leave benefits which accumulate but do not vest.

Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) Liability:

It is the Board's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused sick pay benefits. Sick benefits can be accumulated for unlimited days and carried forward to the subsequent fiscal year. When separated from employment, employees' sick leave benefits are considered ended, and no reimbursement is provided. However, upon retirement, an employee's accumulated annual sick leave may be converted to a greater retirement benefit or payment of the retired employee's health insurance premiums. The cost of the increased retirement option is the liability of the West Virginia Consolidated Public Retirement Board. The payment of health insurance premiums must be absorbed by the last agency employing the retiree and is included as part of the OPEB liability.

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the State OPEB Plan and additions to/deductions from the OPEB Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by West Virginia Retiree Health Benefit Trust Fund (RHBT). For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value. See Note 11 for further discussion.

O. Long-term Obligations:

In the district-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable is reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as expenses during the period in which the bonds were issued.

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

P. Deferred Inflow of Resources:

A deferred inflow of resources is an acquisition of net position by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period. The Board's deferred inflows for the fund financial statements included property taxes, e-rate, child nutrition lunch, and Medicaid receivables. Deferred inflows for the government wide financials include the proportionate share of the Board's net difference between projected and actual investment earnings and the differences between the employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions.

Q. Net Position:

Net position is classified into four categories according to external donor restrictions or availability of assets for satisfaction of Board obligations. The Board's net position is classified as follows:

- **Invested in capital assets, net of related debt -** This represents the Board's total investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the balances of any outstanding debt obligations related to those capital assets. To the extent debt has been incurred but not yet expended for capital assets, such amounts are not included as a component of invested capital assets, net of related debt.

- **Restricted net position, expendable -** This includes resources in which the Board is legally or contractually obligated to spend in accordance with restrictions imposed by external third parties including grantors, donors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

- **Restricted net position, nonexpendable -** This includes endowment and similar type funds in which donors or other outside sources have stipulated, as a condition of the gift instrument, that the principal is to be maintained inviolate and in perpetuity, and invested for the purpose of producing present and future income, which may either be expended or added to the principal. The Board does not have any restricted nonexpendable assets at June 30, 2024.

- **Unrestricted net position -** This represents resources derived from other than capital assets or restricted net position. These resources are used for transactions relating to the general operation of the Board and may be used at the discretion of the Board to meet current expenses for any lawful purpose.

R. Fund Equity:

GASB Statement No. 54 "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions," which establishes new standards of accounting and financial reporting that are intended to improve the clarity and consistency of the fund balance information provided to financial report users. The classifications are based primarily on the extent to which the Board is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which the amounts in those funds can be spent. Fund balances are reported in the following categories:

- Nonspendable fund balances include amounts that cannot be spent because they are in a nonspendable form, such as inventory, or prepaid expense amounts, or they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact, such as the corpus of a permanent fund.

- Restricted fund balances are restricted due to legal restrictions from creditors, grantors, or laws and regulations of other governments or by legally enforceable enabling legislation or constitutional provisions.

- Committed fund balances are amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the highest level of decision-making authority, which for the county is the five-member School Board. Said specific purposes and amounts are recorded in the official Board minutes of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the School Board removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action it employed to previously commit those amounts. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

- Assigned fund balances are constrained by the intent to use funds for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. Intent can be expressed by the five-member School Board or by a body or official to which the School Board has delegated the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. By reporting particular amounts that are not restricted or committed in a special revenue, capital projects, debt service, or permanent fund, the Board has assigned those amounts to the purposes of the respective funds.

- Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. In other funds, any negative fund balances would be unassigned.

S. Elimination and Reclassifications:

In the process of aggregating data for the statement of net position and the statement of activities, some amounts reported as interfund activity and balances in the funds were eliminated or reclassified. Interfund receivables and payables were eliminated to minimize the "grossing up" effect on assets and liabilities within the governmental activities column.

T. Accounting Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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 statement and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

U. Restricted Resources:

Restricted resources should be applied first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available. If an expense is incurred for purposes for which committed, assigned and unassigned fund balances are all available, the fund balances should be reduced in the following order: committed, assigned, and then unassigned.

V. Newly Adopted Statements Issued by the GASB:

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has also issued Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022*, effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2021. The requirements of this Statement are effective as follows:

- The requirements related to extension of the use of LIBOR, accounting for SNAP distributions, disclosures of nonmonetary transactions, pledges of future revenues by pledging governments, clarification of certain provisions in Statement 34, as amended, and terminology updates related to Statement 53 and Statement 63 are effective upon issuance.

- The requirements related to leases, PPPs, and SBITAs are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022, and all reporting periods thereafter.

- The requirements related to financial guarantees and the classification and reporting of derivative instruments within the scope of Statement 53 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024, and all reporting periods thereafter.

The objective of this Statement is to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting by addressing practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements and accounting and financial reporting for financial guarantees. The School Board has not yet determined the effect that the adoption of GASB Statement No. 99 may have on its financial statements.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has also issued Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections,* effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023. The primary objective of this Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. The School Board has not yet determined the effect that the adoption of GASB Statement No. 100 may have on its financial statements.

W. Recent Statements Issued by the GASB:

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has also issued Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences,* effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. The School Board has not yet determined the effect that the adoption of GASB Statement No. 101 may have on its financial statements.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has also issued Statement No. 102, Certain Risk Disclosures, which is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024. The objective of this statement is to provide financial statement users with information about risks due to concentrations or constraints common in a governmental environment. The standard requires an assessment of whether any concentrations or constraints increase the government's vulnerability to significant impacts, and whether events associated with concentrations and/or constraints have occurred or are more likely than not to occur within one year of issuance of the financial statements. Further, additional detailed disclosures may be required in certain situations. The School Board has not yet determined the effect that the adoption of GASB Statement No. 102 may have on its financial statements.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has also issued Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements,* effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025. The objective of this Statement is to improve key components of the financial reporting model. The purposes of the improvements are to enhance the effectiveness of the financial reporting model in providing information that is essential for decision making and assessing a government's accountability and address certain application issues identified through pre-agenda research conducted by the GASB. The School Board has not yet determined the effect that the adoption of GASB Statement No. 101 may have on its financial statements.

Note 2 – Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability:

Deficiency in Net Changes in Fund Balance:

The following fund had a deficiency in net changes in fund balance for the year ended June 30, 2024:

Fund	Amount
Capital Projects Fund	$ 924,655

Funds sufficient to provide for the excess expenditures were made available from other sources within the fund and the deficiency had no impact on the financial result of the fund.

Note 3 - Risk Management:

The Board is exposed to various risks or loss related to torts, theft, or damage to and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. The Board, pursuant to the provisions of State law, participates in the following risk management programs administered by the State.

Board of Risk and Insurance Management (BRIM): The Board participates in the West Virginia Board of Risk and Insurance Management, a common risk insurance pool for all State agencies, component units, boards of education and other local governmental agencies who wish to participate. The Board pays an annual premium to BRIM for its general insurance coverage. Fund underwriting and rate setting policies are established by BRIM. The cost of all coverage as determined by BRIM is paid by the participants. The BRIM risk pool retains the risk of the first $2 million per property event and purchases excess insurance on losses above that level. BRIM has a $1 million per occurrence coverage maximum on all third-party liability claims.

Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA): The Board provides employees health and basic life insurance benefits through the Public Employees Insurance Agency. PEIA was established by the State of West Virginia to provide a program of health and life insurance for employees of State agencies, institutions of higher

learning, boards of education, and component units of the State. In addition, local governmental agencies and certain charitable and public service organizations may request to be covered. PEIA provides a general employee benefit insurance program which includes hospital, surgical, major medical, prescription drug and basic life and accidental death. Fund underwriting and rate setting policies are established by the PEIA Finance Board. The cost of all coverage as determined by the Finance Board is paid by the participants.

Health coverage under these programs has no lifetime maximum benefit, while life insurance coverage is limited to $10,000. Members may purchase up to an additional $500,000 of life insurance coverage. Premiums are established by PEIA and are paid monthly. The PEIA risk pool retains the risk for the health and prescription features of its indemnity plan, has fully transferred the risks of coverage of the Managed Care Organization (MCO) Plan to the plan provider and has transferred risk of life insurance coverage to a third party insurer.

Workers Compensation Fund: Travelers Insurance Company provides workers' compensation coverage to the Board. The cost of all coverage, as determined by Travelers, is paid by the Board. The Travelers risk pool retains the risk related to the compensation of injured employees under the program.

Note 4 - Property Taxes:

All property in the State is classified as follows for ad valorem tax purposes:

Class I - All tangible personal property employed exclusively in agriculture, including horticulture and grazing; all products of agriculture, including livestock, while owned by the producer.

Class II - All property owned, used and occupied by the owner exclusively for residential purposes; all farms, including land used for horticulture and grazing, occupied and cultivated by their owners or bona fide tenants.

Class III - All real and personal property situated outside of municipalities, exclusive of Class I and II property.

Class IV - All real and personal property situated inside of municipalities, exclusive of Class I and II property.

According to West Virginia Code §11-8-6c, the maximum rates that county boards of education may impose on the various classes of property are: Class I - 22.95¢ per $100 of assessed valuation; Class II - 45.90¢ per $100 of assessed valuation; Class III - 91.80¢ per $100 of assessed valuation; and Class IV - 91.80¢ per $100 of assessed valuation.

Pursuant to West Virginia Code §11-8-6f, however, the rates of levy for county boards are to be reduced uniformly statewide and proportionately for all classes of property so that the total statewide property tax revenues to be realized from the regular levy tax collections for the forthcoming year will not increase by more than one percent of the current year's projected property tax revenues, exclusive of increases due to new construction, improvements to existing real property, or newly acquired personal property, unless the State Legislature holds a public hearing. The amounts to be paid to the Assessors Valuation Fund are also to be excluded from the calculation.

County boards of education are also authorized to impose an additional (excess) levy not to extend beyond five years if approved by at least a majority of the voters. The rates of levy cannot exceed the maximum rates specified above and must be proportional for all classes of property.

The assessed valuations and levy rates levied by the Board per $100 of assessed valuation for each class of property for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 were:

Class of Property	Assessed Valuations For Tax Purposes	Current Expense	Excess Levy	Permanent Improvement	Bond Purposes
Class I	$ -	19.40¢	22.95¢	¢	4.41¢
Class II	$ 1,994,803,682	38.80¢	45.90¢	¢	8.82¢
Class III	$ 1,615,115,423	77.60¢	91.80¢	¢	17.64¢
Class IV	$ 256,548,037	77.60¢	91.80¢	¢	17.64¢

The taxes on real property and the interest and other charges upon such taxes attach as an enforceable lien on the first day of July each year. There is no lien denominated as such on personal property. However, statutes provide that the sheriff of a county may distrain for delinquent taxes any goods and chattels belonging to a person assessed. All current taxes assessed on real and personal property may be paid in two installments. The first installment is payable on September first of the year for which the assessment is made, and becomes delinquent on October first, and the second installment is payable on the first day of the following March and becomes delinquent on April first.

Taxes paid on or before the date when they are payable, including both first and second installments, are subject to a discount of two and one-half percent. If taxes are not paid on or before the date on which they become delinquent, including both first and second installments, interest at the rate of nine percent per annum is added from the date they become delinquent until paid.

Taxes Receivable

Taxes receivable as of year end for the Board's funds are as follows:

	General Current Expense Fund	Debt Service Fund
Taxes receivable	$ 3,856,950	$ 423,291
Less: allowance for uncollectible	1,458,059	151,831
Taxes receivable, net	$ 2,398,891	$ 271,460

Note 5 - Excess Levy:

The Board had an excess levy in effect during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The levy was authorized by the voters of the county at an election held on May 12, 2020 for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2022 through June 30, 2026 to provide funds for the following purposes:

a) To provide for new buildings, building additions, renovations and repairs to existing buildings, and equipping buildings, approximately $3,000,000.

b) To provide toward employee salaries/benefits, approximately $14,592,252:
   1) Local county salary supplements, substitute costs, and fixed charges.
   2) Extended employment for summer maintenance.

3) Overtime wages.
4) Extra duty bus wages for academic and athletic trips.
5) Extra duty salary supplements:
Curricular positions.
Athletic positions.
6) Dental and optical insurance.

c) To provide support to the public library, approximately 190,000. To provide support to the Putnam County 4-H, approximately $35,000.

d) To provide for the purchase of instructional equipment/furniture, teaching supplies, textbooks, and library books, approximately $2,000,000.

e) To provide and maintain a secure environment for students and employees in the schools: Including but not limited to school resource officers and/or school security enhancements $200,000.

f) To provide for allowances to retired employees, approximately $750,000.

Limitation: For each fiscal year beginning on and after July 1, 2022, the Board of Education of the County of Putnam shall reduce the levy rate proportionately for all classes of property when increased assessed valuations, excluding appraisal or valuation due to new construction or improvements to existing real property, including beginning recovery of natural resources and newly acquired personal property, would cause an increase of more than four percent (4%) in the total projected property tax revenues from the previous year's projected property tax revenues. In such event the levy rate shall be reduced so as to cause such rate to produce no more than one hundred four percent (104%) from all classes of property, excluding appraisal or valuation from new construction or improvements to existing real property, including beginning recovery of natural resources and newly acquired personal property, of the previous year's projected property tax revenues from all property.

The Board is hereby authorized and empowered to expend, during the term of this levy, the surplus if any, accruing in excess of the amounts needed for any of the above stated purposes, or for the enrichment, supplementation and improvement of educational services and/or facilities in the public schools of the County of Putnam. Provided, however, that subject the expenditure of such surplus funds for purposes associated with legal and contractual obligations, surplus funds (in the amount representing the difference in the maximum levy rate allowed by law and a 95% levy rate) shall be dedicated to new buildings, building additions, renovations and repairs to existing buildings, and equipping buildings.

A total of $27,044,475 was received by the Board from the excess levy during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Note 6 - Tax Abatement:

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the School Board's property tax revenues were reduced by approximately $0 pursuant to agreement(s) entered into by Assessor of Putnam County West Virginia and/or the County Commission of Putnam County or other governing bodies with authority to abate LEA tax revenues. Under the agreement(s), payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTs) are remitted to the sheriff of Putnam County by property owners who are parties to the agreement(s). The Sheriff is then required to remit the PILOTs to all public bodies within the County in the same proportion as property taxes. The Board received approximately $7,000 for its share of PILOT collections during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Note 7 - Capital Assets:

Capital asset balances and activity for the year ended June 30, 2024, is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Disposals	Ending Balance
Capital assets, non-depreciable:				
Land	$ 6,594,001	$ -	$ -	$ 6,594,001
Construction in process	485,791	3,628,259	(760,723)	3,353,327
Total non-depreciable capital assets	7,079,792	3,628,259	(760,723)	9,947,328
Capital assets, depreciable:				
Land improvements	10,493,509	344,788	-	10,838,297
Buildings and improvements	176,398,102	841,738	-	177,239,840
Furniture and equipment	21,367,997	2,260,618	-	23,628,615
Vehicles	14,410,512	315,107	(437,247)	14,288,372
Total depreciable capital assets	222,670,120	3,762,251	(437,247)	225,995,124
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Land improvements	(8,796,643)	(354,364)	-	(9,151,007)
Buildings and improvements	(39,673,248)	(2,814,125)	-	(42,487,373)
Furniture and equipment	(11,185,380)	(3,282,840)	-	(14,468,220)
Vehicles	(10,013,831)	(754,927)	437,247	(10,331,511)
Total accumulated depreciation	(69,669,102)	(7,206,256)	437,247	(76,438,111)
Total depreciable capital assets, net	153,001,018	(3,444,005)	-	149,557,013
Total capital assets, net	$160,080,810	$ 184,254	$ (760,723)	$159,504,341

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

Instruction	$ 6,195,446
Supporting Services:	
Students	3,888
Instructional Staff	21,981
Central administration	2,812
School administration	7,218
Business	9,294
Operation and maintenance of facilities	209,872
Transportation	612,375
Other support services	-
Food services	143,370
Community Services	-
Total Depreciation expense - governmental activities	$ 7,206,256

Note 8 - Long-term Debt:

Long-term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 is as follows:

	Balance, Beginning of Year	Additions	Deductions	Balance, End of Year	Amounts due within one year	Amounts due past one year
General obligation debt	$ 6,430,000	$ -	$ 4,980,000	$ 1,450,000	$ 1,450,000	$ -
Premium on sale of bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Compensated absences	610,586	61,445	-	672,031	-	672,031
Finance obligations	3,230,000	-	360,000	2,870,000	365,000	2,505,000
Proportionate share of net pension liability	4,185,341	3,048,655	-	7,233,996	-	7,233,996
Net pension obligation - Board plan	7,842,012	-	326,188	7,515,824	685,000	6,830,824
Proportionate share of net OPEB liability	214,293	67,440	-	281,733	-	281,733
Net OPEB liability - dental & vision benefits	5,758,746	5,723,074	1,555,346	9,926,474	1,228,000	8,698,474
Financed purchases and other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Asset retirement obligation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long-term liabilities	$ 28,270,978	$ 8,900,614	$ 7,221,534	$ 29,950,058	$ 3,728,000	$ 26,222,058

General Obligation Bonds - General obligation bonds payable at June 30, 2024, with their outstanding balance are comprised of the following individual issues:

On August 29, 2009 voters of Putnam County and the Board issued $56,750,000 in general obligation bonds to provide funds for the construction and renovation of various schools in the county. The bonds mature in varying annual increments through 2025 and interest is payable semiannually at 3.0% to 4.0% on November 1 and May 1 annually.

Defeasance of Debt:

On November 25, 2021, the Board defeased certain general obligation bonds. The advanced refunding was undertaken to reduce total debt service payments and to obtain an economic gain by making available to the Board the balance of monies in the debt service fund account of the refunded issue which had been collected to retire the bond issue. Securities were purchased and placed in an irrevocable trust for the purpose of making all future debt service payments of the refunded debt. As a result, the refunded bonds are considered to be defeased and the liability was removed from the Board's financial statements.

On November 25, 2021, the Board issued general obligation bonds of $17,695,000 (par value) with an interest rate of .5% to 1.253% to advance refund $22,515,000 of outstanding bonds with an interest rate of 3.0% to 4.0%. The refunded bonds mature on May 1, 2025. The general obligation bonds were issued at par and, after paying issuance costs of approximately $108 thousand, the net proceeds were approximately $17.6 million. The net proceeds of the general obligation bonds were used to purchase U.S. government securities and those securities were deposited into an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide debt service payments until the refunded bonds mature. The advanced refunding met the requirements of an in-substance debt defeasance and the refunded bonds were removed from the Board's financial statements.

The advance refunding resulted in a difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt of approximately $1.9 million. This difference, reported in the accompanying financial statements as a deduction from bonds payable, is being charged to operations through the year 2025 using the effective-interest method.

The Board's future debt service requirement for bonded debt is as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Interest Rate	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	1.253%	$ 1,450,000	$ 18,169	$ 1,468,169
Total		$ 1,450,000	$ 18,169	$ 1,468,169

Note 9 – Leases that Transfer Ownership, Short-Term Leases, and Right-of-Use Assets:

The School Board has entered into various lease/purchase agreements with the private sector, primarily for equipment. These agreements, accounted for as lease contracts that transfer ownership, are for various terms. While these agreements contain clauses indicating that their continuation is subject to continuing appropriation by the Legislature, these leases are accounted for as lease contracts that transfer ownership and are considered noncancelable for financial reporting purposes.

Finance leases, all leases that do not meet the requirements of a short-term lease or a contract that transfer ownership, require the School Board to recognize a right-of-use asset and the related lease liability. Right-of-use assets, which include land, buildings, equipment, and vehicles are reported in the district-wide financial statements and are recorded at the present value of the payments expected to be made during the lease term, including any lease payments made to the lessor at or before the commencement of the lease term, less any lease incentives. Initial direct costs that are necessary to place the lease asset into service are also included. These assets are amortized using the straight-line method over the shorter period of the lease term or the useful life of the asset.

Subscription-Based Information Technology Agreements (SBITAs), contracts that convey control of the right-to use another party's IT software for a term longer than 12 months, require the School Board to recognize a right-of-use asset and the related SBITA liability. SBITAs are reported in the district-wide financial statements and are recorded at the present value of the payments expected to be made during the agreement term, including any payments made to the vendor at the commencement of the subscription term, capitalizable initial implementation costs, less any vendor incentives received at the commencement of the subscription term. These assets are amortized using the straight-line method over the shorter period of the subscription term or the useful life of the asset.

Finance Lease Liabilities

During the year ended June 30, 2017, the Board entered into a finance lease in the amount of $5,167,034. The lease has a provision for interest to be paid at a rate of 3.01% per annum. The proceeds of the finance lease are to be used for the design and installation of an energy efficient project from Energy Systems Group. Subsequent to year end the Board refinanced this lease with the Bank of America to reduce the interest rate.

The future minimum lease obligations as of June 30, 2024, are as follows:

Year	
2025	$ 406,700
2026	406,188
2027	405,638
2028	404,975
2029	409,238
2030	403,388
2031	407,500
2032	201,500
Total minimum lease payments	3,045,127
Less: Amount representing interest	175,127
Present value of minimum lease payments	$ 2,870,000

SBITA

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The School Board entered into various SBITA agreements for the purchase of various software leases which cover different years and subscription periods. At the end of the contract period, the School Board will not have ownership of the subscription software. All of the subscription payments are paid in the year incurred and not SBITA lease liability exists.

Right-of Use asset balances and activity for the year ended June 30, 2024, is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Restatement	Additions	Eliminations	Ending Balance
Right-of-use Assets:					
Land	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Furniture and equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Vehicles	-	-	-	-	-
SBITAs	3,607,768	-	-	-	3,607,768
Total lease assets	3,607,768	-	-	-	3,607,768
Less accumulated Amortization for:					
Land	-	-	-	-	-
Buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Furniture and equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Vehicles	-	-	-	-	-
SBITAs	(1,826,776)	-	(571,619)	-	(2,398,395)
Total accumulated amortization	(1,826,776)	-	(571,619)	-	(2,398,395)
Total right-of-use assets, net	$ 1,780,992	$ -	$ (571,619)	$ -	$ 1,209,373

Amortization expense was charged to functions/programs of the governmental activities as follows:

Instruction	$ 571,619
Supporting Services:	
Students	-
Instructional Staff	-
Central administration	-
School administration	-
Business	-
Operation and maintenance of facilities	-
Transportation	-
Other support services	-
Food services	-
Community Services	-
Total amortization expense - governmental activities	$ 571,619

Note 10 - Employee Retirement System:

All full-time board of education employees are required to participate in one of two statewide, cost-sharing, multiple-employer retirement benefit plans, the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) or the Teachers' Defined Contribution Retirement System (TDCRC). For the year ended June 30, 2024, the School Board's total payroll for all employees was $76,747,790 and the payroll was $71,310,613 for employees covered by the two retirement programs.

Of the total amount appropriated by the State for retirement, the portion equal to the employers' average required contribution rate for both the defined benefit and the defined contribution plans is considered to be the employers' contribution for the current cash flow requirements for personnel funded under the Public School Support Program and is reflected as state revenue (Contributions For/On Behalf of the LEA) in the School Board's financial statements prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. The balance is considered to be the State's contribution toward the past service unfunded liability and is included as a for/on behalf revenue and expenditure in the School Board's financial statements prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. The State's contribution to TRS on-behalf of the School Board meets the GASB Statement No. 68 definition of a special funding source. Therefore, the School Board has recorded pension expense and revenue for the portion of the State's total proportionate share of collective pension expense that is associated with the School Board in the financial statements prepared on the economic resources focus and accrual basis of accounting.

Conversion of leave for post-retirement: For employees hired for the first time and first becoming a member of the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) before July 1, 2015, upon retirement, an employee's vacation and sick leave may be converted to a greater retirement benefit or payment of health insurance premiums. The cost of the increased retirement benefit or payment of health insurance premiums must be absorbed by the last agency employing the retiree. For employees hired for the first time and first becoming a member of the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) on or after July 1, 2015, there is no provision to convert an employee's unused vacation and sick leave to a greater retirement benefit or payment of health insurance premiums.

A. Teachers' Retirement System (TRS):

Plan Description:

The Teachers' Retirement System is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee defined benefit retirement system, which was established on July 1, 1941 and was closed for new members on July 1, 1991. Beginning July 1, 2005, all new employees become members of this plan. The West Virginia Legislature passed Senate Bill 529 in 2015 essentially adding a second tier of retirement benefits for those eligible to be a member of TRS who are hired for the first time and first become a member of TRS on or after July 1, 2015. Chapter 18, Article 7A of the West Virginia State Code assigns the authority to establish and amend the provisions of the plan to the State Legislature.

Benefits provided: Prior to the passage of Senate Bill 529, to qualify for full benefits, a member must be age 60 with at least five years of credited service or be age 55 with at least 30 years of credited service or any age with at least 35 years of credited service. A member may receive a disability benefit after completing ten years of service, if the member is disabled for six months, unable to perform his or her regular occupation, and the Retirement Board expects the disability to be permanent. With the passage of Senate Bill 529, to qualify for full benefits, employees hired for the first time and first becoming a member of TRS on or after July 1, 2015, must meet the following conditions:

- age 62 for an employee who goes directly into retirement with no break in service,
- age 64 for employees with a break in service between employment and retirement and less than 20 years of TRS service,
- age 63 for those with a break in service between employment and retirement and 20 or more years of TRS service,

With the passage of Senate Bill 529, to qualify for reduced annuity benefits employees hired for the first time and first becoming a member of TRS on or after July 1, 2015 must meet the following conditions:

- between the ages of 60 and 62 and having a minimum of 10 years of contributing service,
- between the ages of 57 and 62 and having 20 or more years of contributing service.
- between the ages of 55 and 62 and having 30 or more years of contributing service.

Upon retirement members select one of five benefit payment options. If a member terminates employment with at least five years of credited service, he may freeze his membership until he qualifies for retirement or he may withdraw his contributions from the plan. The employers' contributions remain with the plan. Retirement benefits are based on two percent of the average member's five highest fiscal years of total earnings from covered employment during the member's last 15 years of service.

The normal form of benefit is a single life annuity paid monthly, in an amount equal to 2% of the final average salary times years of credited service. Other forms of benefits may be elected subject to actuarial reduction: Cash Refund Annuity, 50% or 100% Contingent Joint and Survivor Annuities, and ten year Certain and Life Annuities. Pre-retirement death benefits are paid to the spouse of a deceased member who had attained the age 50 and completed 25 years of credited service. The annuity payment is computed as if the member had retired on the date of death with a 100% Joint and Survivor pension. If the member's age and service are less than that required, the sum of the accumulated member's and employer contributions with interest is paid to the member's beneficiary or estate.

Contribution Requirements and Payments Made: This is a fully qualified plan by the Internal Revenue Service. Therefore, all employee contributions are tax deferred. Participants contribute 6% of their gross compensation and the board of education contributes 15% of covered members' gross compensation to the retirement plan, for a total of 21% annually for those who became members prior to July 1, 1991. Participants who became members after July 1, 2005 contribute 6% of their gross compensation and the board of education contributes 7.5% of covered members' gross compensation to the retirement plan, for a total of 13.5% annually.

The employers' contributions are derived from state appropriations and county funds. Federally funded grant programs provide the funding for the employer contributions for salaries paid from federal grants.

Net Pension Liability, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources:

At June 30, 2024, the School Board reported a liability for its proportionate share of the TRS net pension liability that reflected a reduction for State pension support provided to the School Board. The amount recognized by the School Board 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 School Board were as follows:

School Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability	$	7,233,996
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the School Board.		89,097,726
Total portion of net pension liability associated with the school board	$	96,331,722

The TRS net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022 rolled forward to the measurement date. The School Board's proportion of the net pension liability was based on its proportionate share of employer and non-employer contributions to the TRS Plan for the fiscal year ended on the measurement date.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the School Board's proportion was 0.315977 percent, which was an increase of 0.153254 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022 at 0.162723 percent.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the School Board recognized pension expense of $12,516,386 and for support provided by the State, revenue of $12,333,515. At June 30, 2024, the School Board reported deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resource	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	$ 127,418	$ -
Differences between expected and actual experience	264,071	18,178
Changes in proportion and differences between School Board contributions and proportionate share of contributions	2,923,950	1,118,591
Changes in assumptions	305,291	-
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	(2,254)	-
Total	**$ 3,618,476**	**$ 1,136,769**

School Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Years ending June 30,		
2025	$	576,881
2026		136,688
2027		1,148,899
2028		593,784
2029		27,709
Thereafter		-
Total	**$**	**2,483,961**

Actuarial Assumptions:

For TRS, the actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2022 valuation, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to June 30, 2023, were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2020. These assumptions are as follows:

Actuarial cost method:	Individual entry age normal cost with level percentage of payroll
Asset valuation method:	Fair value
Amortization method:	Level dollar, fixed period
Amortization Period:	Through Fiscal Year 2034

Actuarial assumptions:

Investment rate of return: 7.25%, net of investment expense

Projected salary increases:
Educators: 2.75% - 5.90%
Non-Educators: 2.75% - 6.50%

Inflation rate: 2.75%
Discount rate: 7.25%

Mortality rates:

Active-100% of Pub-2010 General Employee Table, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019

Healthy Male Retirees-100% of Pub-2010 General Retiree Male Table, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019

Healthy Female Retirees-112% of Pub-2010 General Retiree Female Table, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019

Disabled Males-107% of Pub-2010 General /Teachers Disabled Male Table, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019

Disabled Females-113% of Pub-2010 General /Teachers Disabled Female Table, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019

Beneficiary Males-101% of Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor Male Table, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019

Beneficiary Females-113% of Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor Female Table, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019

Withdrawal rates:
Educators 7.00% - 35.00%
Non-Educators 2.30% - 18.00%

Disability rates: 0.004% - 0.563%
Retirement rates: 15% - 100%

Date range of most recent experience study: 2015 - 2020

Investment Asset Allocation:

The long-term rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using the building block method in which estimates of expected 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 weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of long-term geometric rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	27.5%	6.3%
International Equity	27.5%	9.1%
Fixed Income	15.0%	4.3%
Real Estate	10.0%	5.8%
Private Equity	10.0%	9.2%
Hedge Funds	10.0%	4.6%
Total	**100.0%**	

Discount Rate:

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25%. The projections of cash flows used to determine the discount rates assumed that employer contributions will continue to follow the current funding policies. Based on those assumptions, the fiduciary net position of the TRS Plan was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of the current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rates of return on pension plan investments were applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

The following table presents the School Board's proportionate share of its net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.25% and the impact of using a discount rate that is 1% higher or lower than the current rate.

	1.0% Decrease 6.25%	Current Discount Rate 7.25%	1.0% Increase 8.25%
School Board's proportionate share of the TRS net pension liability	$ 11,109,593	$ 7,233,996	$ 3,944,657

Payables to the pension plan:

At June 30, 2024, the School Board reported a liability of $1,393,408 for its unpaid legally required contributions to the pension plan. The liability is included in the balance of salaries payable and related payroll liabilities on the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and the Statement of Net Position.

B. Teachers' Defined Contribution Retirement System:

Plan Description: All School Board employees hired after July 1, 1991, but before July 1, 2005, participated in the Teachers' Defined Contribution Retirement System. Employees in the Teachers' Defined Benefit System could freeze their benefits in the old plan and become a member of this plan. Members with less than five years of service in the old defined benefit plan could change to this plan and transfer the funds that were deposited in the old plan to this plan. Once a member transferred to the defined contribution plan, the member was not allowed to rejoin the defined benefit plan.

Effective July 1, 2005, the Teachers' Defined Contribution Plan was closed to new membership. All employees hired after that date became members of the Teachers' Defined Benefit Retirement System which was reopened for participation on July 1, 2005. Existing members of the Teachers' Defined Contribution Plan were given the option to transfer membership to the Teachers' Defined Benefit Retirement System during the 2008-09 fiscal year. To earn full benefits at retirement, however, members electing to transfer were required to contribute the 1.5% difference between the two plans' employee contribution rates.

A unique feature of the Teachers' Defined Contribution Plan is that each member chooses the investment options and may make changes at any time. The investment options are: Great-West SF Balanced Trust, Great-West Lifetime 2015 Trust II, Great-West Lifetime 2025 Trust II, Great-West Lifetime 2035 Trust II, Great-West Lifetime 2045 Trust II, Great-West Lifetime 2055 Trust II, American Funds EuroPacific R5, Franklin Mutual Global Discovery Fund – Z, DFA US Targeted Value R1, T. Rowe Price Diversified Small Cap Growth, Vanguard Small-Cap Index Fund – Inv, American Century Heritage Inv, Scout Mid Cap, Fidelity New Millennium, Putnam Equity Income Y, Vanguard Large Cap Index Inv, Western Asset Core Plus Bond A, TIAA-CREF High-Yield Inst, Vanguard Interm-Term Bond Index Fund, and VALIC Fixed Annuity Option.

Employees are eligible to participate from the date of employment. Employee contributions are fully vested, and employer contributions and earnings vest with the member as follows: one-third after 6 years, two-thirds after 9 years, and 100% after 12 years. The member is fully vested at death or disability. As of June 30, 2023, this plan had approximately $9.4B in net position held in trust for pension benefits. Retirement or disability benefits are based solely on the accumulation of dollars in the member's individual account at the time of retirement. The accounting administration of the Plan is the responsibility of Great West Retirement Services, an independent third-party administrator.

Funding Status: There is no unfunded liability for a defined contribution plan since a member's total maximum lifetime benefit is limited to that which has accumulated in the member's account from employee and employer contributions and all investment earnings thereon. Any forfeited, unvested employer contributions are, by statute, to be transferred to the Teachers' Defined Benefit Retirement System.

Contribution Requirements and Payments Made: This is a fully-qualified plan by the Internal Revenue Service. Therefore, all employee contributions are tax deferred. Participants contribute 4.5% of their gross salary and the board of education contributes 7.5% of covered members' gross compensation to the retirement plan, for a total of 12% annually.

Total payments reflected in the School Board's financial statements to the defined contribution plan for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 were:

Employees' contributions (4.5%)	$	393,621
Employer's contributions (7.5%)		656,035
Total contributions	$	1,049,656

Note 11 - Post-Employment Benefits Other Than Pension:

General Information:

Other post-employment benefits in West Virginia consist mainly of: Allowing employees hired prior to July 1, 2001, to convert unused annual, sick and/or personal leave to paid-up West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA) premiums and allowing retirees to purchase PEIA health insurance at a deeply discounted premium rate.

As a result, the West Virginia Legislature passed HB 4654 in 2006 adding a new article to the State Code, WVC §5-16D-1 et seq. The article, among other things, created the West Virginia Retiree Health Benefit Trust Fund (RHBT) for the purpose of administering retiree post-employment health care benefits, vested the responsibility for operation of the fund with the PEIA Finance Board, and required the board to have an actuarial valuation conducted at least biannually.

All retired employees are eligible to obtain health insurance coverage through PEIA with the retired employee's premium contribution established by the PEIA Finance Board. The PEIA Finance Board has allowed retirees to obtain health insurance coverage at essentially the same premium rate as active employees with the difference between the retirees' premium contributions and the cost of providing health care to retirees subsidized by the State. It is this subsidy that has created the major portion of the OPEB actuarial liability.

Plan Description:

The West Virginia Other Postemployment Benefit Plan (the Plan) is a cost sharing, multiple employer, defined benefit other post-employment benefit plan and covers the retirees of State agencies, colleges and universities, county boards of education, and other government entities as set forth in the West Virginia Code §5-16D-2. The financial activities of the Plan are accounted for in the RHBT, a fiduciary fund of the State of West Virginia, established July 1, 2006, as an irrevocable trust. The Plan is administered by a combination of PEIA and RHBT staff. The Plan administers and provides medical and prescription drug benefits to certain retired members receiving pension benefits under the PERS, TRS, TDCRS, TIAA-CREF, Plan G, Troopers Plan A or Troopers Plan B pension systems, as administered by the CPRB.

The Plan sponsor provides a capped pay-as-you-go subsidy to each covered retired member, as well as a fully insured retiree life insurance program.

Retiree contributions are set each year by the RHBT and approved by the PEIA Finance Board. Increases to retiree contributions may reflect healthcare inflation, claim experience, and premium increases above the plan sponsor capped pay-as-you-go subsidy. Retiree contributions depend on date of hire and years of service at retirement. Members hired on or after July 1, 2010, pay retiree healthcare contributions with no sponsor provided implicit or explicit subsidy. Members hired before July 1, 2010, pay retiree healthcare contributions that are reduced by a sponsor subsidy which depends on the member's years of service at retirement.

Details regarding this plan and a copy of the RHBT financial report can be obtained by contacting Public Employees Insurance Agency, 601 57th Street SE, Suite 2, Charleston, West Virginia 25304-2345, or by calling (888) 680-7342

Benefits provided:

Upon retirement, the public employees who elected to participate in the PEIA insurance plan are eligible to credit unused sick or annual leave towards insurance coverage, according to the following formulas:

Retired employees who elected to participate in the PEIA insurance plan prior to July 1, 1988: Those without dependents may credit two days of unused sick or annual leave towards one month of insurance coverage; the retirees with dependents may credit three days of unused sick or annual leave towards one month of insurance coverage.

Retired employees who elected to participate in the PEIA insurance plan between July 1, 1988, and June 30, 2001: those without dependents may credit two days of unused sick or annual leave towards one-half month of insurance coverage; the retirees with dependents may credit three days of unused sick or annual leave towards one-half month of insurance coverage.

Employees hired on or after July 1, 2001. may not apply any unused sick or annual leave towards the cost of health insurance premiums.

In the alternative to applying unused sick and annual leave to health insurance, all employees participating in the PEIA insurance plan, and who are members of the State Teachers' Defined Benefit Retirement System prior to July 1, 2015, may apply unused sick and annual leave towards an increase in the employee's retirement benefits with those days constituting additional credited service. The cost for the employees who elect this option is reflected as a liability of the State Teachers' Retirement System and not included as an OPEB obligation.

Contributions:

WVC §5-16D-3 states that contribution requirements of the members and the participating employers are set each year by the RHBT and approved by the PEIA Finance Board. All participating employers are required by statute to contribute to the RHBT this premium at the established rate for every active policyholder per month. The paygo rates for June 30, 2024 and 2023 respectively, were:

	2024	2023
PAYGO premium	$0	$70

Contributions to the OPEB plan from the School Board were $74,246 for the year end June 30, 2024. Employees are not required to contribute to the OPEB plan.

The State of West Virginia (the State) is a non-employer contributing entity that provides funding through Senate Bill 469 which was passed February 10, 2012, granting OPEB liability relief to the 55 County Boards of Education effective July 1, 2012. This special funding under the school aid formula subsidizes employer contributions of the county boards of education and contributes to the overall unfunded OPEB liability.

The State is a non-employer contributing entity that provides funding through Senate Bill 419, effective July 1, 2012 and amended by West Virginia Code §11-21-96. For fiscal years beginning on and after July 1, 2016, this Senate Bill and corresponding State Code section requires that an annual amount of $30 million from the State shall be dedicated for payment of the unfunded liability of the RHBT fund. The $30 million annual contribution is to continue through July 1, 2037, or until the unfunded liability has been eliminated, whichever comes first.

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

At June 30, 2024, the School Board reported a liability for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability that reflected a reduction for State OPEB support provided to the School Board. The amount recognized by the School Board as its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, the related State support, and the total portion of the net OPEB liability that was associated with the School Board were as follows:

School Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	$	(281,733)
State's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) associated with the School Board.		(1,151,615)
Total portion of net OPEB liability (asset) associated with the school board	$	(1,433,348)

The RHBT OPEB actuarial valuation, which was used as the underlying basis for certain information in the Schedules, is as of June 30, 2022, was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2023, and was prepared for the purposes of complying with the requirements of GASB Statement 75 for the Plan Employer's fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, financial reporting.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the School Board's proportion was 0.178031401 percent, which was a decrease of 0.014507323 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022 at 0.192538724 percent.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the School Board recognized OPEB expense of $(3,627,008) and for support provided by the State, revenue of $(3,338,378). At June 30, 2024, the School Board reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resource	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings	$ -	$ 4,698
Differences between expected and actual non-investment experience	-	163,999
Changes in proportion and differences between School Board contributions and proportionate share of contributions	112,185	54,143
Changes in assumptions	77,686	157,185
School Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date	74,246	-
Total	**$ 264,117**	**$ 380,025**

School Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ending June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Years ending June 30,	
2025	$ (75,204)
2026	(106,969)
2027	2,502
2028	(10,483)
2029	-
Thereafter	-
Total	**$ (190,154)**

Actuarial Assumptions:

The net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022, using the following actuarial assumptions. These assumptions were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2020 and apply to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified.

Actuarial cost method:	Entry Age Normal Cost Method
Amortization method:	Level percentage of payroll, closed
Amortization period:	20-year closed period as of June 30, 2017
Asset valuation method:	Market value
Investment rate of return:	7.40%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation
Inflation:	2.50%
Wage inflation:	2.75% for PERS and TRS, and 3.25% for Troopers
Salary increases:	Rates based on 2015-2020 OPEB Experience Study and dependent on pension plan participation and attained age, and range from 2.75% to 5.18%, including inflation. Rates were first applied to the 2020 valuation.
Retirement age:	Rates based on 2015-2020 OPEB experience study and vary by pension plan participation and age/service at retirement. Rates first applied to the 2020 valuation.

Mortality: Postretirement: Pub-2010 General Healthy Retiree Mortality Tables (100% males, 108% females) projected with MP-2021 for TRS. Pub-2010 General Below Median Healthy Retiree Tables (106% males, 113% females) projected with MP-2021 for PERS. Pub-2010 Public Safety Healthy Retiree Mortality Tables (100% males, 100% females) projected with Scale MP-2021 for Troopers A and B. Pre-Retirement: Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality Tables (100% males, 100% females) projected with Scale MP-2021 for TRS. Pub-2010 Below-Median Income General Employee Mortality Tables projected with Scale MP-2021 for PERS. Pub-2010 Public Safety Employee Mortality Tables projected with Scale MP-2021 for Troopers A & B.

Healthcare cost trend rates: Trend rate for pre-Medicare and Medicare per capita costs of 7.0% medical and 8.0% drug. The trends increase over four years to 9.0% and 9.5%, respectively. The trends then decrease linearly for 5 years until ultimate trend rate of 4.50% is reached in plan year end 2032.

Aging factors: Based on the 2013 SOA Study "Health Care Costs From Birth to Death"

Expenses: Health administrative expenses are included in the development of the per capita claims costs. Operating expenses are included as a component of the annual expense.

Investment Asset Allocation:

The long-term rates of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which estimates of expected future real rates of return 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 rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage. Target asset allocations, capital market assumptions (CMA), and forecast returns were provided by the Plan's investment advisors, including the West Virginia Investment Management Board (WV-IMB). The projected return for the Money Market Pool held with the West Virginia Board of Treasury Investments ("WV-BTI") was estimated based on the WV-IMB assumed inflation of 2.0% plus a 25-basis point spread.

The target allocation and estimates of annualized long-term expected real returns assuming a 10-year horizon are summarized below:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Return
Global Equity	55.0%	4.8%
Core Plus Fixed Income	15.0%	2.1%
Core Real Estate	10.0%	4.1%
Hedge Fund	10.0%	2.4%
Private Equity	10.0%	6.8%
Total	100.0%	

A single discount rate of 7.40% was used to measure the total OPEB liability. This single discount rate was based on the expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments of 7.40%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that employer contributions will be made in accordance with the prefunding and investment policies. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

The following table presents the School Board's proportionate share of its net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.40 percent and the impact of using a discount rate that is 1% higher or lower than the current rate.

	1.0% Decrease 6.40%	Current Discount Rate 7.40%	1.0% Increase 8.40%
School Board's proportionate share of the WV-RHBT net OPEB liability/ (asset)	$ (47,671)	$ (281,733)	$ (538,445)

Healthcare Cost Trend Rate:

The following table presents the School Board's proportionate share of its net pension liability calculated using the healthcare cost trend rate and the impact of using a discount rate that is 1% higher or lower than the current rate.

	1.0% Decrease	Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	1.0% Increase
School Board's proportionate share of the WV-RHBT net OPEB liability/ (asset)	$ (717,691)	$ (281,733)	$ 236,704

Payables to the OPEB Plan:

At June 30, 2024, the School Board reported a liability of $5,328 for its unpaid legally required contributions to the OPEB plan. The liability is included in the balance of salaries payable and related payroll liabilities on the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and the Statement of Net Position.

Opt-Out Employer Balance Reallocation

Certain employers that meet the Plan's opt-out criteria are no longer required to make contributions to the Plan. These opt-out employers have no continuing involvement with the Plan. Accordingly, the amounts previously allocated to such employers for the net OPEB liability and related deferred inflows and outflows are reallocated to the remaining employers participating in the cost sharing plan. The plan reallocates these balances to the remaining active employers based on their proportionate share of contributions made in the period of reallocation.

Supplemental OPEB Plan – Dental & Vision:

The Board has a supplemental OPEB plan for dental & vision which covers the employees of the Board and provides certain dental and vision coverage after retirement. Effective, July 1, 2022 the Board expanded the dental/vision benefit to retirees, present and past, that as of the time of retirement, had completed the last fifteen consecutive years of employment at the Board. The change had a significant impact and increased the liability by approximately $5.5 million. The benefit does assume that funding provided through the excess levy will continue for the lifetime of the members recognized in the measurement.

A summary of the key actuarial assumptions are as follows:

Mortality = RPH*2014 with no collar adjustment with improvement Scale MP-2020
Interest = 4.00%
OPEB Trends
No trend on the per capita costs.

a. Vision annual cost = $43.25/per capita cost
b. Dental annual cost = $307.50/per capita cost
c. Admin expense = $35.00/per capita cost
d. 100% of the individuals retired on 6/30/24 and are eligible for the 1 year free care
e. 59% of the “future” retirees will take the free care
f. Assumed retirement age = age 62 with 15 years of service.
g. Unreduced normal retirement age is: age 65+5yrs; 55+30yrs; 35 yrs
h. A moderate turnover table at T-3
i. 3% increase in future wages

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SCHEDULE OF OUTFLOWS AND INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

A. Change in Outflows and (Inflows) of Resources during Current Plan Year	Balance at boy	Amortization Factor	Amortization	Balance at eoy
Experience (Gain)/Loss				
1. Differences between expected and actual non-investment experience	$ 1,535,791	9	$ 170,643	$ 1,365,148
2. Assumption Changes	2,607,363	9	289,707	2,317,656
3. Difference between expected and actual investment earnings	0	5	0	0
4. Total	$ 4,143,154		$ 460,350	$ 3,682,804
5. Average future service	8.324			

B. Outflows and Inflows of Resources by Source to be recognized in Current OPEB Expense	Outflows of Resources	Inflows of Resources	Net Outflows (Inflows) of Resources
1. Differences between expected and actual non-investment experience:			
- Established 6/30/2024	$ 170,643	$ 0	$ 170,643
- Established 6/30/2022	63,344	0	63,344
- Established 6/30/2021	0	(3,349)	(3,349)
- Established 6/30/2019	1,989	0	1,989
2. Assumption changes:			
- Established 6/30/2024	289,707	0	289,707
- Established 6/30/2022	0	(164,184)	(164,184)
- Established 6/30/2021	462	0	462
3. Difference between expected and actual investment earnings:			
- Established 6/30/2024	0	0	0
4. Total	$ 526,145	$ (167,533)	$ 358,612

C. Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources by Source to be recognized in Future OPEB Expenses	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Net Deferred Outflows (Inflows) of Resources	Year Ending June 30, 2025
1. Differences between expected and actual non-investment experience	$ 1,758,674	$ (28,309)	$ 1,730,365	$ 232,827
2. Assumption changes	2,321,561	(985,100)	1,336,461	125,985
3. Difference between expected and actual investment earnings	0	0	0	0
4. Total	$ 4,080,235	$ (1,013,409)	$ 3,066,826	$ 358,612

D. Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources by Year to be recognized in Future OPEB Expenses	Year Ending June 30	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Net Deferred Outflows (Inflows) of Resources
	2025	$ 526,145	$ (167,533)	$ 358,612
	2026	526,145	(167,533)	358,612
	2027	526,145	(167,533)	358,612
	2028	526,145	(167,533)	358,612
	2029	526,145	(167,533)	358,612
	2030	526,142	(167,529)	358,613
	2031	462,543	(3,549)	458,994
	2032	460,812	(3,349)	457,463
	2033	213	(1,517)	(1,304)
	2034	0	0	0
	Total	$ 4,080,235	$ (1,013,409)	$ 3,066,826

NOTES:

a/ Amortization factors for A1 & A2 is average future service.
For line A3 a level 5 year amortization period must be used.

#	AvgFS	
1297	11.9779	actives
647	1.000	inactives
1944	8.324	

E. Net Deferred Outflows (Inflows) of Resources	6/30/2023	6/30/2024	Δ in Net deferrals
1. Differences between expected and actual non-investment experience	$ 427,201	$ 1,730,365	$ 1,303,164
2. Assumption changes	(1,144,917)	1,336,461	2,481,378
3. Difference between expected and actual investment earnings	0	0	0
4. Total	$ (717,716)	$ 3,066,826	$ 3,784,542

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Sensitivity of Net OPEB Liability to the Single Discount Rate Assumption
+/-1% change in health care cost trend

	1% Decrease	Current Single Discount Rate Assumption	1% Increase
A. TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY as of: 7/1/2024	2.65%	3.65%	4.65%
1. Expected health care trends	11,242,042	9,926,474	8,834,044
2. 1% increase in trend(s)	n/c	11,477,346	n/c
3. 1% decrease in trend(s)	n/c	8,673,783	n/c
B. PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION	0	0	0
C. NET OPEB LIABILITY = (A1) - (B)	11,242,042	9,926,474	8,834,044
A. TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY as of: 6/30/2022	3.00%	4.00%	5.00%
1. Expected health care trends	6,338,381	5,666,547	5,102,176
2. 1% increase in trend(s)	n/c	5,666,547	n/c
3. 1% decrease in trend(s)	n/c	5,666,547	n/c
B. PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION	0	0	0
C. NET OPEB LIABILITY = (A1) - (B)	6,338,381	5,666,547	5,102,176
A. TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY as of: 6/30/2021	1.00%	2.00%	3.00%
1. Expected health care trends	170,996	165,008	159,110
2. 1% increase in trend(s)	n/c	165,008	n/c
3. 1% decrease in trend(s)	n/c	165,008	n/c
B. PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION	0	0	0
C. NET OPEB LIABILITY = (A1) - (B)	170,996	165,008	159,110
A. TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY as of: 6/30/2019	2.15%	3.15%	4.15%
1. Expected health care trends	203,796	196,959	190,300
2. 1% increase in trend(s)	n/c	196,959	n/c
3. 1% decrease in trend(s)	n/c	196,959	n/c
B. PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION	0	0	0
C. NET OPEB LIABILITY = (A1) - (B)	203,796	196,959	190,300

NOTES:

a/ information at 6/30/2021 is revised and corrected.

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		Schedule of Contributions							
Fiscal year beginning	Based on the Valuation Report of	(1) Actuarially Determined Contribution	(2) State Contribution	(3) Employer Contribution	Month paid	(4) Total Contribution = (2) + (3)	(5) % Contributed = (4)/(1)	(6) Covered Payroll	(7) Contributions as a % of Covered Payroll =(4)/(6)
7/1/2023	7/1/2022	$ 668,260	0	370,740	monthly	370,740	55.48%	66,412,223	0.558%
7/1/2022	7/1/2022	$ 663,030	0	322,451	monthly	322,451	48.63%	#N/A	#N/A
7/1/2021	7/1/2021	$ 24,228	0	272,261	monthly	272,261	1123.75%	58,686,136	0.464%
7/1/2020	7/1/2019	$ 28,028	0	9,593	monthly	9,593	34.23%	58,699,008	0.016%
7/1/2019	7/1/2019	$ 28,028	0	22,025	monthly	22,025	78.58%	#N/A	#N/A
7/1/2018	7/1/2019	$ 24,818	0	9,073	monthly	9,073	36.56%	54,782,236	0.017%

NOTES:
1. Employer contribution = monthly benefits actually paid.
2. Actuarial determined contribution for the 2018-19 fiscal year equal to the Entry Age Normal Cost + 15-yr amortization as of July 1, 2018.
3. Actuarial determined contribution for the 2021-22 fiscal year equal to the Entry Age Normal Cost + 15-yr amortization as of July 1, 2021 prior to plan change effective July 1, 2021.
4. Actuarial determined contribution for the fiscal years ending 6/30/2023 and 2024 were drawn from the June 30, 2022 actuarial valuation.

Note 12 - Payments On Behalf:

The Board may receive commitments or payments made by the State or an intermediate governmental jurisdiction for the benefit of the Board or contributions of equipment or supplies. Such revenue includes the payment to a pension fund by the State or an intermediate unit on behalf of the Board's employees for services rendered to the Board. The revenues recorded as payments on behalf of the Board are as follows:

Retirement allocation by the State	$ 3,902,277
Unfunded retirement liability allocation by the State	10,027,470
PEIA allocations from the State	10,596,331
Donated foods	440,617
RHBT allocations from the State	60,586
Charter Schools	98,760

Note 13 - Other Employee Retirement Systems and Plans:

In addition to participating in the State of West Virginia Teachers Retirement System, the Board also participates in a single employer public employee retirement system. All full-time board of education professional and service personnel hired before July 1, 1990 are eligible to participate in the defined benefit retirement plan. Unless otherwise indicated, the information in this Note is provided as of the latest actuarial valuation of June 30, 2024. Actuarial valuations are required to be performed on a biennial basis.

Membership of the plan is as follows:

Active Employees	19
Retirees/Disability Pensions Receiving Benefits	545
Total	564

The following is a summary of funding policies, contribution methods and benefit provisions.

Determination of Contribution Requirements	Actuarially determined
Employer	Monthly benefit is equal to $3.50 for each year of service in Putnam County. This is currently approximately $700,000 per year. There are no plan assets set aside to fund this liability.
Plan Members	No contributions
Period Required to Vest/ Eligibility for Distribution	Eligibility for benefits is as follows: 1) Employees with a minimum of five years of service in Putnam County who retire from Putnam County. 2) Employees with a minimum of twenty years of service in Putnam County who retire from another system or position. 3) Employees with a minimum of five years of service in Putnam County who become permanently disabled during service in the County.
Post-Retirement Benefit Increases	Increases will only occur upon Board action to increase the benefit.
Provisions for:	
Disability Benefits	Yes
Death Benefits	No - Payment shall continue through the month in which death occurs and will not continue thereafter to survivors.

Annual Required Contributions and Significant Actuarial Assumptions

The actuarial assumptions and other information used to determine the annual required contributions (ARC) are as follows:

Valuation Date	6/30/2024
Actuarial Asset Valuation Method	Market Value, if any
Amortization	20 year
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Investment Rate of Return	3.65%
Projected Salary Increases	None
Post Retirement Benefit Increases	None
Inflation	None

Annual Pension Cost, Net Pension Obligation and Reserves

Current year annual pension costs for the plan are shown in the trend information provided below. The annual required contributions were not made. The net pension obligation is also listed below.

Reserves

There are no assets legally reserved for purposes other than the payment of plan members' benefits for either plan.

Annual Pension Cost and Net Pension Obligation (NPO)

The Board's annual pension cost and net pension obligation is as follows:

Annual required contribution	$ 670,796
Interest on short-term	-
Adjustment to annual required contribution	(321,188)
Annual pension cost	349,608
Contributions made	(675,796)
Increase (decrease) in net pension obligation	(326,188)
Net pension obligation at beginning of the year	7,842,012
Net pension obligation at the end of the year	$ 7,515,824

Trend Information

Fiscal Year	Net Pension Obligation
2024	$ 7,815,824
2023	7,842,012
2022	9,597,300
2021	10,113,670
2020	9,682,747
2019	10,071,595
2018	10,234,370
2017	10,594,345
2016	10,573,410
2015	10,836,773
2014	10,044,776
2013	10,260,234
2012	8,771,294

Note 14 - Interfund Balances and Transfers:

The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2024 is as follows:

Description	General Current Expense Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Special Revenue School Activity Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Special Revenue ESSERF Fund	Total Funds
Transfers In:						
Indirect Cost	$ 767,875	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 767,875
Capital Projects Fund	466,730	-	-	996,866	-	1,463,596
Local Contribution to Food Service	-	2,336,400	-	-	-	2,336,400
State Aid Professional Development	-	45,417	-	-	-	45,417
ACE Advantage Funds	-	249,933	-	-	-	249,933
GASB 84	524,389	183	472,404	-	-	996,976
Transfers Out:						
Indirect Cost	-	(314,602)	-	-	(453,274)	(767,876)
Capital Projects Fund	(996,866)	-	-	(466,730)	-	(1,463,596)
Local Contribution to Food Service	(2,336,400)	-	-	-	-	(2,336,400)
State Aid Professional Development	(45,417)	-	-	-	-	(45,417)
ACE Advantage Funds	(249,933)	-	-	-	-	(249,933)
GASB 84	(187,054)	(285,349)	(524,572)	-	-	(996,975)
	$ (2,056,676)	$ 2,031,982	$ (52,168)	$ 530,136	$ (453,274)	$ -

Note 15 - Fund Balance:

The detailed components of the various fund balance categories as of June 30, 2024 are as follows:

Fund Balances	General Current Expense Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Special Revenue School Activity Fund	Special Revenue ESSERF Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental
Nonspendable:							
Prepaid Items	$ 247,364	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 247,364
Restricted for:							
Special Projects	-	2,635,284	3,475,274	-	-	-	6,110,558
Capital Projects	-	-	-	-	-	26,063	26,063
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	4,478,571	-	4,478,571
Committed to:							
Settlement	80,000	-	-	-	-	-	80,000
Assigned to:							
Local Projects	958,028	114,301	-	-	-	-	1,072,329
Beginning Budget Balance	10,153,829	-	-	-	-	-	10,153,829
Encumbrances	4,820,796	-	-	-	-	-	4,820,796
Unassigned	25,595,287	-	-	-	-	-	25,595,287
Total fund balances	$ 41,855,304	$ 2,749,585	$ 3,475,274	$ -	$ 4,478,571	$ 26,063	$ 52,584,797

Note 16 - Pending Litigation:

The Board is involved in a number of legal proceedings and claims, involving students, employees and citizens who have sued the Board for damages. While it is not possible to determine the ultimate outcome of any lawsuit with certainty, management believes that the ultimate outcome will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the Board. The Board's insurance through the State Board of Risk and Insurance Management appears adequate to fully cover any potential liability.

Note 17 - Commitments, Contingencies and Subsequent Events:

The Board had encumbrances totaling $5,533,010 as of June 30, 2024 in the following funds:

General Current Expense Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Special Revenue ESSERF Fund
$ 4,820,796	$ 23,092	$ 290,417	$ 398,705

Encumbrances are classified as Restricted, Committed, or Assigned fund balance depending on the specific purpose of the encumbrance. The encumbrances in the Capital Projects Fund exceed the Fund Balance due to the requirement that a contract and purchase order is issued for the full amount of the awarded contracts, but the funding from the West Virginia School Building Authority (SBA) is received based on the progress of the work performed, and therefore the revenue is recognized over the years the project is being completed.

Contingencies

Under the terms of certain federal grant programs, periodic audits may be made, and certain costs may be questioned as not being appropriate expenses. Laws and regulations governing the grant programs and allowability of program costs are complex and subject to interpretation. Accordingly, such audits could lead to disallowances requiring reimbursements to the grantor agencies, which could be material to the Board's financial statements. The management of the Board believes that the Board is in compliance with applicable laws and regulations, in all material respects. Based on prior experience, the Board believes such disallowances, if any, would be immaterial.

Effective with the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, the Medicaid school-based health services program through the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Medical Services has a cost settlement requirement. This change was required by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Revenue for services provided during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, has been recognized in accordance with the fee-for-service billings because there is insufficient data to estimate the cost settlement amounts. The final cost settlement for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, was received by the School Board during June 2024. As such, Medicaid revenue has been adjusted accordingly within the accompanying financial statements. The final cost settlement for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, will not be available until spring or summer of 2025. Laws and regulations governing the Medicaid program are complex and subject to interpretation. Management of the School Board believes that it is in compliance, in all material respects, with all applicable laws and regulations and is not aware of any pending or threatened investigations involving allegations of potential wrongdoing that would have a material effect on its financial statements. Compliance with such laws and regulations can be subject to future government review and interpretation. Accordingly, such reviews could lead to disallowances and/or significant regulatory action, including fines, penalties and exclusion from the Medicaid program resulting in reimbursement of previously reported revenue, which could be material to the School Board's financial statements.

The Board owns various buildings which are known to contain asbestos and/or other environmental issues. The Board is not required by federal, state or local law to remove the asbestos from its buildings. The Board is required under federal environmental health and safety regulations to manage the presence of asbestos and other environmental issues in its buildings in a safe condition. The Board addresses its responsibility to manage the presence of asbestos and other environmental issues in its buildings on a case by case basis. Significant problems of dangerous asbestos conditions are abated as the conditions become known. The Board also addresses the presence of asbestos as building renovation or demolition projects are undertaken and through asbestos operation and maintenance programs directed at containing, managing, or operating with the asbestos in a safe condition.

Subsequent Events

On November 5, 2024, the voters of Putnam County approved a Bond Order in an amount not to exceed $49,870,000 for a new Hurricane Middle School and health and safety upgrades at the secondary athletic fields.

At a meeting held on December 17, 2024, the WV School Building Authority awarded Putnam County Schools a grant award of up to $ 25,000,000 (FY2025 - $ 8,333,334; FY2026 - $ 8,333,333; FY2027 - $ 8,333,333) to be used on the new Hurricane Middle School.

The majority of these funds will not begin to be spent until FY 2026.

Note 18 - Major Sources of Revenue:

The largest single source of revenue received by the Board is state aid funds through the Public School Support Program. In addition, the Board receives financial assistance from federal and state governments 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 Board's independent auditor and state and federal regulatory agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the general fund or other applicable fund. Based on prior experience, the Board believes such disallowance, if any, would be immaterial.

Note 19 - COVID 19 Pandemic:

On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus outbreak a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern" and on March 11, 2020, declared it to be a pandemic. Actions taken around the world to help mitigate the spread of coronavirus include restrictions on travel, quarantines in certain areas, and forced closures for certain types of public places and businesses. The coronavirus and actions taken to mitigate the spread of it have had and are expected to continue to have an adverse impact on the economies and financial markets of many counties, including the geographical area in which the School Board operates.

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was enacted. The CARES Act provided federal stimulus dollars to assist state agencies, local school districts, businesses, organizations, families, students, and other entities during the COVID-19 pandemic. As a state, West Virginia received more than a billion dollars under the federal CARES Act. Approximately $86.6 million of those dollars were specifically put into a fund titled the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF). This allocation is specifically earmarked to assist schools to address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools in West Virginia. The School Board received approximately $1.1 million from these funds to help mitigate the expenses incurred directly from COVID-19.

On December 27, 2020, The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act was enacted. The CRRSA Act provided federal stimulus dollars to assist local school districts during the Covid-19 pandemic. As a state, West Virginia received approximately $339 million dollars under the CRRSA, and approximately $305.9 million of those dollars were specifically put into a fund titled the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund II (ESSERF II) and Extracurricular Cares Emergency Funding (ECEF). This allocation is specifically earmarked to assist schools to address the on-going impact of COVID-19 on elementary and secondary schools in West Virginia. The School Board received approximately $4.7 million from these funds to help mitigate the expenses incurred directly from COVID-19.

On March 11, 2021, The American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief ("ARP ESSER") Fund, authorized under the American Rescue Plan ("ARP") Act of 2023, provided federal stimulus dollars to assist local school districts during the Covid-19 pandemic. As a State, West Virginia received approximately $761.4 million dollars under the ARP Act, and approximately $738.6 million of those dollars were specifically put into a fund titled ARP ESSER to support schools in safely reopening and sustaining the safe operation of schools while meeting the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of students resulting from the coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic. The School Board received approximately $12.4 million from these funds to help mitigate the expenses incurred directly from COVID-19.

During 2021 the Board received approximately $1.2 million from ESSERF funds as a State Education Agency (SEA) reserve subgrant "Summer SOLE". During 2022, the Board received approximately $754 thousand from additional ARP ESSER Funds and other Federal relief funds.

As of June 30, 2024 the following table summarizes the status of receipts and expenditures of the above grants:

Putnam County Schools Note 18 - COVID 19 Pandemic Fiscal Year 7/01/23 to 6/30/24									
	Budget Project	Original Grant	Grant Liquidation	Fiscal Year Expenditures	Fiscal Year Expenditures	Fiscal Year Expenditures	Fiscal Year Expenditures	Balance Remaining	Estimated Expenditures
Grant Name:	Number	Amount	Date	6/30/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2023	6/30/2024	6/30/2024	6/30/2025
ARP ESSERF IDEA - School Age	43280	$ 541,923.00	11/15/2023	$ -	$ 250,056.08	$ 274,169.21	$ 17,697.71	$ -	$ -
ARP ESSERF IDEA - Preschool	43290	$ 61,846.00	11/15/2023	$ -	$ 15,923.00	$ 45,923.00	$ -	$ -	$ -
I Got Vaxxed - (GEER)	49201	$ 50,000.00	11/15/2023	$ -	$ 14,004.51	$ 10,784.31	$ 25,211.18	$ -	$ -
COVID Emergecey Response Health Crisis	49230	$ 57,407.88	6/30/2023	$ -	$ 27,653.09	$ 29,702.44	$ (1,660.25)	$ -	$ -
ESSERF I	52010	$ 1,115,117.20	11/15/2022	$1,115,117.20	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
ESSERF II	52110	$ 4,632,897.71	11/15/2023	$ 302,379.70	$2,871,212.88	$1,353,198.81	$ 106,106.32	$ (0.00)	$ -
ECEF Allocation High Schools	52140	$ 147,000.00	11/15/2021	$ 110,973.35	$ 36,026.65	$ -	$ -	$ (0.00)	$ -
ESSERF - Summer SOLE Grant	52150	$ 1,166,522.04	11/15/2023	$ 281,311.28	$ 437,742.29	$ 397,387.93	$ 50,080.54	$ -	$ -
ARP ESSER	52160	$12,361,024.65	11/15/2024	$ -	$2,820,861.82	$4,697,751.55	$3,933,505.80	$908,905.48	$908,905.48
ARPA 4 Homeless	52270	$ 25,497.71	1/10/2025	$ -	$ -	$ 13,400.21	$ 5,509.30	$ 6,588.20	$ 6,588.20
ARPA.STDEV	52460	$ 36,300.00	11/15/2024	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 20,653.73	$ 15,646.27	$ 14,628.74
Totals		$20,195,536.19		$1,809,781.53	$6,473,480.32	$6,822,317.46	$4,157,104.33	$931,139.95	$930,122.42

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts Regulatory Basis		Actual GAAP Basis	Adjustments for Regulatory	Actual Regulatory Basis	
	Original	Final	Amounts	Basis	Amounts	Variance With Final Budget
Revenues:						
Property taxes	$ 46,451,376	$ 46,537,598	$ 49,086,807	$ -	$ 49,086,807	$ 2,549,209
Other Local sources	2,089,699	2,124,432	3,009,384	-	3,009,384	884,952
State sources	70,911,290	71,214,486	71,667,644	-	71,667,644	453,158
Federal sources	550,000	1,097,551	601,304	-	601,304	(496,247)
Miscellaneous sources	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	120,002,365	120,974,067	124,365,139	-	124,365,139	3,391,072
Expenditures:						
Instruction	76,390,844	77,373,686	72,072,033	-	72,072,033	5,301,653
Supporting services:						
Students	7,129,983	7,204,270	6,971,156	-	6,971,156	233,114
Instructional staff	3,122,467	3,379,354	2,869,606	-	2,869,606	509,748
General administration	1,944,201	2,084,060	1,716,969	-	1,716,969	367,091
School administration	8,120,461	8,158,415	8,051,286	-	8,051,286	107,129
Central services	3,162,001	3,288,365	3,010,868	-	3,010,868	277,497
Operation and maintenance of facilities	12,971,359	14,094,412	12,451,531	-	12,451,531	1,642,881
Student transportation	10,152,384	10,802,378	9,466,013	-	9,466,013	1,336,365
Other	13,500	26,580	11,742	-	11,742	14,838
Food services	305,367	322,210	322,210	-	322,210	-
Community services	269,045	269,045	260,045	-	260,045	9,000
Capital outlay	1,397,345	1,268,871	759,733	-	759,733	509,138
Debt service:						
Principal retirement			-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges			-	-	-	-
Reserved for contingencies	3,250,000	26,032,562	-	-		26,032,562
Finance Leases:					-	-
Principal payment expense	360,000	360,000	360,000	-	360,000	-
Interest Expense	47,250	47,250	46,777	-	46,777	473
SBITAs:					-	-
Principal payment expense	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	128,636,207	154,711,458	118,369,969	-	118,369,969	36,341,489
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(8,633,842)	(33,737,391)	5,995,170	-	5,995,170	39,732,561
Other financing sources (uses):						
Proceeds from disposal of real or personal property			165,252	-	165,252	165,252
Proceeds from the sale of bonds			-	-	-	-
Transfers in	297,784	891,337	1,758,994	-	1,758,994	867,657
Transfers (out)	(2,631,750)	(4,165,036)	(3,815,670)	-	(3,815,670)	349,366
Total other financing sources (uses)	(2,333,966)	(3,273,699)	(1,891,424)	-	(1,891,424)	1,382,275
Change in fund balances	(10,967,808)	(37,011,090)	4,103,746	-	4,103,746	41,114,836
Fund balances - beginning	10,967,808	37,011,090	37,751,558	-	37,751,558	740,468
Fund balances - ending	$ -	$ -	$ 41,855,304	$ -	$ 41,855,304	$ 41,855,304

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PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts Regulatory Basis		Actual GAAP Basis	Adjustments for Regulatory Basis	Actual Regulatory Basis	Variance With
	Original	Final	Amounts		Amounts	Final Budget
Revenues:						
Local sources	$ 976,265	$ 1,030,145	$ 925,891	$ -	$ 925,891	$ (104,254)
State sources	1,649,440	2,713,333	2,573,883	-	2,573,883	(139,450)
Federal sources	8,002,286	11,563,810	9,541,104	-	9,541,104	(2,022,706)
Miscellaneous sources			-	-	-	-
Total revenues	10,627,991	15,307,288	13,040,878	-	13,040,878	(2,266,410)
Expenditures:						
Instruction	4,565,209	7,277,879	6,031,952	-	6,031,952	1,245,927
Supporting services:						
Students	125,300	491,656	429,428	-	429,428	62,228
Instructional staff	277,572	791,794	606,051	-	606,051	185,743
General administration	-	-	-	-	-	-
School administration	117,136	117,410	117,408	-	117,408	2
Central services	-	2,383	2,040	-	2,040	343
Operation and maintenance of facilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Student transportation	-	16,143	16,114	-	16,114	29
Other			-	-	-	-
Food services	6,320,349	7,988,812	7,057,890	-	7,057,890	930,922
Community services			-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	46,125	46,125	-	46,125	-
Reserved for Special Projects	1,556,391	494,809	-	-	-	494,809
Debt service:						
Principal retirement			-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges			-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	12,961,957	17,227,011	14,307,008	-	14,307,008	2,920,003
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(2,333,966)	(1,919,723)	(1,266,130)	-	(1,266,130)	653,593
Other financing sources (uses):						
Proceeds from disposal of real or personal property			30	-	30	30
Proceeds from the sale of bonds			-	-	-	-
Transfers in	2,631,750	2,631,750	2,631,933	-	2,631,933	183
Transfers (out)	(297,784)	(595,646)	(599,951)	-	(599,951)	(4,305)
Total other financing sources (uses)	2,333,966	2,036,104	2,032,012	-	2,032,012	(4,092)
Change in fund balances	-	116,381	765,882	-	765,882	649,501
Fund balances - beginning		(116,381)	1,983,703	-	1,983,703	2,100,084
Fund balances - ending	$ -	$ -	$ 2,749,585	$ -	$ 2,749,585	$ 2,749,585

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - ESSERF
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts Regulatory Basis		Actual GAAP Basis	Adjustments for Regulatory Basis	Actual Regulatory Basis	Variance With
	Original	Final	Amounts		Amounts	Final Budget
Revenues:						
Local sources	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
State sources	-	-	-	-	-	-
Federal sources	-	8,715,918	4,157,105	-	4,157,105	(4,558,813)
Miscellaneous sources	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	-	8,715,918	4,157,105	-	4,157,105	(4,558,813)
Expenditures:						
Instruction	-	3,209,968	2,526,707	-	2,526,707	683,261
Supporting services:						
Students	-	640,316	620,798	-	620,798	19,518
Instructional staff	-	227,015	191,673	-	191,673	35,342
General administration	-	-	-	-	-	-
School Administration	-	150,317	125,694	-	125,694	24,623
Central services	-	65,898	40,711	-	40,711	25,187
Operation and maintenance of facilities	-	13,628	13,628	-	13,628	-
Student transportation	-	172,443	82,083	-	82,083	90,360
Food services	-		-	-	-	-
Community services	-		-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	102,537	102,537	-	102,537	-
Debt service:						
Principal retirement	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	-	4,582,122	3,703,831	-	3,703,831	878,291
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	4,133,796	453,274	-	453,274	(3,680,522)
Other financing sources (uses):						
Proceeds from disposal of real or personal propert	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from the sale of bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers (out)	-	(507,782)	(453,274)	-	(453,274)	54,508
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	(507,782)	(453,274)	-	(453,274)	54,508
Change in fund balances	-	3,626,014	-	-	-	(3,626,014)
Fund balances - beginning	-	(3,626,014)	-	-	-	3,626,014
Fund balances - ending	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - SPECIAL REVENUE FUND SCHOOL ACTIVITY FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts Regulatory Basis		Actual GAAP Basis	Adjustments for Regulatory	Actual Regulatory Basis	
	Original	Final	Amounts	Basis	Amounts	Variance With Final Budget
Revenues:						
Local sources	$ -	$ -	$ 3,486,200	$ -	$ 3,486,200	$ 3,486,200
State sources	-	-	-	-	-	-
Federal sources	-	-	181,554	-	181,554	181,554
Miscellaneous sources	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	-	-	3,667,754	-	3,667,754	3,667,754
Expenditures:						
Instruction	-	-	3,515,752	-	3,515,752	(3,515,752)
Supporting services:						
Students	-	-	-	-	-	-
Instructional staff	-	-	-	-	-	-
General administration	-	-	-	-	-	-
School administration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operation and maintenance of facilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Student transportation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service:						
Principal retirement	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	-	-	3,515,752	-	3,515,752	(3,515,752)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	-	152,002	-	152,002	152,002
Other financing sources (uses):						
Proceeds from disposal of real or personal propert	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from the sale of bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	472,404	-	472,404	472,404
Transfers (out)	-	-	(524,572)	-	(524,572)	(524,572)
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	(52,168)	-	(52,168)	(52,168)
Change in fund balances	-	-	99,834	-	99,834	99,834
Fund balances - beginning	-	-	3,375,440	-	3,375,440	3,375,440
Fund balances - ending	$ -	$ -	$ 3,475,274	$ -	$ 3,475,274	$ 3,475,274

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PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
FOR THE MEASUREMENT PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.315977%	0.162723%	0.230247%	0.236435%	0.209478%	0.205580%	0.196490%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	$ 7,233,996	$ 4,185,341	$ 3,598,252	$ 7,615,432	$ 6,232,329	$ 6,418,736	$ 6,788,574
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) associated with the district	89,097,726	68,992,547	57,471,156	124,252,416	100,018,088	114,668,849	104,374,523
Total	$ 96,331,722	$ 73,177,888	$ 61,069,408	$ 131,867,848	$ 106,250,417	$ 121,087,585	$ 111,163,097
District's covered payroll	$ 62,563,490	$ 53,884,694	$ 52,642,440	$ 52,295,300	$ 48,859,783	$ 56,580,414	$ 46,753,054
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	11.563%	7.767%	6.835%	14.562%	12.756%	11.344%	14.520%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	80.42%	77.78%	86.38%	70.89%	72.64%	71.20%	67.85%

Data prior to 2014 is unavailable

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PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS
TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	
Contractually required contribution	$ 4,772,001	$ 5,054,777	$ 4,838,455	$ 4,848,125	$ 4,899,909	$ 4,677,416	$ 4,556,728	$
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(4,772,001)	(5,054,777)	(4,838,455)	(4,848,125)	(4,899,909)	(4,677,416)	(4,556,728)	
Contribution deficiency (excess)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$
District's covered payroll	$ 62,563,490	$ 57,082,426	$ 53,884,694	$ 52,642,440	$ 52,295,300	$ 48,859,783	$ 56,580,414	$
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	7.627%	8.855%	8.979%	9.210%	9.370%	9.573%	8.054%	

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PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY
FOR THE MEASUREMENT PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset)	0.178031%	0.192539%	0.175345%	0.164976%	0.19208
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	$ (281,733)	$ 214,293	$ (52,138)	$ 728,685	$ 3,186,9
State's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) associated with the district	(1,151,615)	861,981	(235,331)	3,376,613	14,499,4
Total	$ (1,433,348)	$ 1,076,274	$ (287,469)	$ 4,105,298	$ 17,686,4
District's covered payroll	$ 58,483,525	$ 56,619,574	$ 56,461,446	$ 56,956,582	$ 53,359,4
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	-0.482%	0.378%	-0.092%	1.279%	5.97
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	109.66%	93.59%	101.81%	73.49%	39.6

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PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS
RETIREE HEALTH BENEFIT TRUST FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Contractually required contribution	$ 74,246	$ 984,094	$ 1,215,675	$ 2,106,468	$ 2,199,4
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(74,246)	(984,094)	(1,215,675)	(2,106,468)	(2,199,4
Contribution deficiency (excess)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$
District's covered payroll	$ 64,148,543	$ 58,483,525	$ 56,619,574	$ 56,461,446	$ 56,956,5
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	0.116%	1.683%	2.147%	3.731%	3.86

Data prior to 2018 is unavailable.

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PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

A. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting:

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1. Pursuant to State statute, the Board is required to hold a meeting or meetings between the seventh and twenty-eighth days of March to ascertain its financial condition and to determine the amount that is to be raised from the levy of taxes for the fiscal year commencing July 1. The Board adjourns the meeting and submits its Schedule of Proposed Levy Rates to the State Auditor's Office for approval. The Board then reconvenes its meeting on the third Tuesday of April to formally lay the approved levy.

2. The Board is also required to submit its proposed budget for the subsequent year to the State Board of Education for approval by the date established in the budget calendar. The Board is also required to hold a public hearing on the proposed budget before it is submitted for approval. The proposed budget must be made available for public inspection for at least 10 days before the public hearing is held.

Revisions to the budget are authorized only with the prior written approval of the State Board of Education.

B. Changes in Assumptions

The actuarial assumptions used in the total pension liability calculation can change from year to year. Please see table below which summarizes the actuarial assumptions used for the respective measurement dates.

Inflation	**2021-23** 2.75%	**2015 – 2020:** 3%	**2014:** 2.2%		
Salary Increases	**2021-23** Educators: 2.75%-5.90% Non-Educators: 2.75%-6.50%	**2020:** State – 3.00%-6.00% Non-State 3.00%-6.50%	**2018-2019:** For teacher members, salary increases are based on member experience, dependent on age and gender, ranging from 3.00 to 6.00%. For non-teacher members, salary increases are based on member experience, dependent on age and gender, ranging from 3.00 to 6.50%	**2016-2017:** For teacher members, salary increases are based on member experience, dependent on age and gender, ranging from 3.00 to 6.00%. For non-teacher members, salary increases are based on member experience, dependent on age and gender, ranging from 3.00 to 6.00%	**2014-2015:** For teacher members, salary increases are based on member experience, dependent on age and gender, ranging from 3.75-5.25%. For non-teacher members, salary increases are based on member experience, dependent on age and gender, ranging from 3.40-6.50%.
Investment Rate of Return	**2021-23** 7.25 %, net of pension plan investment expense	**2014-2020:** 7.5 %, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation			

Mortality	**2022-23** Active: 100% of Pub-2010 General Employee Tables, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019. Retired: healthy males – 100% of Pub-2010 General Retiree Male Table, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019, healthy females – 112% of Pub-2010 General Retiree Female Table, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019; disabled males – 107% of Pub-2010 General/Teachers Disabled Male Table, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019, disabled females – 113% of Pub-2010 General/Teachers Disabled Female Table, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019	**2020-2021:** Active: Pub-2010 General Employee Tables, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019. Retired: healthy males – Pub-2010 General Retiree Male Table, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019, healthy females – 112% of Pub-2010 General Retiree Female Table, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019; disabled males – 107% of Pub-2010 General/Teachers Disabled Male Table, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019, disabled females – 113% of Pub-2010 General/Teachers Disabled Female Table, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019	**2016-2019:** Active: RP-2000, Non-Annuitant table, projected with Scale AA on a fully generational basis. Retired: healthy males – 97% of RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant table, projected with Scale AA on a fully generational basis, healthy females – 94% of RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant table, projected with Scale AA on a fully generational basis; disabled males – 96 % of RP-2000 Disabled Annuitant table, projected with Scale AA on a fully generational basis, disabled females – 101% of RP-2000 Disabled Annuitant table, projected with Scale AA on a fully generational basis.	**2014-15:** Active – RP2000, non-annuitant monthly mortality table, retired – RP2000 healthy annuitant, scale AA; disabled – RP2000 disabled annuitant mortality table, scale AA.	
Discount Rate	**2021-23** 7.25%	**2014-2020:** 7.5%			

The actuarial assumptions used in the total OPEB liability calculation can change from year to year. Please see table below which summarizes the actuarial assumptions used for the respective measurement dates.

	2023	**2022**	**2021**	**2020**	**2017-2019**
Inflation	2.50%	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%	2.75%
Salary Increases	Specific to the OPEB covered group. Ranging from 2.75% to 5.18 %, including inflation.	Specific to the OPEB covered group. Ranging from 2.75% to 5.18 %, including inflation.	Specific to the OPEB covered group. Ranging from 2.75% to 5.18 %, including inflation.	Specific to the OPEB covered group. Ranging from 2.75% to 5.18 %, including inflation.	Dependent upon pension system. Ranging from 3.0% to 6.5%

Investment Rate of Return	7.40%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation	6.65%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation	6.65%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation	6.65%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation	7.15%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation
Mortality	Postretirement: Pub-2010 General Healthy Retiree Mortality Tables (100% males, 108% females) projected with MP-2021 for TRS. Pub-2010 General Below Median Healthy Retiree Tables (106% males, 113% females) projected with MP-2021 for PERS. Pub-2010 Public Safety Healthy Retiree Mortality Tables (100% males, 100% females) projected with Scale MP-2021 for Troopers A and B. Pre-Retirement: Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality Tables (100% males, 100% females) projected with Scale MP-2021 for TRS. Pub-2010 Below-Median Income General Employee Mortality Tables projected with Scale MP-2021 for PERS. Pub-2010 Public Safety Employee Mortality Tables projected with Scale MP-2021 for Troopers A & B.	Post Retirement: Pub-2010 General Healthy Retiree Mortality Tables projected with MP-2021 and scaling factors of 100% for males and 108% for females. Pre-retirement: Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality Tables projected with MP-2021.	Post Retirement: Pub-2010 General Healthy Retiree Mortality Tables projected with MP-2019 and scaling factors of 100% for males and 108% for females. Pre-retirement: Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality Tables projected with MP-2019.	Post Retirement: Pub-2010 General Healthy Retiree Mortality Tables projected with MP-2019 and scaling factors of 100% for males and 108% for females. Pre-retirement: Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality Tables projected with MP-2019.	Post-Retirement: RP – 2000 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table projected with Scale AA on a fully generational basis
Discount Rate	7.40%	6.65%	6.65%	6.65%	7.15%

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	Trend rate for pre-Medicare and Medicare per capita costs of 7.0% medical and 8.0% drug. The trends increase over four years to 9.0% and 9.5%, respectively. The trends then decrease linearly for 5 years until ultimate trend rate of 4.50% is reached in plan year end 2032.	Trend rate for pre-Medicare per capita costs of 7.0% for plan year end 2023, decreasing by 0.50% for two years then by 0.25% each year thereafter, until ultimate trend rate of 4.25% is reached in plan year end 2032. Trend rate for Medicare per capita costs of 8.83% for plan year end 2023, decreasing ratably each year thereafter, until ultimate trend rate of 4.25% is reached in plan year end 2032	Trend rate for pre-Medicare per capita costs of 7.0% for plan year end 2020, decreasing by 0.50% for one year then by 0.25% each year thereafter, until ultimate trend rate of 4.25% is reached in plan year end 2032. Trend rate for Medicare per capita costs of 9.15% for plan year end 2023, decreasing ratably each year thereafter, until ultimate trend rate of 4.25% is reached in plan year end 2036.	Trend rate for pre-Medicare per capita costs of 7.0% for plan year end 2021, 6.50% for plan year end 2023, decreasing by 0.25% each year thereafter, until ultimate trend rate of 4.25% is reached in plan year 2032. Trend rate for Medicare per capita costs of 31.11% for plan year end 2022. 9.15% for plan year end 2023, 8.40% for plan year end 2024, decreasing gradually each year thereafter, until ultimate trend rate of 4.25% is reached in plan year end 2036.	Trend rate for pre-Medicare per capita costs of 8.5% for plan year end 2020, decreasing by 0.5% each year thereafter, until ultimate trend rate of 4.5% is reached in plan year 2028. Trend rate for Medicare per capita costs of 3.1% for plan year end 2020. 9.5% for plan year end 2021, decreasing by 0.5% each year thereafter, until ultimate trend rate of 4.5% is reached in plan year end 2031.	Actual trend used for fiscal year 2018. For fiscal years on and after 2019, trend starts at 8.0% and 10.0% for pre and post-Medicare, respectively, and gradually decreases to an ultimate trend rate of 4.50%. Excess trend rate of 0.13% and 0.00% for pre and post-Medicare, respectively, is added to healthcare trend rates pertaining to per capita claims costs beginning in 2022 to account for the Excise Tax.	Actual trend used for fiscal year 2017. For fiscal years on and after 2018, trend starts at 8.5% and 9.75% for pre and post-Medicare, respectively, and gradually decreases to an ultimate trend rate of 4.50%. Excess trend rate of 0.14% and 0.29% for pre and post-Medicare, respectively, is added to healthcare trend rates pertaining to per capita claims costs beginning in 2020 to account for the Excise Tax.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - DEBT SERVICE FUND

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts Regulatory Basis		Actual GAAP Basis Amounts	Adjustments for Regulatory Basis	Actual Regulatory Basis Amounts	Variance With Final Budget
	Original	Final				
Revenues:						
Local sources	$ 5,054,094	$ 5,054,094	$ 5,298,993	$ -	$ 5,298,993	$ 244,899
State sources	2,000	2,000	324,032	-	324,032	322,032
Miscellaneous sources	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	5,056,094	5,056,094	5,623,025	-	5,623,025	566,931
Expenditures:						
Debt service:						
Principal retirement	4,980,000	4,980,000	4,980,000	-	4,980,000	-
Interest and fiscal charges	76,094	76,094	76,093	-	76,093	1
Reserved for debt service	-	3,911,639	-		-	3,911,639
Total expenditures	5,056,094	8,967,733	5,056,093	-	5,056,093	3,911,640
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	(3,911,639)	566,932	-	566,932	4,478,571
Other financing sources (uses):						
Proceeds from disposal of real or personal property	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from the sale of bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Change in fund balances	-	(3,911,639)	566,932	-	566,932	4,478,571
Fund balances - beginning	-	3,911,639	3,911,639	-	3,911,639	-
Fund balances - ending	$ -	$ -	$ 4,478,571	$ -	$ 4,478,571	$ 4,478,571

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PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts Regulatory Basis		Actual GAAP Basis	Adjustments for Regulatory Basis	Actual Regulatory Basis	Variance With
	Original	Final	Amounts		Amounts	Final Budget
Revenues:						
Other Local sources	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
State sources	-	815,640	815,640	-	815,640	-
Federal sources	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous sources	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	-	815,640	815,640	-	815,640	-
Expenditures:						
Capital outlay	-	2,145,871	2,090,491	-	2,090,491	55,380
Operation and Maintenance of Facilities	-	179,940	179,940	-	179,940	-
Total expenditures	-	2,325,811	2,270,431	-	2,270,431	55,380
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	(1,510,171)	(1,454,791)	-	(1,454,791)	55,380
Other financing sources (uses):						
Proceeds from disposal of real or personal property	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from the sale of bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from capital leases	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	623,700	996,866	-	996,866	373,166
Transfers (out)	-	(64,247)	(466,730)	-	(466,730)	(402,483)
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	559,453	530,136	-	530,136	(29,317)
Change in fund balances	-	(950,718)	(924,655)	-	(924,655)	26,063
Fund balance - beginning	-	950,718	950,718	-	950,718	-
Fund balance - ending	$ -	$ -	$ 26,063	$ -	$ 26,063	$ 26,063

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PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTES TO OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN SCHOOL ACTIVITY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Cash Balance	Revenues Received	Expenditures Paid	Cash Balance
High Schools & Career Centers:				
Buffalo High School	$ 206,096	$ 319,631	$ 329,220	$ 196,507
Hurricane High School	401,946	822,141	776,456	447,631
Poca High School	271,975	387,920	379,734	280,161
Winfield High School	345,004	598,620	515,210	428,414
Putnam Career & Technical Center	432,348	370,427	419,382	383,393
Total high schools	1,657,369	2,498,739	2,420,002	1,736,106
Middle and Junior High Schools:				
George Washington Middle School	125,752	107,866	101,688	131,930
Hurricane Middle School	198,516	206,105	191,834	212,787
Poca Middle School	185,104	149,543	150,435	184,212
Winfield Middle School	263,240	264,895	252,348	275,787
Total middle and junior high schools	772,612	728,409	696,305	804,716
Elementary Schools:				
Buffalo Elementary School	55,561	37,514	37,123	55,952
Confidence Elementary School	45,713	41,394	44,152	42,955
Conner Street Elementary School	46,893	49,635	45,558	50,970
Eastbrook Elementary School	64,040	46,178	43,007	67,211
George Washington Elementary School	69,146	65,143	62,400	71,889
Hometown Elementary School	31,200	15,862	15,283	31,779
Hurricane Town Elementary School	45,837	55,248	57,392	43,693
Lakeside Elementary School	55,413	69,458	62,145	62,726
Mountain View Elementary	127,830	144,213	129,373	142,670
Poca Elementary School	48,879	51,570	51,906	48,543
Rock Branch Elementary School	18,995	41,561	35,694	24,862
Scott Teays Elementary School	105,917	84,959	98,993	91,883
West Teays Elementary School	147,624	181,243	210,985	117,882
Winfield Elementary School	82,411	74,389	75,363	81,437
Total elementary schools	945,459	958,367	969,374	934,452
Total	$ 3,375,440	$ 4,185,515	$ 4,085,681	$ 3,475,274

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF EXCESS LEVY REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Current Year			
	Estimated Per Levy Call	Actual	Variance	Estimated Per Levy Call
Excess Levy Collections	$ 20,767,252	27,044,475	$ 6,277,223	$ 62,301,756
Expenditures (County Specific Levy Call):				
Excess Levy Expenditure Category				
To provide for new buildings, building additions, renovations and repairs to existing buildings, and equipping buildings	3,000,000	3,000,000	-	9,000,000
Excess Levy Expenditure Category				
To continue to provide financial support toward employee salaries/benefits: 1) Local county salary supplements, substitute costs, and fixed charges; 2) Extended employment for summer maintenance; 3) Overtime wages; 4) Extra-duty bus wages for academic and athletic trips; 5) Extra duty salary supplements - Curricular positions - Athletic positions; and 6) Dental and optical insurance	14,592,252	18,421,790	3,829,538	43,776,756
Excess Levy Expenditure Category				
To continue to provide financial support of the following community organizations: Putnam County Public Library; Putnam County 4-H	225,000	260,045	35,045	675,000
Excess Levy Expenditure Category				
To provide for the purchase of instructional equipment/furniture, teaching supplies, textbooks and library books	2,000,000	3,787,440	1,787,440	6,000,000
Excess Levy Expenditure Category				
To provide and maintain a secure enfironment for students and employees in the schools: Including, but not limited to school resource officers and/or school security enhancements	200,000	528,774	328,774	600,000
Excess Levy Expenditure Category				
To provide allowances to retired employees	750,000	1,046,426	296,426	2,250,000
Total Expenditures	20,767,252	27,044,475	6,277,223	62,301,756
Excess (Deficiency) of Collections over Expenditures	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Federal Grantor Pass-Through Grantor Program or Cluster Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass - Through Entity Identifying Number	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. Department of Agriculture			
Pass-through West Virginia Department of Agriculture			
Child Nutrition Cluster			
Food Distribution - Donated	10.555	N/A	$ 440,617
Pass-through West Virginia Department of Education			
Child Nutrition Cluster			
Food Service Centralized	10.553/10.555/10.559	Note 5	3,652,626
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			4,093,243
Pass-through West Virginia Department of Education			
P-EBT Grant	10.649	GRTAWD04022400001868	3,256
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	10.582	N/A	26,748
Food Service Emergency Operations	10.579	Note 5	31,753
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	N/A	34,208
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			4,189,208
U.S. Department of Education			
Pass-through West Virginia Department of Education			
Special Education Cluster			
IDEA - Part B	84.027A	Note 5	2,689,289
IDEA - Part B - Preschool	84.173A	Note 5	50,433
ARPA2 IDEA	84.027X	GRTAWD04022200001633	17,698
Total IDEA Cluster			2,757,420
Title I	84.010A	Note 5	1,559,664
Title II	84.367A	Note 5	307,248
Title III	84.365A	Note 5	6,402
Title IV	84.424A	Note 5	78,757
ESSERF Grants	84.425D	Note 5	156,187
ESSERF- HHS - GEER Program	84.425R	GRTAWD04022200003890	25,211
ARP ESSERF (3) Grants	84.425U	Note 5	3,954,160
ARP 4 Homeless Grant	84.425W	GRTAWD04022200003694	5,509
PELL Grant Program	84.063	N/A	191,315
Vocational Education	84.048A	Note 5	204,556
Total U.S. Department of Education			9,246,429
U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources			
Pass-through West Virginia Department of Education			
COVID Emergency Response Grant	93.354	GRTAWD04022200003772	(1,660)
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources			(1,660)
Total Federal Awards			$ 13,433,977

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

1. Basis of Presentation

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

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a) Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

b) Putnam County Board of Education has elected not to use the 10-percent deminimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance because they use the state approved indirect cost rate.

3. Food Distribution

Non-monetary assistance is reported in the schedule at the fair market value of the commodities received and disbursed. The Board received and disbursed $440,617 in food commodities in the Donated Foods Program for the year ended June 30, 2024.

4. Child Nutrition Program

Child Nutrition Program (Assistance Listing #10.553, #10.555 and #10.559) expenditures of federal awards are based on the amount of federal funding received for each of the programs. Since the amount of total expenditures for the programs exceeds the amount of the federal awards received, it is presumed that the total received from the federal awards has been expended. The amount of expenditures funded by meal sales, sponsor's contributions and state matching funds for both programs has not been included in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards. The total combined expenditures for the three programs as funded from all sources was $7,143,332.

5. Pass-Through Entity Identifying Numbers

The following programs had multiple pass-through entity identifying numbers:

Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number
Title I	84.010A	GRTAWD04022300001591, GRTAWD04022300002955, GRTAWD04022400000747, GRTAWD04022400001187
Title II	84.367A	GRTAWD04022300001653, GRTAWD04022400001270
Title III	84.365A	GRTAWD04022300001678, GRTAWD04022400001298, GRTAWD04022200002122
IDEA Part B	84.027A	GRTAWD04022300001199, GRTAWD04022300003513, GRTAWD04022400000409, GRTAWD04022400002199, GRTAWD04022400003267, GRTAWD04022400003292, GRTAWD04022400003739, GRTAWD04022400003753, GRTAWD04022500001413
IDEA Part B Preschool	84.173A	GRTAWD04022300001258, GRTAWD04022400000469
Vocational Education	84.048A	GRTAWD04022400000966, GRTAWD04022300000711, GRTAWD04022400002990
Title IV	84.424A	GRTAWD04022400001340, GRTAWD04022300001720
ESSERF Grants	84.425D	GRTAWD04022100005278, GRTAWD04022100005345
ARP ESSERF (3) Grants	84.425U	GRTAWD04022100005862, GRTAWD04022400003901
Food Service Emergency Operations	10.579	GRTAWD04022300005063 GRTAWD04022300005064
Food Service- Centralized	10.553/10.555/10.559	N/A, GRTAWD04022400003596

6. Subrecipients

The Putnam County Board of Education did not have subrecipients during the 2024 fiscal year.

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF STATE GRANT RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Awarding Agency	Grant Name	Grant Identification	Period of Award	Total Grant Award	Beginning Balance (7/1/23)	Current Year Receipts	Current Yea Expenditure
WVDE	Special Ed High Cost/High Acuity	GRTAWD04022200003125	07/01/21 - 09/30/23	8,981.00	316.96	-	316.
WVDE	Special Ed County Entitlement	GRTAWD04022300001328	07/01/22 - 09/30/24	$ 187,758.00	$ 99,039.14	$ -	$ 93,989.
WVDE	Special Ed High Cost/High Acuity	GRTAWD04022300003456	07/01/22 - 09/30/24	4,976.00	4,976.00	-	-
WVDE	Special Ed County Entitlement	GRTAWD04022400000539	07/01/23 - 09/30/25	192,019.00	-	192,019.00	165,317.
WVDE	Special Ed WV CASE	GRTAWD04022400004182	06/01/24 - 06/30/25	1,500.00	-	-	-
WVDE	Special Ed CPI Cert	GRTAWD04022400004253	06/01/24 - 06/30/25	12,896.00	-	-	-
WVDE	Special Ed High Cost/High Acuity	GRTAWD04022400003236	07/01/23 - 09/30/25	25,035.00	-	25,035.00	-
WVDE	Special Ed Out of County Instruction	GRTAWD040224000034377	07/01/23 - 09/30/25	1,550.00	-	-	1,550.
WVDE	CTE Academic Teachers	GRTAWD04022300000415	07/01/22 - 03/31/25	140,002.88	12,926.36	-	12,926.
WVDE	CTE Academic Teachers	GRTAWD04022400000907	07/01/23 - 03/31/26	141,591.00	-	141,591.00	128,609.
WVDE	CTE - Heavy Equipment/Construction	GRTAWD04021900005598	04/01/19 - 06/30/25	1,700,000.00	168,744.20	-	53,980.
WVDE	CTE - Secondary Block	GRTAWD04022200000725	07/01/21 - 03/31/24	206,579.00	4,722.74	-	4,722.
WVDE	CTE - Discover Your Future Modules	GRTAWD04022200005342	04/21/22 - 03/31/24	15,000.00	8,960.59	(132.53)	8,828.
WVDE	CTE - Discover Your Future Modules	GRTAWD04022200005853	06/02/22 - 03/31/24	18,800.00	17,252.84	-	14,406.
WVDE	CTE - Secondary Block	GRTAWD04022300000551	07/01/22 - 03/31/25	261,336.00	59,609.99	-	59,609.
WVDE	CTE - Simulated Workplace	GRTAWD04022300003071	11/04/22 - 03/31/25	2,600.00	446.54	-	446.
WVDE	CTE - Simulated Workplace	GRTAWD04022300003366	12/19/22 - 03/31/25	2,000.00	1,433.95	-	1,433.
WVDE	CTE - CTE Manufacturing and Design	GRTAWD04022300004269	03/10/23 - 03/31/25	50,000.00	50,000.00	-	50,000.
WVDE	CTE - Simulated Workplace	GRTAWD04022300004665	02/01/23 - 03/31/25	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	1,182.
WVDE	CTE - Program Modernization	GRTAWD04022300000638	07/01/22 - 03/31/25	67,042.00	1,810.43	-	1,300.
WVDE	CTE - Tech Centers That Work	GRTAWD04022300000394	07/01/22 - 03/31/25	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.
WVDE	CTE - Making Schools Work	GRTAWD04022300004688	04/11/23 - 03/31/25	6,000.00	2,897.48	-	2,495.
WVDE	CTE - Secondary Block	GRTAWD04022400000690	07/01/23 - 03/31/26	298,666.00	-	298,666.00	232,766.
WVDE	CTE - AET Online Records	GRTAWD04022400002142	10/01/23 - 03/31/26	1,140.00	-	1,140.00	990.
WVDE	CTE - Career Exploration	GRTAWD04022400002491	09/01/23 - 03/31/26	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	974.
WVDE	CTE - Simulated Workplace	GRTAWD04022400002611	07/01/23 - 03/31/26	750.00	-	750.00	-
WVDE	CTE - E-Sports BHS	GRTAWD04022400003024	12/01/23 - 03/31/26	1,100.00	-	1,100.00	-
WVDE	CTE - Let's Fly WV HHS	GRTAWD04022400003785	05/01/24 - 03/31/26	800.00	-	800.00	-
WVDE	CTE - Program Modernization	GRTAWD04022400000882	07/01/23 - 03/31/26	41,008.00	-	41,008.00	38,466.
WVDE	CTE - Tech Centers That Work	GRTAWD04022400001182	07/01/23 - 03/31/26	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	-
WVDE	CTE Equipment Replacement	GRTAWD04022400000831	07/01/23 - 03/31/26	27,434.00	-	27,434.00	-
WVDE	WV Leaders of Literacy	GRTAWD04022300000816	07/01/22 - 03/31/25	93,220.00	48,984.76	-	24,078.
WVDE	WV Leaders of Literacy	GRTAWD04022400001070	07/01/23 - 03/31/26	104,040.00	-	104,040.00	27,624.
WVDE	Truancy Diversion Program	GRTAWD04022300002554	07/01/22 - 03/31/25	41,594.00	41,594.00	-	41,594.

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF STATE GRANT RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES (CONTINUED)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Awarding Agency	Grant Name	Grant Identification	Period of Award	Total Grant Award	Beginning Balance (7/1/23)	Current Year Receipts	Curren Expen
WVDE	State ESL Funds	GRTAWD04022200002154	07/01/21 - 03/31/24	2,334.52	2,317.67	(1,251.62)	1
WVDE	State ESL Funds	GRTAWD04022300001501	07/01/22 - 03/31/25	2,438.10	2,438.10	-	
WVDE	State ESL Funds	GRTAWD04022400001739	07/01/23 - 03/31/25	2,347.95	-	2,347.95	
WVDE	Safe Schools Fund Grant Allocation 20	GRTAWD04022400001406	07/01/23 - 03/31/26	95,000.00	-	95,000.00	85
WVDE	Tools for Schools	GRTAWD04022300002674	07/01/22 - 03/31/25	310,719.00	6,106.25	-	6
WVDE	Tools for Schools	GRTAWD04022400002012	07/01/23 - 03/31/26	309,618.00	-	309,618.00	309
WVDE	WV Science Fair	GRTAWD04022200002830	10/12/21 - 03/31/24	4,000.00	1,550.00	(1,550.00)	
WVDE	WV Social Studies Fair	GRTAWD04022200002837	10/12/21 - 03/31/24	4,000.00	1,550.00	(1,550.00)	
WVDE	WV International School	GRTAWD04022200004933	04/01/22 - 03/31/24	6,000.00	1,660.00	-	1
WVDE	Math4Life - County	GRTAWD04022200005111	03/30/22 - 03/31/24	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	3
WVDE	Math4Life - Classroom	GRTAWD04022200005399	05/03/22 - 03/31/24	1,780.00	816.03	-	
WVDE	Leadership Framework	GRTAWD04022200005579	05/11/22 - 03/31/24	2,000.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	
WVDE	Math4Life - County	GRTAWD04022300003360	12/19/22 - 03/31/25	4,970.00	4,970.00	-	
WVDE	Math4Life - Classroom	GRTAWD04022300004090	03/01/23 - 03/31/25	1,180.00	24.10	-	
WVDE	Leadership Framework	GRTAWD04022300004229	03/06/23 - 03/31/25	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	
WVDE	WV International School	GRTAWD04022300004571	04/01/23 - 03/31/25	6,000.00	6,000.00	-	2
WVDE	WV INVEST Conference	GRTAWD04022300004936	05/01/23 - 03/31/25	24,250.00	7,534.19	-	3
WVDE	Grow Your Own Pathway	GRTAWD04022300004164	03/06/23 - 03/31/25	2,200.00	257.75	-	
WVDE	Grow Your Own Pathway	GRTAWD04022400002868	12/01/23 - 09/30/24	4,782.50	-	4,782.50	4
WVDE	Teacher of the Year	GRTAWD04022400003098	02/05/24 - 03/31/25	300.00	-	300.00	
WVDE	Leadership Framework	GRTAWD04022400003421	03/29/24 - 03/31/25	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	
WVDE	NB Classroom Grant	GRTAWD04022400003852	05/02/24 - 06/30/25	600.00	-	600.00	
WVDE	Academic Showdown	GRTAWD04022400004025	05/24/24 - 03/31/26	250.00	-	250.00	
WVDE	Academic Showdown	GRTAWD04022400004026	05/24/24 - 03/31/26	250.00	-	250.00	
WVDE	AP Test Fees	GRTAWD04022400004329	06/12/24 - 03/31/25	636.00	-	-	
WVDE	CTE - INVEST	GRTAWD04022400004141	06/01/24 - 03/31/26	600.00	-	-	
WVDE	EPIC CTE Project	GRTAWD04021900003869	12/01/18 - 06/30/22	50,000.00			
WVDE	Tuition Reimbursement	GRTAWD04022200003575	07/01/21 - 03/31/24	126.50	(126.50)	126.50	
WVDE	Tuition Reimbursement	GRTAWD04022300005261	07/01/22 - 06/30/24	11,845.00	(11,845.00)	11,845.00	
WVDE	Tuition Reimbursement	GRTAWD04022300005294	07/01/22 - 06/30/24	13,896.50	(13,896.50)	13,896.50	
WVDE	Tuition Reimbursement	GRTAWD04022400004431	07/01/23 - 06/30/25	8,650.01	-	-	8
WVDE	Tuition Reimbursement	GRTAWD04022400004460	07/01/23 - 06/30/25	1,095.00	-	-	1
WVDE	ACE Program Block	GRTAWD04022300001052	07/01/22 - 03/31/25	309,346.00	22,334.91	-	
WVDE	ACE Modernization Grant	GRTAWD04022300005010	05/18/23 - 03/31/25	3,000.00		3,000.00	2
WVDE	ACE Program Block	GRTAWD04022400001782	07/01/23 - 03/31/26	347,425.00	-	347,425.00	346
WVDE	CTE Program Modernization	GRTAWD04022200000840	07/01/21 - 03/31/24	28,528.00	1,884.09	-	1
WVDE	CTE ProStart Program	GRTAWD04022300003269	07/01/22 - 03/31/25	500.00	500.00		
WVDE	Food Svc - Summer Supplement	GRTAWD04022200006156	06/22/22 - 03/31/24	4,350.00	4,350.00	-	4
WVDE	Food Svc - From Scratch Training	GRTAWD04022300005117	03/01/23 - 03/31/25	8,000.00	-	8,000.00	
WVDE	Food Svc - GWE Equipment	GRTAWD04022300005026	05/01/23 - 03/31/25	6,150.00	-	6,150.00	6
WVDE	Food Svc - GWE Farm to School	GRTAWD04022400004271	04/01/24 - 03/31/26	4,800.00	-	-	
WVDE	Food Svc - Backpack Grant	GRTAWD04022400002078	09/01/23 - 06/30/25	50,415.10	-	50,415.10	49
WVDE	Food Svc - From Scratch Training	GRTAWD04022400002298	10/01/23 - 06/30/25	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	
			TOTAL:		**$ 578,641.07**	**$ 1,689,605.40**	**$ 1,810**

REPORTS ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTER

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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*

Honorable Members of
Putnam County Board of Education
Winfield, West Virginia

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Putnam County Board of Education as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Putnam County Board of Education's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 14, 2025.

Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Report On Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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



Huntington, West Virginia
January 14, 2025

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

Honorable Members of
Putnam County Board of Education
Winfield, West Virginia

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

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

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

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

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

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

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

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

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



Huntington, West Virginia
January 14, 2025

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS

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There were no findings in the prior year.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued:	Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
Material weakness identified	No
Significant deficiency identified that is not considered to be material weakness?	None Reported
Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted?	No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:	
Material weakness identified	No
Significant deficiency identified that is not considered to be material weakness?	None Reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:	Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR Section 200.516(a)?	No

The programs tested as major programs included:

Program	Assistance Listing #
U.S. Department of Education	
Pass-through West Virginia Department of Education	
Title I	84.010A
Vocational Education	84.048A
U.S. Department of Agriculture	
Pass-through West Virginia Department of Agriculture	
Child Nutrition Cluster	
Food distribution - Donated	10.555
Pass-through West Virginia Department of Education	
Child Nutrition Cluster	
Food Service Centralized	10.533/10.555/10.559

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Program:	$750,000
Auditee qualifies as a low-risk auditee?	Yes

B. FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

None reported.

C. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS

None reported.

APPENDIX B

ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC DATA
PUTNAM COUNTY (WEST VIRGINIA)

General: The Virginia General Assembly formed Putnam County on March 11, 1848, from parts of Cabell, Kanawha, and Mason Counties, West Virginia. Putnam County was one of the original 50 Virginia counties admitted to the Union as the State of West Virginia on June 20, 1863. The County has a total area of approximately 350 square miles, of which approximately 346 square miles are land and less than 5 square miles are water. Major highways include Interstate 64, U.S. Route 35, U.S. Route 60. Winfield is its county seat, which is located approximately 25 miles from the State capitol of Charleston, West Virginia. Hurricane is the largest city in the County with a population of approximately 6,977.



County Seat: City of Winfield

The County: The County is governed by, and generally acts through, The County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia. The Commissioners of the County Commission are elected on a countywide basis.

County Commissioners:
Andy Skidmore
Brian Ellis
Doug Pierson

Population			
Year	**Putnam County**	**West Virginia**	**United States**
2020	57,443	1,791,646	331,577,720
2021	57,365	1,785,618	332,099,760
2022	57,070	1,774,122	334,017,321
2023	56,942	1,770,495	336,806,231
2024	57,067	1,769,979	340,110,988

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division

Per Capita Personal Income ($)			
Year	**Putnam County**	**West Virginia**	**United States**
2019	47,921	42,615	55,567
2020	49,997	44,869	59,123
2021	53,879	48,802	64,460
2022	54,441	50,134	66,244
2023	58,105	52,826	69,810

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis

Average Annual Unemployment Rates (%) – Not Seasonally Adjusted			
Year	**Putnam County**	**West Virginia**	**United States**
2019	4.4	4.9	3.7
2020	7.4	8.3	8.1
2021	4.3	5.1	5.4
2022	3.3	3.9	3.7
2023	3.2	3.9	3.6

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Largest Employers in County
March 2024
1. Toyota Manufacturing, WV, Inc.
2. Putnam County Board of Education
3. Vandalia Health
4. Appalachian Power Company, DBA
5. Triton Construction, Inc.
6. Wal-Mart Associates, Inc.
7. Putnam County Commission
8. Diamond Electric MFG Corp
9. Day & Zimmermann NPS, Inc.
10. Kanawha Stone Company, Inc.

Source: WORKFORCE West Virginia

Average Employment	
	2024
Putnam County	25,974
West Virginia	753,542

Source: WORKFORCE West Virginia

Average Weekly Wage ($)	
Putnam County	1,278
West Virginia	1,127

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (Second Quarter, 2024)

Average Annual Employment by Industry (2023)	
Industry	**Employment**
Natural Resources and Mining	78
Construction	2,429
Manufacturing	3,232
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	4,734
Information	187
Financial Activities	611
Professional and Business Services	2,073
Education and Health Services	2,487
Leisure and Hospitality	1,959
Other Services	417
Unclassified	15
Federal Government	205
State Government	237
Local Government	1,721

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Wages Per Industry ($) (2023)		
Industry	**Total Wages**	**Average Weekly Wage**
Natural Resources and Mining	3,049,624	750
Construction	188,148,931	1,490
Manufacturing	245,499,392	1,461
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	290,483,882	1,180
Information	13,028,832	1,337
Financial Activities	45,728,596	1,438
Professional and Business Services	142,676,556	1,323
Education and Health Services	134,774,811	1,042
Leisure and Hospitality	38,848,155	381
Other Services	23,387,437	1,078
Unclassified	919,268	1,199
Federal Government	14,425,817	1,352
State Government	11,242,767	911
Local Government	92,189,202	1,030

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Total Wages ($)		
Year	**Putnam County**	**West Virginia**
2020	1,034,152,792	31,292,852,070
2021	1,082,357,422	33,217,958,335
2022	1,220,764,300	35,817,336,999
2023	1,244,403,270	38,418,362,917

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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APPENDIX C

PROPOSED FORM OF OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL

[_____], 2025

The Board of Education of the County of Putnam
77 Courthouse Drive
Winfield, WV 25213

Re: $49,870,000 The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (West Virginia)
Public School Bonds, Series 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have examined, in our capacity as Bond Counsel to The Board of Education of The County of Putnam, (West Virginia) (the "Issuer"), the transcript of proceedings (the "Transcript") relating to the issuance by the Issuer of its $49,870,000 in aggregate principal amount of Public School Bonds, Series 2025, dated [_____], 2025 (the "Bonds"). The Bonds are (i) issued in fully registered form, (ii) are dated [_____], 2025, (iii) upon original issuance, are represented by a single bond for each maturity, numbered R-1 through R-15, (iv) are of the denominations of $5,000 or integral multiples thereof, and (v) mature on June 1 in years and amounts and bear interest payable each June 1 and December 1, commencing June 1, 2026, at the rates set forth in the Official Statement of the Issuer, dated [_____], 2025. The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity as set forth in the Official Statement.

The Bonds were authorized at an election held in the Putnam County School District (the "School District") on November 5, 2024 (the "Election"), and by a resolution and order adopted by the Issuer on December 16, 2024 (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the "Bond Resolution"), and are issued pursuant to Chapter 13, Article 1 of the Code of West Virginia Code, 1931, as amended (the "Act"), for the purposes of set forth in the Order of the Issuer, approved and adopted by the Issuer on August 5, 2024, and approved by voters of the School District at the Election.

As to questions of fact material to our opinion, we have relied upon the representations, covenants and certifications of the Issuer contained in the Bond Resolution, a Tax and Non-Arbitrage Certificate of the Issuer dated the date hereof (the "Tax Certificate") and the certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials furnished to us without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation. We have assumed the genuineness of all documents and signatures presented to us (whether as originals or as copies) and the due and legal execution and delivery thereof by, and validity against, any parties. We have assumed, without undertaking to verify, the accuracy of the factual matters represented, warranted or certified in the documents contained in the Transcript.

Based upon the foregoing, and assuming compliance with the covenants of the Issuer contained in the Bond Resolution, the Tax and Non-Arbitrage Certificate and in certain other certificates delivered in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, we are of the opinion, under existing law, as of the date hereof, that:

1. The Issuer is duly organized and is a validly existing statutory corporation charged with the supervision and control of the School District, which is a validly existing political subdivision of the State of West Virginia, and has full power and authority to adopt the Bond Resolution and to issue and sell the Bonds under the provisions of the Act and other applicable provisions of law.

2. The issuance and sale of the Bonds have been duly authorized pursuant to and in full compliance with the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, the Act and the Bond Resolution. The Bond Resolution is in full force and effect as of the date hereof.

3. The Bonds have been duly authorized and validly issued by the Issuer in accordance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of West Virginia and constitute valid and legally binding general obligations of the Issuer, and unless the Bonds are paid from other sources, the Issuer has the power and is obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within Putnam County School District to pay the Bonds and the interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount.

4. Under existing laws, regulations, rules and published rulings and judicial decisions of the United States of America, as presently written and applied, interest on the Bonds is excludable from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, and such interest will not be treated as a preference item in calculating the alternative minimum tax that may be imposed under the Code with upon individuals. The opinions set forth in the proceeding sentence are subject to the condition that the Issuer comply, on a continuing basis, with all requirements of the Code that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that interest thereon be, or continue to be, excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The Issuer has covenanted to comply with each such requirement. Failure to comply with certain of such requirements may cause the interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds. We express no other opinion regarding federal tax consequences with respect to the Bonds.

5. Under the Act, as currently written and applied, the Bonds are exempt from all taxation by the State of West Virginia or by any political subdivision thereof.

6. We have examined the executed and authenticated Bond No. R-1 of said issue, and in our opinion, said Bond is in proper form and has been duly executed and authenticated.

Except as described herein, we express no opinion regarding other federal or state tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds. We express no opinion on the effect of any action hereafter taken or not taken in reliance upon an opinion of other counsel on the excludability from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on the Bonds, or under state and local tax law.

It is to be understood that the rights of the holders of the Bonds and the enforceability of the Bonds and the liens, pledges, rights or remedies with respect to the Bonds and the Bond Resolution are subject to any applicable bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, moratorium or other similar laws heretofore or hereafter enacted affecting creditors' rights or remedies generally, and that their enforcement may also be subject to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases. We express no opinion with respect to any indemnification, contribution, penalty, choice of law, choice of forum, choice of venue, waiver or severability provisions contained in the foregoing documents or other offering material relating to the Bonds and express no opinion with respect thereto.

This opinion is rendered solely for your benefit and is furnished only with respect to the transactions contemplated by the Bond Resolution and the documents included in the Transcript. Accordingly, this opinion may not be relied upon by or quoted to any other person or entity without, in each instance, our prior written consent.

The opinions herein may be affected by actions taken or omitted or events occurring after the date hereof. We have not undertaken to determine, or to inform any person, whether any such actions are taken or omitted or events do occur or any other matters that come to our attention after the date hereof.

Accordingly, this opinion speaks only as of its date and is not intended to, and may not, be relied upon in connection with any such actions, events or matters.

Very truly yours,

BOWLES RICE LLP

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APPENDIX D

PROPOSED PROJECTS

PROJECT	LOCATION	ESTIMATED COST
New Hurricane Middle School Develop, acquire, design, construct, equip, furnish, improve, and pay all fees and expenses for a new Hurricane Middle School (replacing existing Hurricane Middle School as described below), which will meet the School Building Authority of West Virginia standards and guidelines and provide a safe and engaging learning environment for students. The new school will serve students in grades 6 through 8.	Adjacent to the existing Hurricane High School site in Hurricane, West Virginia	$64,628,344
New Football Stadium Bleachers and Press Boxes, and New Athletic Field Lighting for Hurricane High School Develop, acquire, design, construct, equip, furnish, improve, and pay all fees and expenses related to athletic facility improvements at Hurricane High School, including, without limitation, new bleachers, press boxes and lighting at the football stadium, and new field lighting at the soccer, baseball and softball facilities.	To be located at the existing Hurricane High School athletic facilities in Hurricane, West Virginia	$3,251,556
New Football Stadium Bleachers and Press Boxes, and New Athletic Field Lighting for Winfield High School Develop, acquire, design, construct, equip, furnish, improve, and pay all fees and expenses related to athletic facility improvements at Winfield High School, including, without limitation, new bleachers, press boxes and lighting at the football stadium, and new field lighting at the soccer, baseball and softball facilities.	To be located at the existing Winfield High School athletic facilities in Winfield, West Virginia	$2,666,556
New Football Stadium Bleachers and Press Boxes, and New Athletic Field Lighting for Poca High School. Develop, acquire, design, construct, equip, furnish, improve, and pay all fees and expenses related to athletic facility improvements at Poca High School, including, without limitation, new bleachers, press boxes and lighting at the football stadium, and new	To be located at the existing Poca High School athletic facilities in Poca, West Virginia	$1,926,556

field lighting at the baseball and softball facilities.		
New Baseball and Softball Field Lighting for Buffalo High School Develop, acquire, design, construct, equip, furnish, improve, and pay all fees and expenses related to new baseball and softball field lighting at Buffalo High School.	To be located at the existing Buffalo High School baseball and softball facilities in Buffalo, West Virginia	$1,076,988
New Football Field Lighting for George Washington Middle School, Winfield Middle School and Poca Middle School Develop, acquire, design, construct, equip, furnish, improve, and pay all fees and expenses related to new football field lighting at George Washington Middle School, Winfield Middle School and Poca Middle School.	To be located at the applicable middle school athletic facilities in Putnam County, West Virginia	$1,020,000
	Total Estimated Project Costs (excluding Costs of Issuance): Project Costs Funded by Other Sources, including but not limited to SBA Funds, and/or Federal, State, Local, Lease Purchase, and/or Private Funds: Project Costs Funded by Bond Proceeds: Estimated Costs of Issuance Funded by Bond Proceeds: **TOTAL PAR AMOUNT OF BONDS:**	**$74,570,000** $25,000,000 $49,570,000 $300,000 **$49,870,000**

The amounts set forth above as "Total Par Amount of Bonds" for the Projects include estimated Costs of Issuance for the Bonds, which may be funded from the proceeds of the Bonds. The Board shall also be authorized to pay such Costs of Issuance from its general funds and/or the proceeds of the Bonds, as the Board deems appropriate at the time such Costs of Issuance are required to be paid.

If Bonds proposed hereby are issued, then, in connection with the Projects proposed in the Order, upon the completion of the new Hurricane Middle School in the vicinity of Hurricane, West Virginia, the existing Hurricane Middle School (serving students in grades 6 through 8) will be closed as a middle school, and certain of those students in grades 6 through 8 will be assigned to and will attend the new Hurricane Middle School.

The foregoing estimated Project Cost amounts include the costs of acquiring any necessary lands, sites and rights-of-way and easements, if necessary to complete the Projects, the payment of interest on the Bonds while the Projects are under construction and up to six months thereafter, and any engineering and architectural costs, construction costs, including, but not limited to, construction manager fees and expenses, the cost of using county maintenance personnel, the costs of erecting, improving, equipping and furnishing the Projects, the costs and estimated costs of the issuance of the Bonds, and such other costs, fees, and expenses as may be necessary and/or properly incurred in carrying out the Projects. All Handicapped and E.S.S.I.A. Title 1 expenditures are subject to written approval by the West Virginia Department of Education.

The estimated Project Costs set forth above are based upon the estimates provided to the Board by its architects, engineers and other professional advisers, and the actual costs of completing any one or more of the Projects may vary due to circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the Board. To the extent the actual cost to complete any one or more of the Projects is greater or less than such estimates, the Board, in its reasonable discretion, can allocate and expend the available funds (including proceeds of the Bonds, School Building Authority of West Virginia grant funds and other funds available to the Board) between the Projects as necessary to carry out the intent of this Order; provided however, that in any event, the Board shall use its best efforts to complete each of the Projects described above, to the extent sufficient funding is available.

If the proceeds of the Bonds and/or amounts allocated for the above-stated purposes are insufficient to complete the Projects, then the Board, in its discretion, shall allocate such shortfall to one or more of the above-stated purposes. In the event the Board shall obtain additional money by grant or otherwise from the State or Federal government, or from any agency of either, or from any other source (including private funds, local funds, lease purchase proceeds, or other funds made available to the Board), for use in the acquisition, construction, renovation, improvement, furnishing, and/or equipping of the Projects, such additional money may be used either in substitution for or in addition to the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds proposed hereby, as may be determined by the Board and the granting body or agency.

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APPENDIX E

BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM

1. The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, NY, will act as securities depository for the Bonds (the "Securities"). The Securities will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered Security certificate will be issued for each the Securities, each in the aggregate principal amount of each such Security, all of which certificates will be deposited with DTC.

2. DTC, the world's largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has a Standard & Poor's rating of AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10. The Board may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Security certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.

11. The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the Board believes to be reliable, but the Board takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE BOARD

Harold L. "Chuck" Hatfield, President

Chuck Hatfield is a retired educator with 43 years of service in West Virginia public schools. Chuck holds a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Social Studies from Glenville State College and a master's degree in educational administration from West Virginia College of Graduate Studies.

Chuck began his career as a classroom teacher before becoming principal of Eastbrook Elementary School in Putnam County in 1980. From there, he served as Director of Early Childhood Education, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Pupil Services, and Deputy Superintendent for Putnam County Schools until 2004. In 2004, he became Superintendent of Putnam County Schools, serving until his retirement in July of 2016.

During his tenure as superintendent, Putnam County Schools led the state in academic achievement and employee salaries. A major facilities improvement project was also implemented and completed through the passage of a 57-million-dollar bond and an award of 25 million dollars from the School Building Authority.

In 2009, Chuck was named West Virginia Superintendent of the Year by the West Virginia Association of School Administrators. He has been active in several educational organizations. He has held leadership positions on numerous committees, including Chairman of the RESA 3 Advisory Council, the State Superintendent's Task Force on Assessment and Accountability, the State Superintendent's Commission on Assessment, the State Superintendent's Advisory Board, the Education Alliance, North Central Association of Accreditation of Schools, and chair of the Legislative, Instructional Leadership, and Facilities committees of the West Virginia Association of School Administrators.

Christian Wells, Vice President

Christian Wells graduated from Winfield High School in 1993. He received his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from WVU soon thereafter and began a career as a civil engineer for a large engineering firm with a local office. Christian then worked for a large local general contractor in Putnam County. Eventually, he decided to go to work with his father, Terry Wells, at their family-owned general contracting and wireless business. Over the years, they've built their company into the leading wireless contractor in the region. Christian is very happily married to Kristen Wells. Their children, Emerson and Case, attend school in Winfield. The Wells family are members of Winfield Baptist and are very active in local sports with their children.

Brad Hodges, Member

Brad Hodges is a lifelong resident of Putnam County. He graduated from Winfield High School in 1973 and received his Bachelor of Science in Education from Concord College in 1977. In 2000, he received his Master of Arts in Leadership Studies from Marshall University. Brad retired from Putnam County Schools in December 2019, with forty-three years of service and the most senior employee in the county. He worked at Winfield High School, Winfield Middle School, Hurricane High School, and the Board of Education Office in Winfield. He has taught and coached at Hurricane High School, Winfield High School, and Winfield Middle School. He has been an athletic director and an assistant principal at Hurricane High School. While at the board office, he was the Coordinator of Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, Director of Administrative Services, and served as Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services.

Wade Neal, Member

Wade Neal is currently serving his second term as a Putnam County Board of Education member, having been re-elected in 2023. A lifelong resident of Putnam County, Mr. Neal is a proud graduate of Hurricane High School and Marshall University. With a strong commitment to his community, he dedicated the last 30 years of his career to Parkline Buildings, a company based in Eleanor, WV. Mr. Neal brings valuable experience and deep local roots to his role on the Board, where he continues to advocate for excellence in education across the county.

Tammy Sowards, Member

Tammy (Van Dyke) Sowards has been a proud resident of Putnam County for many years and is a graduate of Hurricane High School. She went on to earn her B.B.S. in Marketing from Marshall University and has built a

successful career in pharmaceutical sales while living in Scott Depot. Tammy and her husband, Dwayne, have raised six children who all graduated from Putnam County Schools, where the family was actively involved in a variety of athletic and academic activities, including basketball, wrestling, cheerleading, dance, track, show choir, and the National Honor Society. Tammy is excited to serve on the Putnam County Board of Education and looks forward to giving back to the outstanding school system and community that have been such an important part of her family's life.

APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF THE BOARD

John G. Hudson, Superintendent

John Hudson is completing his 41st year in education and has been the Superintendent of Putnam County Schools in West Virginia, a district of approximately 9,000 students, since July 2016. Mr. Hudson earned his undergraduate degree in Elementary Education from the University of Charleston and his master's in educational administration from Marshall University. He has served as an elementary school principal, middle school principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent.

S. L. "Chris" Campbell, Treasurer and Chief School Business Official

Chris Campbell served 3 ½ years in the WV Army National Guard and 4 years in the United States Air Force where he earned an Associates in Applied Science Degree in Logistics from the Community College of the Air Force. After receiving an Honorable Discharge, he received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from Marshall University in 1995. He became a Certified Public Accountant in 1996 and received the Certified Administrator of School Finance and Operations certification from the Association of School Business Officials International in 2014. After graduation from Marshall University he worked for public accounting firms primarily in the fields of auditing, financial statement preparation, and tax preparation (both income and payroll) as well as being the entire accounting department for a local business. He was hired as the Treasurer/Chief School Business Official for Mason County Schools (WV) in 1999 where he successfully worked on a bond implementation for bonds passed in 2004. He started the same position for Putnam County Schools in 2010 and oversaw the spending and repayment of bonds passed in 2009. He has served as President of the West Virginia Association of School Business Officials (2008) and the Southeastern Association of School Business Officials (2018). He has been married since 1987, has two adult daughters and became a grandfather in 2020.

APPENDIX G

FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

This Continuing Disclosure Agreement (this "Agreement") dated as of [_____], 2025, is entered into by and between The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (the "Board") and United Bank Charleston, West Virginia, as Dissemination Agent (the "Dissemination Agent"), in connection with the issuance of the $49,870,000 The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (West Virginia) Public School Bonds, Series 2025 (the "Bonds"). Capitalized terms used in this Agreement shall have the respective meanings specified above, in Section 2 hereof or in the Resolution and Order adopted by the Board on December 16, 2024, authorizing issuance of the Bonds (as amended and supplemented, the "Resolution"). The Board agrees as follows:

SECTION 1. Purpose of Agreement. This Agreement is being executed and delivered by the Board and the Dissemination Agent for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds and in order to assist the Participating Underwriter (as hereinafter defined) in complying with the Rule (as hereinafter defined).

SECTION 2. Definitions. In addition to the definitions set forth above or in the Resolution, which apply to any capitalized term used in this Agreement unless otherwise defined herein, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

"Annual Financial Information" means the Audited Financial Statements of the Board set forth in APPENDIX A to the Official Statement for the Bonds.

"Audited Financial Statements" means the Board's annual financial statements, prepared in accordance with GAAP, which financial statements shall have been audited by a firm of independent certified public accountants. If Audited Financial Statements are not available by the date they are required to be provided to the Dissemination Agent in accordance with Section 3 below, the Board shall by such date provide the Dissemination Agent with the Board's unaudited financial statements for the applicable fiscal year, and when available, the Audited Financial Statements.

"Beneficial Owner" shall mean any person who has the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or to dispose of ownership of, any Bonds (including persons holding Bonds through nominees, depositories or other intermediaries).

"Disclosure Representative" shall mean the Treasurer/Chief School Business Official of the Board.

"Dissemination Agent" shall initially mean United Bank, Charleston, West Virginia and any later appointed Dissemination Agent or any successor Dissemination Agent designated in writing by the Board and which has filed with the Board a written acceptance of such designation.

"EMMA" means the Electronic Municipal Market Access system described in 1934 Act Release No. 59062 and maintained by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board for purposes of the Rule.

"Financial Obligation" shall mean (a) a debt obligation, (b) a derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation, or (c) a guarantee of either (a) or (b). The term "Financial Obligation" shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the Repository consistent with the Rule.

"Listed Events" shall mean any of the events listed in Section 5(a) of this Agreement.

"Participating Underwriter" shall mean the original purchaser of the Bonds who is required to comply with the Rule in connection with offering of the Bonds.

"Repository" shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, Washington, D.C. or any other repository that may be designated for such purpose.

"Rule" shall mean Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time.

SECTION 3. Provision of Annual Financial Information.

(a) The Board shall, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent to, on or before June 30 of each year provide to the Repository: Annual Financial Information containing the Board's Audited Financial Statements for the prior fiscal year, commencing with the Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in effect from time to time. The Annual Financial Information may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package, and may cross-reference other information as provided in compliance with this Agreement. The Board shall provide the Dissemination Agent with a copy of each report filed under this Agreement. If the Board's fiscal year end changes, the Board shall give notice of such change in the same manner as for a Listed Event under Section 4(a).

(b) Not later than fifteen (15) Business Days prior to said date, the Board shall provide the Annual Financial Information to the Dissemination Agent. If the Board is unable to provide to the Repository the Annual Financial Information by the date required in subsection (a), the Board shall, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent to, provide to EMMA, a notice in substantially the form attached as Exhibit A.

(c) The Dissemination Agent shall file a report with the Board certifying that the Annual Financial Information has been provided to EMMA pursuant to this Agreement and the date provided.

(d) All documents provided to EMMA shall be provided in a searchable, electronic format and shall be accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

(e) Any or all of the items listed above may be included by specific reference to other documents, including official statements of debt issues of the Board or related public entities, which have been submitted to EMMA or the Securities and Exchange Commission. If the document included by reference is a final official statement, it must be available from the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. The Board shall clearly identify each such other document so included by reference.

SECTION 4. Reporting of Significant Events.

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of this Section 4, the Board shall give, or cause to be given by the Dissemination Agent, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events, if applicable, with respect to the Bonds:

1. principal and interest payment delinquencies;

2. non-payment related defaults, if material;

3. unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;

4. unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;

5. substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;

6. adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-

TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;

7. modifications to rights of Bondholders, if material;

8. (a) Bond calls, if material, and (b) tender offers;

9. defeasances;

10. release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;

11. rating changes;

12. bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, or similar event of the Board[1];

13. the consummation of a merger, consolidation or acquisition involving the Board, or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Board, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;

14. appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material.

15. incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Board, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the Board, any of which affect Bondholders, if material; and

16. default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the Board, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

(b) The Dissemination Agent shall, within one (1) Business Day of obtaining actual knowledge of the occurrence of any of the Listed Events contact the Disclosure Representative, inform such person of the event, and request that the Board promptly notify the Dissemination Agent in writing whether or not to report the event pursuant to subsection (f).

(c) Whenever the Board obtains knowledge of the occurrence of a Listed Event, classified under Section 4(a) (2), (7), (8)(a), (10), (13), (14) or (15), because of a notice from the Dissemination Agent pursuant to subsection (b) or otherwise, the Board shall as soon as possible determine if such event would be material under applicable federal securities laws, in any event such determination must be made and submitted to the Dissemination Agent within two (2) business days.

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[1] For the purposes of the event identified in Section 5(a)(12) above, the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent, or similar officer for the Board in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Board, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Board.

(d) If the Board determines that knowledge of the occurrence of any of the Listed Events, classified under Section 4(a) (2), (7), (8)(a), (10), (13), (14) or (15), would be material under applicable federal securities laws pursuant to subsection (c) or the Board received notice of any Listed Event that does not require a finding of materiality classified under Section 4(a) (1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (8)(b), (9), (11), (12) or (16), the Board shall promptly file with the Dissemination Agent a notice of such occurrence to be provided to EMMA.

(e) If in response to a request under subsection (b), the Board determines that the Listed Event, classified under Section 4(a) (2), (7), (8)(a), (10), (13), (14) or (15), would not be material under applicable federal securities laws, the Board shall so notify the Dissemination Agent in writing and instruct the Dissemination Agent not to report the occurrence pursuant to subsection (f).

(f) If the Dissemination Agent has been instructed by the Board to report the occurrence of a Listed Event, the Dissemination Agent shall file a notice of such occurrence with EMMA with a copy to the Board. The Dissemination Agent must file such notice with EMMA within ten (10) business days of the occurrence of such Listed Event, or as soon as possible after receipt from the Board.

SECTION 5. Termination of Reporting Obligation. The Board's obligations under this Agreement shall terminate upon the legal defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds.

SECTION 6. Dissemination Agent. United Bank, Charleston, West Virginia is hereby appointed as Dissemination Agent. The Board may, from time to time, appoint or engage an alternate or successor Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Agreement, and may discharge any such Dissemination Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent. The Dissemination Agent shall not be responsible in any manner for the content of any notice or report prepared by the Board pursuant to this Agreement.

SECTION 7. Amendment. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Board and the Dissemination Agent may amend this Agreement provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) If the amendment relates to the provisions of Sections 3(a) or 4(a), it may only be made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, change in law, or change in the identity, nature or status of the Board with respect to the Bonds, or the type of business conducted;

(b) The undertaking, as amended, would, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of the original issuance of the Bonds, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances; and

(c) The amendment does not, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, materially impair the interests of the holders or beneficial owners of the Bonds.

In the event of any amendment of a provision of this Agreement, the Board shall describe such amendment in the next Annual Financial Information filing due under this Agreement, and shall include, as applicable, a narrative explanation of the reason for the amendment and its impact on the type (or in the case of a change of accounting principles, on the presentation) of financial information being presented. In addition, if the amendment relates to the accounting principles to be followed in preparing financial statements, the Annual Financial Information for the year in which the change is made should present a comparison (in narrative form and also, if feasible, in quantitative form) between the financial statements as prepared on the basis of the new accounting principles and those prepared on the basis of the former accounting principles.

SECTION 8. Additional Information. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to prevent the Board from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Agreement or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Financial Information or notice

of occurrence of any of the Listed Events, in addition to that which is required by this Agreement. If the Board chooses to include any information in any Annual Financial Information or notice of occurrence of any of the Listed Events in addition to that which is specifically required by this Agreement, the Board shall have no obligation under this Agreement to update such information or include it in any future Annual Financial Information or notice of occurrence of any of the Listed Events.

SECTION 9. Default. In the event of a failure of the Board to comply with any provision of this Agreement (and, at the request of the Participating Underwriter), any Holder or Beneficial Owner of the Bonds may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandate or specific performance by court order, to cause the Board to comply with its obligations under this Agreement. A default under this Agreement shall not be deemed an Event of Default or default under the Resolution or the Bonds, and the sole remedy under this Agreement in the event of any failure of the Board to comply with this Agreement shall be an action to compel performance.

SECTION 10. Notices. Any notices or communications to or among any of the parties to the Agreement may be given as follows:

To the Board: The Board of Education of the County of Putnam
77 Courthouse Drive
Winfield, WV 25213

To the Dissemination Agent: United Bank 500
Virginia Street, East
Charleston, West Virginia 25301

Any person may, by written notice to the other persons listed above, designate a different address or telephone number(s) to which subsequent notices or communications should be sent.

SECTION 11. Beneficiaries. This Agreement shall inure solely to the benefit of the Board, the Dissemination Agent, the Participating Underwriter and holders and beneficial owners from time to time of the Bonds, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

SECTION 12. Counterparts. The Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

SECTION 13. Fees. The Board agrees to pay all fees and expenses of the Dissemination Agent including, without limitation, all reasonable expenses, charges, costs, attorney's fees and other disbursements in the administration and performance of the Dissemination Agent's duties.

SECTION 14. Right to Resign. The Dissemination Agent may resign at any time by providing thirty (30) days' written notice to the Board.

SECTION 15. Right to Counsel. The Dissemination Agent shall have the right to consult with counsel in carrying out its duties under the Agreement and to rely upon an opinion of counsel.

SECTION 16. Duties of Dissemination Agent. The Dissemination Agent shall have only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Agreement, and no further duties or responsibilities shall be implied. Any corporation or association into which the Dissemination Agent in its individual capacity may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any corporation or association resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which the Dissemination Agent in its individual capacity shall be a party, or any corporation or association to which all or substantially all the corporate trust business of the Dissemination Agent in its individual capacity may be sold or otherwise transferred, shall be the Dissemination Agent under this Agreement without further act. Anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, in no event shall the

Dissemination Agent be liable for special, indirect or consequential loss or damage of any kind whatsoever (including but not limited to lost profits), even if the Dissemination Agent has been advised of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of action. The Board will, for the benefit of the Dissemination Agent and Dissemination Agent's employees, directors, agents, subsidiaries, affiliates, successors and assigns, assume all liability and/or be responsible to pay for any and all claims, demands, causes of action, losses, damages, liabilities, penalties, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) relating to this Agreement, to the extent assessed by a court of competent jurisdiction.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board and the Dissemination Agent have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective authorized representatives, all as of the date first above written.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM

By: _____
Name:
Title: President

United Bank, as Dissemination Agent

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Date: [_____], 2025

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE TO REPOSITORY
OF FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Name of Issuer: The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (West Virginia)

Name of Bond Issue: $49,870,000 The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (West Virginia) Public School Bonds, Series 2025

Date of Bond Issue: [_____], 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board has not provided Annual Financial Information with respect to the above-named Bonds as required by Section 3(b) of this Continuing Disclosure Agreement dated as of _____ __, 2025. The Board anticipates that the Annual Financial Information will be filed by _____, 20__.

Dated: _____, 20__

United Bank, as Dissemination Agent
on behalf of the Board

cc: Board

APPENDIX H

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE

$49,870,000
The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (West Virginia)
Public School Bonds
Series 2025

The Board of Education of the County of Putnam, West Virginia (the "Board") will receive bids electronically via PARITY® (as more fully described below) for the purchase of $49,870,000 principal amount of Public School Bonds, Series 2025 (the "Bonds"), on an all-or-none basis, until 11:30 AM, Local Time, on:

June 26, 2025

Bid Submission

Each proposal must be submitted via PARITY® in accordance with this Notice of Sale by 11:30 AM, Local Time, on June 26, 2025. No bid will be accepted after the time for receiving bids specified above. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in PARITY® conflict with this Notice, the terms of this Notice shall control. For further information about PARITY®, potential bidders may contact the Financial Advisor at (304) 322-5985 or PARITY® at (212) 849-5021 and from the following website: newissue.muni.spglobal.com. The bids will be publicly announced, and the Board will act upon the bids by 2:00 PM, Local Time, on June 26, 2025.

No in person or fax bids will be accepted. Subscription to PARITY® is required in order to submit an electronic bid and the Board will neither confirm any subscription nor be responsible for any failure of a prospective bidder to subscribe. No other form of electronic bid or provider of electronic bidding services will be accepted. For the purposes of the electronic bidding process, the time as maintained by PARITY® shall constitute the official time with respect to all electronic bids submitted. Each bid must be unconditional.

The Board reserves the right to postpone the date and time established for the receipt of the bids or to change the bidding parameters set forth in this Official Notice of Sale. Any such postponement or change will be announced by a Supplemental Notice of Bond Sale through PARITY®, or any other such service, at least 48 hours prior to the time established for the receipt of bids. If the receipt of bids is postponed, any alternative date for receipt of bids will be announced. Any bidder must submit an electronic bid for the purchase of the Bonds on such alternative sale date in conformity with the provisions of the Official Notice of Sale, except for any changes announced via PARITY® or any other such service, as described therein.

Preliminary Official Statement

The Board has prepared a Preliminary Official Statement and has deemed the Preliminary Official Statement to be "final" as of its date for purposes of Rule 15c2-12(b)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission, except for the omission of certain information as permitted by Rule 15c2-12(b)(1). Electronic copies of the Preliminary Official Statement concerning the Bonds and the Official Form of Proposal relating to the Bonds may be secured from Crews & Associates, Inc., 69 Clay St., Suite 202, Morgantown, West Virginia, 26501, telephone (304) 322-5985.

Terms of the Bonds

The Bonds will be dated the date of their delivery (the "Dated Date") and will mature on June 1 in the years and in the amounts as follows:

Maturing (June 1)	Principal Amount ($)
2026	1,920,000
2027	2,280,000
2028	2,420,000
2029	2,565,000
2030	2,720,000
2031	2,880,000
2032	3,055,000
2033	3,235,000
2034	3,430,000
2035	3,635,000
2036	3,855,000
2037	4,085,000
2038	4,330,000
2039	4,590,000
2040	4,870,000
Total	$49,870,000

The Bonds are general obligations of the Board and the full faith and credit of the Board are pledged for payment of the principal of and interest thereon. All the taxable property in Putnam County, West Virginia, will be subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes, without limitation as to rate or amount, sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds when due.

The Bonds will be dated the Date of Delivery, and will be issued in fully registered form only, without coupons, and, when issued will be registered in the name of CEDE & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Individual purchases will be made in book-entry form only, in the principal amount of $5,000 or integral multiples thereof. Purchasers of the Bonds will not receive certificates representing their interests in the Bonds.

Pursuant to Chapter 13, Article 1, of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, both the principal of and interest on the Bonds are payable at the office of the West Virginia Municipal Bond Commission, Charleston, West Virginia, as Paying Agent. The Board has designated United Bank, Charleston, West Virginia, as the Registrar.

Interest on the Bonds will be payable on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing June 1, 2026 until maturity. The principal of and interest on the Bonds are payable by the Paying Agent to DTC, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to its participants for subsequent distribution to the owners of the Bonds.

Optional Redemption

The Bonds maturing on or after June 1, 2036, are subject to redemption on or after June 1, 2035, at the option of the Board, in whole or in part, in order of maturity selected by the Board, and by lot within a maturity, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of Bonds to be redeemed, together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption. In the event of such optional redemption, the Board may direct the maturity or maturities of the Bonds and the amounts thereof to be redeemed, provided that the Bonds will be redeemed in whole multiples of $5,000 in principal amount and in the minimum principal amount of $50,000.

Notice of Redemption

Notice of any redemption of Bonds shall be given by the Registrar, on behalf of the Board, to registered owners of the Bonds to be redeemed at least thirty (30) and not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for redemption, by registered or certified mail, at the address appearing in the Bond Register or at such other address as is furnished in writing by the registered owner to the Registrar. Failure to receive such notice or any defect therein or in the mailing thereof shall not affect the validity of any proceedings for the redemption of the Bonds and failure to mail such notice shall not affect the validity of any such proceedings for any Bond with respect to which no such failure has occurred. Notice of redemption having been given in the manner described herein, and moneys necessary for their redemption of the Bonds having been deposited, the Bonds specified in such notice shall, on the date fixed for redemption, become due and payable and from and after such date (unless the Board shall default in the payment of the redemption price), such Bonds shall cease to bear interest.

Insurance at Bidder's Option

If the Bonds qualify for issuance of any policy of municipal bond insurance or commitment thereof, any purchase of such insurance or commitment therefor shall be at the sole option and expense of the bidder and any increased costs of issuance of the Bonds resulting by reason of such insurance, unless otherwise paid, shall be paid by such bidder. Any failure of the Bonds to be so insured or of any such policy of insurance to be issued, shall not in any way relieve the purchaser of its contractual obligations arising from the acceptance of its proposal for the purchase of the Bonds.

Terms of Sale

Bidders may only bid to purchase all of the Bonds. Each proposal must state the amount bid for the Bonds, not less than $49,870,000 or greater than 105% of the par value of the Bonds, and must state in multiples of 1/20 or 1/8 of 1% the rates of interest per annum which the Bonds are to bear, but must <u>not</u> state:

(a) any interest rate which is in excess of 6.0% per annum,

(b) more than one interest rate for any Bonds having like maturity, and

(c) any interest rate for Bonds which exceeds the interest rate stated in such proposal for any other Bonds by more than three percent (3%).

The right is reserved to reject any and all proposals not conforming to this Official Notice of Sale and, so far as permitted by law, to waive any irregularity or informality with respect to any proposal.

Basis of Award

The Board, from among the legally acceptable proposals which comply with this Official Notice of Sale, will select the bidder (herein called the "successful bidder") on the basis of the lowest true interest cost ("TIC") as follows: the TIC is the discount rate (expressed as a per-annum percentage rate) which when used in computing the present value of all payments of principal and interest on the Bonds, from the payment dates to the date of the Bonds, produces an amount equal to the price bid, but excluding interest accrued to the date of delivery. Present value shall be computed on the basis of semiannual compounding and a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. If two or more proper bids providing for identical amounts for the lowest true interest cost are received, the Board in its sole discretion shall determine which bid, if any, shall be accepted, and its determination shall be final.

Good Faith Deposit

The successful bidder of the Bonds is required to submit a good faith deposit (the "Deposit") in the form of an electronic transfer of federal reserve funds immediately available for use by the Board, as instructed by the Board

or its Financial Advisor, in an amount equal to $997,400 no later than two hours after the Board has acted upon the bids, has made an award of the Bonds and notified the successful bidder. If the electronic transfer is not received within the time period indicated above, the Board reserves the right to abandon its plan to award the Bonds to such successful bidder, and may contact the next highest bidder and offer said bidder the opportunity to become the successful bidder, on the terms as outlined in said bidder's bid, so long as said bidder submits a good faith electronic transfer within two hours of the time that the Board makes its offer to said next highest bidder. The Board or its Financial Advisor will distribute wiring instructions to the successful bidder for the Deposit upon verification of the bids submitted by the bidders. The successful winning bidder shall provide the federal funds reference number upon request of the Board. The Board will not award the Bonds to the successful bidder absent receipt of the Deposit prior to action awarding the Bonds. No interest on the Deposit will accrue to the successful bidder. The Deposit will be applied to the purchase price of the Bonds. If the successful bidder fails to honor its bid, the Deposit will be retained by the Board as full and complete liquidated damages.

Certificate of Winning Bidder

To provide the Board with information necessary for compliance with Section 148 of the Code, the successful bidder must complete, execute and deliver to the Board prior to the delivery of the Bonds, a certificate substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, regarding the "issue price" (as defined in Section 148 of the Code) of the Bonds, reflecting the initial offering prices of the Bonds that are expected to be sold to the public as of the sale date. The term "public" excludes Underwriters and related parties to Underwriters (as defined in Exhibit A attached hereto).

In the event that the Board receives bids from less than three underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds then the successful bidder will comply with the general rule and/or the "hold-the-offering-price" rule set forth in Treasury Regulation 1.148-1(f)(2) and will complete, execute and deliver to the Board prior to the delivery of the Bonds, a certificate substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B.

At the request of the Board, the successful bidder will provide information explaining the factual basis for the successful bidder's issue price certification. This agreement by the successful bidder to provide such information will continue to apply after the issue date of the Bonds if (1) the Board requests the information in connection with an audit or inquiry by the Internal Revenue Service or the Securities and Exchange Commission or (2) the information is required to be retained by the Board pursuant to future regulation or similar guidance from the Internal Revenue Service, the Securities and Exchange Commission or other federal or state regulatory authority.

In addition, the apparent winning bidder shall provide such issue price to the Board and its Financial Advisor no more than 20 minutes after the Submittal Time.

Delivery of the Bonds

The Bonds will be delivered upon payment of the balance of the purchase price in Federal Funds payable to the order of "The Board of Education of the County of Putnam, West Virginia". It is expected that the Bonds will be available for delivery to The Depository Trust Company in New York, New York, or in the case of a FAST closing, delivery of the Bonds may be made locally to the Registrar through DTC, on or about July 17, 2025, on such business day and at such hour, as the Board may fix on five business days' notice to the successful bidder, or at such other place and time as may be agreed upon with the successful bidder.

Ratings

Moody's Ratings ("Moody's") and S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") have assigned the Bonds underlying ratings of 'Aa3' and 'A+' (stable outlook), respectively. Concurrently, Moody's has assigned an underlying 'Aa3' issuer's rating to the Board. S&P has also assigned the Bonds an program rating of 'AA-' based in part on (a) the duties of the West Virginia Municipal Bond Commission in its capacity as Paying Agent for the Bonds to determine the annual rates of the tax levy required to make debt service payments on the Bonds, as well as the authority to augment such rates to provide for delinquencies, and (b) the annual blanket appropriation to the Governor of amounts sufficient to meet any deficiencies with regard to amounts received by the Bond Commission to make debt service payments on the Bonds (see "RATINGS" and "THE BONDS – Debt Administration" in the Official Statement). Such ratings reflect only the views of such organizations and reference is made to such organizations for the meaning of such rating.

Opinion of Bond Counsel

It will be a condition to the obligation of the successful bidder to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds that prior to or contemporaneously with such delivery, the successful bidder will be furnished with the final approving opinion of Bowles Rice LLP, Charleston, West Virginia, Bond Counsel. The opinion of Bond Counsel will include an opinion that under existing laws, regulations, published rulings and judicial decisions of the United States of America, as presently written and applied, interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes and that the Bonds are exempt from all taxation by the State of West Virginia or any political subdivision thereof. Said opinion shall also contain further statements to the effect that the enforceability of rights or remedies with respect to the Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or other laws affecting creditors' rights or remedies heretofore or hereafter enacted.

It will be a further condition of delivery of any payment for the Bonds that there also be delivered at such time certificates satisfactory to said Bond Counsel evidencing proper execution and delivery of the Bonds, including (i) a certificate dated the date of delivery of the Bonds, of the President and Secretary of the Board, stating that there is no litigation pending or threatened affecting the validity of the Bonds, or wherein an adverse judgment or ruling could have a material adverse impact on the financial condition of the Board, or adversely affect the power of the Board to levy, collect and enforce the collection of taxes or other revenues for the payment of its Bonds, (ii) a certificate dated the date of delivery of the Bonds, of the President and Secretary of the Board, to the effect that at the time of the sale of the Bonds and at all times subsequent thereto up to and including the time of delivery of the Bonds, to the best of their knowledge, the Official Statement in final form and as of its date, did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, and (iii) a tax and non-arbitrage certificate executed on behalf of the Board which will include, among other things, covenants relating to compliance with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), with the owners of the Bonds that the Board, will, among other things, (a) take all actions on its part necessary to cause interest on the Bonds to be excluded from the gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes, including, without limitation, restricting, to the extent necessary, the yield on investments made with the proceeds of the Bonds and investment earnings thereon, making required payments to the Federal government, if any, and maintaining books and records in a special manner, where appropriate, and (b) refrain from taking any action which would cause interest on the Bonds to be includable in the gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes, including, without limitation, refraining from spending the proceeds of the Bonds and investment earnings thereon on certain specified purposes. The Bonds will also bear the signed approval of the Attorney General of West Virginia to the effect that the Bonds are binding obligations of the Board and are incontestable.

Final Official Statement

Within seven (7) business days after the award of the Bonds to the successful bidder therefor, on the date of the sale, the Board, by its President, will authorize the delivery of its Official Statement in order to comply with Rule 15c2-12(b)(4) of the Securities and Exchange Commission and Rule G-32 of the Municipal Securities

Rulemaking Board. The Official Statement is expected to be substantially in the form of the Preliminary Official Statement. The Board will also issue any supplement or amendment to the Official Statement that may be necessary between the date of the Official Statement and the date of delivery of the Bonds. If requested and furnished to the Board in writing by the successful bidder at or before the close of business on the day of sale, the Board will include in the Official Statement such pricing and other information relating to the reoffering of the Bonds, if any, as may be so furnished. If no such information is furnished by the successful bidder, the Official Statement will include the interest rates on the Bonds resulting from the bid of the successful bidder and the other statements with respect to reoffering contained in the Preliminary Official Statement. Whether or not any such information is included in the Official Statement, the successful bidder shall be responsible to the Board and its officials in all respects for the accuracy, fairness and completeness of such information, and for all decisions made with respect to the use or omission of such information in any reoffering of the Bonds, including the presentation or exclusion of any such information in any documents, including the Official Statement. The Board reserves no responsibility or obligation for the distribution of the Official Statement to anyone other than the successful bidder. The successful bidder will also be furnished, without cost, up to 50 copies of the Official Statement. Additional copies may be ordered by the Purchaser at its expense.

Continuing Disclosure

The Board will covenant for the benefit of the Owners of the Bonds, in accordance with the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, which shall be delivered in substantially the form attached to the Preliminary Official Statement as Appendix G thereto (the "Continuing Disclosure Agreement"), to provide certain annual financial information, on or before June 30 of each year following the end of the Board's fiscal year, commencing with the report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and to provide notice of the occurrence of the enumerated events listed herein, if material. The Annual Information and each notice will be filed electronically by United Bank, Charleston, West Virginia, as dissemination agent, on behalf of the Board with the Electronic Municipal Markets Access system ("EMMA") of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

This continuing disclosure obligation is being undertaken to comply with Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule") promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Board has agreed to give notice in a timely manner to EMMA of any failure to supply the required information. However, any such failure will not constitute a default under the terms of the Bonds. Under the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, the sole remedy for such failure is to seek an order for specific performance. For a description of the Board's compliance with prior disclosure undertakings in the past five years, please see the information under the heading "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE – Continuing Disclosure Compliance" in the Preliminary Official Statement.

CUSIP Numbers

It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the Bonds, but neither the failure to print such numbers on any Bonds nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for failure or refusal by the purchaser thereof to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds in accordance with terms of this Official Notice of Sale. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers on the Bonds shall be paid for by the Board. However, the CUSIP Service Bureau charges for the assignment of said numbers shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the purchaser of the Bonds.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, WEST VIRGINIA

By: /s/ John G. Hudson
Its: Superintendent

DATE: June 12, 2025

EXHIBIT A

$49,870,000
The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (West Virginia)
Public School Bonds
Series 2025

FORM OF ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE
WITH AT LEAST 3 QUALIFYING BIDS

The undersigned, on behalf of [NAME OF PURCHASER] (the "Purchaser"), hereby certifies as set forth below with respect to the sale of the above-captioned obligations (the "Bonds").

1. ***Reasonably Expected Initial Offering Price***.

(a) As of the Sale Date, the reasonably expected initial offering prices of the Bonds to the Public by the Purchaser are the prices listed in ***Schedule A*** (the "Expected Offering Prices"). The Expected Offering Prices are the prices for the Maturities of the Bonds used by the Purchaser in formulating its bid to purchase the Bonds. Attached as ***Schedule B*** is a true and correct copy of the bid provided by the Purchaser to purchase the Bonds.

(b) The Purchaser was not given the opportunity to review other bids prior to submitting its bid.

(c) The bid submitted by the Purchaser constituted a firm offer to purchase the Bonds.

2. ***Defined Terms***.

(a) *Issuer* means The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (West Virginia).

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

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

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

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

The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only. Nothing in this certificate represents the Purchaser's interpretation of any laws, including specifically Sections 103 and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations thereunder. The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the Issuer with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the Issuer's tax certificate and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Bonds, and by Bowles Rice LLP, in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the

Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the preparation of the Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G and other federal income tax advice that it may give to the Issuer from time to time relating to the Bonds.

[NAME OF PURCHASER]

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

Dated: [_____], 2025

SCHEDULE A

EXPECTED OFFERING PRICES

[SEE ATTACHED]

SCHEDULE B

COPY OF UNDERWRITER'S BID

[SEE ATTACHED]

EXHIBIT B

$49,870,000
The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (West Virginia)
Public School Bonds, Series 2025

FORM OF ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE
WITH LESS THAN 3 QUALIFYING BIDS

The undersigned, on behalf of [NAME OF PURCHASER] (the "Purchaser"), hereby certifies as set forth below with respect to the sale and issuance of the above-captioned obligations (the "Bonds").

1. ***Sale of the General Rule Maturities***. As of the date of this certificate, for each Maturity of the General Rule Maturities, the first price at which at least 10% of such Maturity was sold to the Public is the respective price listed in Schedule A.

2. ***Initial Offering Price of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities***.

(a) The Purchaser offered the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities to the Public for purchase at the respective initial offering prices listed in Schedule A (the "Initial Offering Prices") on or before the Sale Date. A copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication for the Bonds is attached to this certificate as Schedule B.

(b) As set forth in the Notice of Sale and bid award, the Purchaser has agreed in writing that, (i) for each Maturity of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities, it would neither offer nor sell any of the Bonds of such Maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the Initial Offering Price for such Maturity during the Holding Period for such Maturity (the "hold-the-offering-price rule"), and (ii) any selling group agreement shall contain the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and any retail distribution agreement shall contain the agreement of each broker-dealer who is a party to the retail distribution agreement, to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule. Pursuant to such agreement, no Underwriter (as defined below) has offered or sold any Maturity of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities at a price that is higher than the respective Initial Offering Price for that Maturity of the Bonds during the Holding Period.

3. ***CUSIP Number.*** The CUSIP number assigned to the final maturity of the Bonds is [_____].

4. ***Yield on the Bonds.*** It computed the yield on the Bonds, [_____]%, as that yield (determined on the basis of semiannual compounding) which, when used in computing the present worth of all payments of principal and interest to be made with respect to particular obligations, produces an amount equal to their purchase price, which, in the case of the Bonds is the Initial Offering Prices, determined without taking into account issuance expenses and underwriter's discount.

5. ***Weighted Average Maturity.*** The "weighted average maturity" of the Bonds has been calculated to be [_____] years. The weighted average maturity is the sum of the products of the respective Initial Offering Price of each Maturity and the number of years to maturity (determined separately for each Maturity and by taking into account mandatory redemptions), divided by the aggregate Initial Offering Prices of the Bonds as of the date hereof.

6. ***Defined Terms***.

(a) *General Rule Maturities* means those Maturities of the Bonds listed in Schedule A hereto as the "General Rule Maturities."

(b) *Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities* means those Maturities of the Bonds listed in Schedule A hereto as the "Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities."

(c) *Holding Period* means, with respect to a Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturity, the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of (i) the close of the fifth business day after the Sale Date, which is [_____] 2025, or (ii) the date on which the Purchaser has sold at least 10% of such Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturity to the Public at prices that are no higher than the Initial Offering Price for such Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturity.

(d) *Issuer* means The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (West Virginia).

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

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

(g) *Sale Date* means the first day on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale of a Maturity of the Bonds. The Sale Date of the Bonds is [_____], 2025.

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

The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only. Nothing in this certificate represents [NAME OF PURCHASER]'s interpretation of any laws, including specifically Sections 103 and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations thereunder. The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the Issuer with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the foregoing tax certificate and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Bonds, and by Bowles Rice LLP, in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the preparation of the Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G and other federal income tax advice that it may give to the Issuer from time to time relating to the Bonds.

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[NAME OF UNDERWRITER]

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

Dated: [_____], 2025

SCHEDULE A

SALE PRICES OF THE GENERAL RULE MATURITIES AND
INITIAL OFFERING PRICES OF THE HOLD-THE-OFFERING-PRICE MATURITIES
[SEE ATTACHED]

SCHEDULE B

PRICING WIRE OR EQUIVALENT COMMUNICATION
[SEE ATTACHED]

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NEW ISSUE
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(See "Ratings" herein)

In the opinion of Bowles Rice LLP ("Bond Counsel"), under existing laws, regulations, rules and published rulings and judicial decisions of the United States of America, as presently written and applied, and assuming among other matters, the accuracy of certain representations and compliance with certain covenants, the interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"). Bond Counsel is of the further opinion that interest on the Bonds is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal individual alternative minimum tax; however, with respect to certain corporations, interest on Bonds is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth under the caption "TAX MATTERS" herein. In addition, under the Act as presently written and applied, the Bonds are exempt from all taxation by the State of West Virginia or by any political subdivision thereof. See "TAX MATTERS" herein for a description of certain provisions of the Code which may affect the tax treatment of interest on the Bonds for certain bondholders.

$49,870,000
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM (WEST VIRGINIA)
Public School Bonds, Series 2025

Dated: Date of Delivery **Due:** June 1, as shown below

The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (West Virginia), Public School Bonds, Series 2025 (the "Bonds") are general obligations of The Board of Education of the County of Putnam, West Virginia (the "Board"), which Board has the power and is obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Putnam County School District to pay the Bonds and the interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount.

The Bonds will be issued in fully registered form only, without coupons, and, when issued will be registered in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. DTC will act as securities depository of the Bonds. Individual purchases will be made in book-entry form only in the principal amount of $5,000 or integral multiples thereof. Purchasers of the Bonds will not receive certificates representing their interests in the Bonds.

Pursuant to Chapter 13, Article 1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, both the principal of and interest on the Bonds are payable at the office of the West Virginia Municipal Bond Commission, Charleston, West Virginia, as Paying Agent for the Bonds. The Board has designated United Bank, Charleston, West Virginia, the Registrar for the Bonds.

Interest on the Bonds will be payable on June 1 and December 1 in each year, commencing June 1, 2026 and continuing until maturity. The principal of and interest on the Bonds are payable by the Paying Agent to DTC, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to its Participants for subsequent distribution to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds, as described herein. See "APPENDIX E – BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM."

The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity as described herein.

MATURITIES, AMOUNTS, RATES, YIELDS AND CUSIPS

Maturing (June 1)	Principal Amount ($)	Interest Rate (%)	Yield (%)	CUSIP[1] Base #: 746690	Maturing (June 1)	Principal Amount ($)	Interest Rate (%)	Yield (%)	CUSIP[1] Base #: 746690
2026	1,920,000	5.000	2.860	CY0	2034	3,430,000	5.000	3.480	DG8
2027	2,280,000	5.000	2.870	CZ7	2035	3,635,000	5.000	3.640	DH6
2028	2,420,000	5.000	2.900	DA1	2036	3,855,000	5.000	3.850[2]	DJ2
2029	2,565,000	5.000	2.920	DB9	2037	4,085,000	5.000	3.950[2]	DK9
2030	2,720,000	5.000	3.020	DC7	2038	4,330,000	4.000	4.100	DL7
2031	2,880,000	5.000	3.130	DD5	2039	4,590,000	4.125	4.200	DM5
2032	3,055,000	5.000	3.230	DE3	2040	4,870,000	4.250	4.300	DN3
2033	3,235,000	4.000	3.450	DF0					

The Bonds are offered for delivery when, as and if issued, subject to approval of legality by Bowles Rice LLP Charleston, West Virginia, Bond Counsel. It is expected that the Bonds will be available for delivery to DTC, New York, New York, or in the case of a FAST closing, delivery of the Bonds may be made locally to the Registrar through DTC on or about July 17, 2025.

Sale Date: June 26, 2025

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[1] CUSIP numbers have been assigned by an independent company not affiliated with the Board and are included on this cover page solely for the convenience of the Owners of the Bonds only at the time of issuance of the Bonds. The Board makes no representation with respect to the accuracy of such CUSIP numbers as indicated in the above table and undertakes no responsibility for the selection of the CUSIP numbers or their accuracy now or at any time in the future. The CUSIP number for a specific maturity is subject to being changed after the issuance of the Bonds.

[2] Priced to first optional redemption date of June 1, 2035.

$49,870,000
The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (West Virginia)
Public School Bonds, Series 2025

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Forward-Looking Statements

This Official Statement, and particularly the information contained under the captions "SCHOOL DISTRICT" and "CERTAIN FINANCIAL INFORMATION" contain statements relating to future results that are "forward-looking statements" as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. When used in this Official Statement, the words "estimated," "forecasted," "intended," "expected," "anticipated," "projected" and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. Such statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated in such forward-looking statements. Any forecast is subject to such uncertainties. Inevitably, some assumptions used to develop the forecasts will not be realized and unanticipated events and circumstances may occur. Therefore, there are likely to be differences between forecasts and actual results, and those differences may be material. For a discussion of certain of such risks and possible variations in results, see the information under "INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS."

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT
RELATING TO

$49,870,000
The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (West Virginia)
Public School Bonds, Series 2025

INTRODUCTION

This Official Statement provides certain information in connection with the sale of $49,870,000 in aggregate principal amount of The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (West Virginia) Public School Bonds, Series 2025 (the "Bonds"). Brief descriptions of The Board of Education of the County of Putnam, West Virginia (the "Board"), the Putnam County School District (the "School District") and Putnam County, West Virginia (the "County"), with which the boundaries of the School District are coterminous, together with a description of the Bonds and sources of payment therefor, are provided herein and in the appendices hereto.

The Bonds are general obligations of the Board, and, unless paid from other sources, are payable from ad valorem taxes levied upon all taxable property within the School District, without limitation as to rate or amount. The Board has no prior outstanding bonds.

THE BONDS

General

The Bonds will be dated as of the date of their delivery, will be issued as fully registered bonds in $5,000 denominations or integral multiples thereof, and are payable on June 1 each year in the amounts set forth on the cover page hereof.

Pursuant to Chapter 13, Article 1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended (the "Act"), both the principal of and interest on the Bonds are payable at the office of the West Virginia Municipal Bond Commission, Charleston, West Virginia (the "Bond Commission"), as the Paying Agent (the "Paying Agent"). The Board has designated United Bank, Charleston, West Virginia, as the Registrar (the "Registrar") for the Bonds.

Interest on the Bonds will be payable on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing June 1, 2026 and continuing until maturity. Such interest will be paid by check to the registered owner on each such interest payment date at the address as shown on the registration books kept for that purpose by the Paying Agent as of the 15th day of the month preceding each such interest payment date. In the case of an owner of $500,000 or more of the Bonds, interest may be paid to such owner by wire transfer to a domestic bank account specified in writing to the Paying Agent at least five days prior to an interest payment date.

Optional Redemption

The Bonds maturing on or after June 1, 2036, are subject to redemption on or after June 1, 2035, at the option of the Board, in whole or in part, in order of maturity selected by the Board, and by lot within a maturity, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of Bonds to be redeemed, together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption. In the event of such optional redemption, the Board may direct the maturity or maturities of the Bonds and the amounts thereof to be redeemed, provided that the Bonds will be redeemed in whole multiples of $5,000 in principal amount and in the minimum principal amount of $50,000.

Notice of Redemption

Notice of any redemption of Bonds shall be given by the Registrar, on behalf of the Board, to registered owners of the Bonds to be redeemed at least thirty (30) and not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed

for redemption, by registered or certified mail, at the address appearing in the Bond Register or at such other address as is furnished in writing by the registered owner to the Registrar, or by such electronic means as may be acceptable to the registered owners. Failure to receive such notice or any defect therein or in the mailing thereof shall not affect the validity of any proceedings for the redemption of the Bonds and failure to mail such notice shall not affect the validity of any such proceedings for any Bond with respect to which no such failure has occurred. Notice of redemption having been given in the manner described herein, and moneys necessary for their redemption of the Bonds having been deposited, the Bonds specified in such notice shall, on the date fixed for redemption, become due and payable and from and after such date (unless the Board shall default in the payment of the redemption price), such Bonds shall cease to bear interest. Electronic notification acceptable in the industry at the time shall also be an acceptable means of notification.

Authority and Purpose

In accordance with Article X, Sections 8 and 10, of the Constitution of the State of West Virginia (Section 10 is referred to as the "Better Schools Amendment") and the Act, county boards of education may, with the consent of at least a simple majority of the voters voting at an election on such questions, issue bonds for specified purposes in an amount which, when added to the aggregate indebtedness then outstanding, will not exceed 5% of the most recent assessed valuation of taxable property in the school district. Article X, Section 8, of the Constitution, and Sections 20 and 34 of the Act, require the annual levy and collection of a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds. Pursuant to the Better Schools amendment, the tax levy required to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds is laid separate and apart and in addition to the maximum levy rates otherwise authorized by law.

Pursuant to the Act and resolutions and orders duly entered and adopted by the Board, the issuance of the Bonds and the levy of taxes sufficient to pay principal of and the interest on the Bonds were authorized and approved at the countywide general election held on November 5, 2024. The ballot question included a maximum term of 15 and one-half years from the date of issuance of the Bonds and an interest rate not exceeding 6.0% per annum. The canvass of said general election showed 16,031 votes "For the Bond" and 8,791 votes "Against the Bond", a 64.5838% voter approval of those who participated in the election.

The Bonds are being issued to provide funds for making certain improvements in the School District as described in "Proposed Projects" in Appendix D.

Nature of Obligation, Security and Source of Payments

The Bonds will constitute valid and legally binding general obligations of the Board, and, unless paid from other sources, the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable from ad valorem taxes levied upon all taxable property within the School District, without limitation as to rate or amount. Pursuant to the Better Schools Amendment, the tax levy required to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds is laid separate and apart and in addition to the maximum levy rates otherwise authorized by law.

Debt Administration

Pursuant to Chapter 13, Article 3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended (the "West Virginia Code"), the Bond Commission shall serve as fiscal agent for all issuers of general obligation bonds issued by counties, municipalities, and school districts of the State of West Virginia when the Bond Commission is specifically named as the fiscal agent by statute (the "State") and is charged with the administration of the interest and sinking funds created to service the debt. The proceeds of taxes levied for debt service by the Board are collected by the Sheriff of Putnam County (the "Sheriff"), who remits the proceeds to the Board Treasurer, who forwards the proceeds thereof to the Bond Commission at least quarterly. The Bond Commission must notify the Board if the amount deposited is not sufficient to meet debt service payments due on the Bonds, upon which the Board is required to remit all funds in its possession and earmarked for debt service to the Bond Commission. The Bond Commission is required by law to render annually to each political subdivision having outstanding bonds a statement showing the levy required to pay the interest on and create a sinking fund for the retirement

of the outstanding bonds. The Bond Commission customarily sets the levy rates for such bonds at 110% of the annual principal and interest required so as to provide a margin to cover the statutory 2.5% discount for early payment of taxes and any attrition occasioned by delinquencies, improper assessments and exonerations. There has not been a default on the payment of principal or interest of any general obligation bond in the State since the Bond Commission commenced centralized supervision and administration in 1921.

Since 1933, the annual State Budget Bill has embodied a protective provision for certain State agency and taxing district obligations, such as the Bonds, if deficiencies should arise. The following excerpt from Section 16 of the 2025 Budget Bill is indicative:

> "Sec. 16. Sinking Fund deficiencies. There is hereby appropriated to the Governor a sufficient amount to meet any deficiencies that may arise in the mortgage finance bond insurance fund of the West Virginia housing development fund which is under the supervision and control of the Municipal Bond Commission as provided by W.Va. Code §31-18-20b, or in the funds of the Municipal Bond Commission because of the failure of any state agency for either general obligation or revenue bonds or any local taxing district for general obligation bonds to remit funds necessary for the payment of interest and sinking fund requirements. The Governor is authorized to transfer from time to time such amounts to the Municipal Bond Commission as may be necessary for these purposes. The Municipal Bond Commission shall reimburse the state of West Virginia through the Governor from the first remittance collected from the West Virginia housing development fund or from any state agency or local taxing district for which the Governor advanced funds, with interest at the rate carried by the bonds for security or payment of which the advance was made."

No representation is made that subsequent Budget Bills will have such provisions or that sufficient funds will be available to satisfy any such deficiencies. There has never been a default in payment of the principal of or interest on any general obligation bonds issued by the Board. The enforceability of rights or remedies with respect to the Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or other laws affecting creditors' rights or remedies heretofore or hereafter enacted.

SCHOOL DISTRICT

General

All school districts in West Virginia are organized under the terms of legislation enacted in 1933. There is one school district in each county, the boundaries of which district are coterminous with those of the county. The Board is responsible for and is vested with the supervision and control of the School District and with the control and management of all public schools in the School District from kindergarten through the secondary school level. The Board is composed of five members elected by the voters of the County without reference to political party affiliation. The terms of the members are for four years and are staggered. In 2026, the terms of three members will expire. The process will be repeated every two years thereafter.

Board Members' duties are established by State statute with the West Virginia Board of Education having regulatory powers. The Board appoints a superintendent who acts as the chief executive officer and secretary of the Board and who administers affairs of the School District in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and local policies. The Board is a public corporation and as such may sue, plead and be impleaded, and enter into contracts. The School District is fiscally independent of the County and all other political subdivisions.

The School District had an administrative staff with the overall responsibility to coordinate and supervise the activities of 40 school administrators, 676 instructional staff (teachers and other professionals), and 516 full-time equivalent service personnel. Total Full Time Equivalent positions are 1307. The estimated pupil-teacher ratio is approximately 13:1 for the combined elementary, middle and secondary schools.

The School District is the 8th largest district in the State based on enrollment and consists of a total of 23 schools, including a Career & Technical Center. Within the school system there are 14 elementary schools, 4 middle schools and 4 high schools. Also included within the School District is the Putnam County Career & Technical Center and various administration and support buildings, which include the School District's central office, transportation center and maintenance building. See "Facilities" herein for complete list of schools.

Historical School Enrollment (School Year)

Grades	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Pre-K Universal	372	429	446	435	451
K	633	642	589	538	490
1	575	632	624	594	542
2	631	578	616	613	588
3	620	642	590	639	614
4	676	626	643	594	633
5	625	673	627	646	592
6	671	610	687	638	637
7	698	690	638	673	627
8	703	716	697	631	677
9	786	796	758	724	648
10	733	705	739	716	697
11	743	655	674	661	672
12	678	740	703	727	661
Total	9,144	9,134	9,031	8,829	8,529

Rate of Increase (Decrease) in Enrollment	
2021-2025	
Average Annual Change	(154)

Source: Putnam County Board of Education

Projected Enrollment

School Year	Projected Enrollment
2026	8,465
2027	8,456

Source: Putnam County Board of Education

Facilities

School	Grades	Construction Type	Construction Date	Renovation or Addition Date
Buffalo High School	9-12	Steel frame construction/ brick/concrete block walls	2012	
Hurricane High School	9-12	Steel frame construction/ brick/concrete block walls	1970	1977, 1980, 1986, 1991, 1992, 2004
Poca High School	9-12	Steel frame construction/ brick/concrete block walls	1968	1980,1985,1989,1997, 2024
Winfield High School	9-12	Steel frame construction/ brick/concrete block walls	1979	1980, 1982, 1987, 2005

George Washington Middle School	6-8	Steel frame construction/ brick & masonry block walls	1977	1987, 2000, 2001, 2005
Hurricane Middle School	6-8	Steel frame construction/ brick & masonry block walls	1950	1952, 1958, 1979, 1982, 1995, 2000
Poca Middle School	6-8	Steel frame construction/ block & stone masonry walls	2013	
Winfield Middle School	6-8	Steel frame construction/ brick & concrete block walls	2014	
Buffalo Elementary School	PK-5	Steel frame construction/ brick & masonry block walls	1950	1974, 1978, 1999, 2000
Confidence Elementary School	PK-5	Steel frame construction/ brick & masonry block walls	2012	
Conner Street Elementary School	PK-5	Steel frame construction/ brick & glazed tile/masonry walls	1966	1975, 1978, 1992
Eastbrook Elementary School	PK-5	Steel frame construction/ brick/ masonry walls	1980	2008
George Washington Elementary School	PK-5	Steel frame construction/ brick/ masonry walls	1955	1978, 2009
Hometown Elementary School	PK-5	Steel frame construction/ brick, masonry walls	1977	1997
Hurricane Town Elementary School	PK-5	Steel frame construction/ brick, masonry walls	1980	1992
Lakeside Elementary School	PK-5	Steel frame construction/ brick, masonry walls	1980	
Mountain View Elementary School	PK-5	Steel frame construction/ brick, masonry walls	2008	
Poca Elementary School	PK-5	Steel frame construction/ brick, masonry walls	1951	1965, 1974
Rock Branch Elementary School	PK-5	Masonry bearing/ steel frame construction/concrete, block, brick, masonry, drywall/plaster walls	1952	1978, 1996, 2009
Scott Teays Elementary School	PK-5	Steel frame construction/ brick/masonry walls	1951	1962, 1973, 1978, 2009
West Teays Elementary School	PK-5	Steel frame construction/ brick/masonry walls	1978	1985, 1997, 2002
Winfield Elementary School	PK-5	Steel frame construction/ brick/masonry walls	1962	1965, 1985, 1998, 2002
Putnam Career & Technical Center	9-12-Adult	Split face concrete block/masonry bearing construction	1940	1967, 1971, 1985

Source: Putnam County Board of Education

Tax Collection Procedures

All taxes for real estate and personal property are collected by the Sheriff and are remitted by him to the State and other local levying bodies. Public utility taxes are collected directly by the State Auditor (the "Auditor") and are remitted by him to the Sheriff for distribution. Tax statements are mailed by the Sheriff's office in July, and they may be paid in two installments. The first half of the tax is subject to a 2.5% discount if paid by September 1; thereafter, the amount payable is net until October 1, after which a 9% penalty is added. Likewise, the second half is subject to a 2.5% discount if paid by March 1, net to April 1, and 9% penalty thereafter.

The Sheriff, after ascertaining which taxes are delinquent, shall on or before May 1 next succeeding the year for which taxes are assessed, prepare delinquent lists, which shall be posted at the front door of the courthouse and published as a legal advertisement at least two weeks prior to the presentation to The County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia (the "County Commission") for examination. After examination and correction, the Commissioners shall certify such lists pertaining to real property to the Auditor not later than July 1. On or before September 10, the Sheriff shall prepare a second list of delinquent taxes, as of September 1, together with a notice of sale for properties upon which such taxes are due. If not redeemed before, such properties shall be sold at public auction at the courthouse on any Monday after October 14, and before November 23. No such sale shall be made for any sum less than the total amount of taxes and interest charges then due. The former owner of any real or personal property so purchased by the State, or any other person who is entitled to pay the taxes thereon, may redeem such real or personal property from the Auditor at any time within the eighteen months after the date of such purchase.

The Auditor reports monthly to the Sheriff, the Putnam County Assessor (the "Assessor") and the Clerk of the County Commission all properties in the County which were redeemed in his office during the preceding month. The Auditor, each month, draws his warrant upon the State treasury payable to the Sheriff of the County for that part of the taxes, interest and charges received by him upon the redemption of the property included in his report which was owing to any of the taxing units in the County. The Sheriff accounts for and pays over such money as if it had been paid to him before sale and redemption.

Tax Levies and Collections

Fiscal Year ending June 30		Projected Gross Tax ($) at 100%	Projected Net Tax Collected ($)	Actual Collected ($)	Actual Collected (%)
2021	General Current	20,396,900	17,335,379	20,199,634	116.5%
	2020 Bond Levy	5,057,168	4,804,310	5,306,413	110.5%
	Excess Levy	24,129,323	21,738,107	25,294,883	116.4%
2022	General Current	20,095,839	17,072,848	19,677,368	115.3%
	2020 Bond Levy	5,065,395	5,065,395	5,263,622	103.9%
	Excess Levy	23,773,170	21,417,249	24,726,343	115.5%
2023	General Current	21,301,000	18,070,316	20,930,545	115.8%
	2020 Bond Levy	5,061,732	5,061,732	5,268,425	104.1%
	Excess Levy	25,198,865	22,701,657	26,219,625	115.5%
2024	General Current	22,263,945	18,542,831	22,042,332	118.9%
	2020 Bond Levy	5,061,031	5,061,031	5,298,993	104.7%
	Excess Levy	26,338,019	23,727,921	27,044,475	114.0%
2025	General Current	23,743,628	19,648,121	N/A	N/A
	Excess Levy	28,088,466	25,304,899	N/A	N/A

Sources: West Virginia State Auditor; Putnam County Board of Education

Assessment Procedure

State statutes provide that all property must annually be assessed as of the first day of July. Assessment on this day is the basis for the following year's property taxes. The Assessor must complete his or her

compilation of the land and personal property books not later than January 30. The County Commission, not later than February 1, must meet for the purpose of sitting as a board of equalization and review of such assessment books. After completion of the review and assessment, the County Commission certifies and returns the property books to the Assessor. Unless the taxpayer has elected to pay the property tax with respect to a property and have the County Commission hear its protest with respect to the valuation of such property in October, appeal of any assessment may be made to the Circuit Court of Putnam County within 30 days after adjournment of the County Commission sitting as a board of equalization and review. The Assessor annually, not later than March 3, must furnish a certified statement to certain governmental bodies in the county, including the Board, showing the aggregate value of all real and personal property. During the month of March, the County Commission, the Board and all municipal governments in the County prepare their budgets for the fiscal year which begins the following July. After these budgets are approved, these governments officially set the tax rate for the coming year sufficient to pay budgeted expenses not expected to be paid from other sources. For example, the 2025 assessment year valuations are made as of July 1, 2024, and taxes will be levied and collected during the fiscal year July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

The State Tax Commissioner has the responsibility for preparing tentative valuations for all public utility property in the State and providing these valuations to the Board of Public Works of the State for actual assessment of such property. The Board of Public Works reviews all assessments made, makes such corrections as it deems proper, conducts hearings to entertain protests from the public utilities involved, and fixes the assessments in final form. After such assessments are made, they are allocated by the State Auditor to the various counties in which the utility property is located, such allocation being approved by the Board of Public Works.

Property Classification

Article X, Section 1, of the Constitution of the State and Chapter 11, Article 8, Section 5 of the West Virginia Code created four classifications of property for which the tax rates, but not the assessed values, are limited. These tax classifications are as follows: "Class I" property means all tangible personal property employed exclusively in agriculture and all products of agriculture while owned by the producer; "Class II" property means owner-occupied residential property and certain farm lands; Article 10, Section 1b of the Constitution of the State and Chapter 11, Article 6B, Section 3 of the West Virginia Code provides that the first twenty thousand dollars of assessed valuation of any real property, or of personal property in the form of a mobile home, used exclusively for residential purposes and occupied by the owner or one of the owners thereof as his residence, who is a citizen of the State and is sixty-five years of age or older or is certified as being permanently disabled, shall be exempt from ad valorem property taxation; provided, that only one exemption shall be allowed for each homestead used and occupied exclusively for residential purposes by the owner thereof, regardless of the number of qualified owners residing therein; "Class III" property means all real and personal property, other than Class I and II property, situate outside of municipalities; "Class IV" property means all real, and personal property, other than Class I and II situate within municipalities. Public utility property falls within Class III or Class IV, as appropriate.

Assessed Valuations

The School District, the boundaries of which are coterminous with the County, has the same assessed valuation of property therein as does the County. Chapter 11, Article 1C of the West Virginia Code (the "Property Valuation Act") requires all assessors to appraise all property at fair market value (except for certain farm property), within three years. The State Tax Commissioner is required to monitor the assessors in the performance of their duties, and is required to perform the valuation process on industrial and natural resources property within the aforesaid three-year period. The Property Valuation Act limits the increase in property taxes that could result from the new calculations to one percent per year, unless, in the case of school boards, the legislature, after a public hearing, deems a greater increase is necessary. The Property Valuation Act requires that all property except farms and managed timberlands be assessed at 60% of Fair Market Value at the end of the 3-year reappraisal cycle, which became effective July 1, 1994.

Assessed Valuation by Property Class ($) (Fiscal Year ending June 30)

Class	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
I	-	-	-	-	-
II	1,857,380,316	1,845,953,474	1,927,648,812	1,994,803,682	2,127,965,990
III	1,493,299,459	1,458,435,371	1,558,462,462	1,615,115,423	1,724,160,172
IV	206,476,975	208,257,837	222,687,562	256,548,037	271,602,462
Total	3,557,156,750	3,512,646,682	3,708,798,836	3,866,467,142	4,123,728,624

Assessed Valuation by Property Category ($) (Fiscal Year ending June 30)

Class	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Real	2,374,091,610	2,366,800,422	2,497,750,706	2,564,964,366	2,718,223,764
Personal	696,214,812	619,388,220	680,033,275	765,459,545	789,251,871
Public Utility	486,850,328	526,458,040	531,014,855	536,043,231	616,252,989
Total	3,557,156,750	3,512,646,682	3,708,798,836	3,866,467,142	4,123,728,624

Source: West Virginia State Auditor

Largest Assessed Valuations (Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024)

Property Owner	Real Property ($)
Toyota Motor Manufacturing	49,270,200
Charleston Area Medical	11,146,920
Wexford Ventures LLC et al	7,902,480
Rolling Frito Lay Sales LP	7,025,820
Wexford Ventures LLC et al	6,848,940
Wal Mart Real Estate	6,803,580
FLSmidth USA Inc	5,419,560
Diamond Electric MFG Corp	4,540,740
Devonshire AL LLC	4,320,540
Vandalia Produce Operations	4,294,860

Property Owner	Personal Property ($)
Toyota Motor MFG WV Inc	197,365,730
Diamond Electric MFG Corp	32,673,592

Boyd Company	15,960,221
FLDSmidth USA Inc	12,913,322
DOW Chemical Company	8,884,510
Apex Pipeline Services Inc	7,660,760
Parkline Inc	7,635,446
Rudd Equipment Co Inc	6,534,565
Rolling Frito-Lay Sales LP	4,546,170
Wal-Mart Stores East LP	4,539,118

Property Owner	Public Utility Property ($)
Appalachian Power Company	397,725,622
Columbia Gas Transmission LLC	139,753,603
AEP WV Transmission Company	71,738,363
CSX Transportation Inc	15,607,797
Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company	15,253,019
West Virginia American Water Co	12,326,722
Frontier West Virginia Inc	8,321,135
Union Oil & Gas Inc	4,824,096
AT&T Mobility LLC	2,902,330
Carlines	2,680,609

Source: Putnam County Assessor

County Tax Rates

Except as hereinafter stated, the maximum tax rates allowed by the Constitution of the State for the four classifications of property are as follows: Class I - $0.50 per $100 assessed valuation; Class II - $1.00 per $100 assessed valuation; Class III - $1.50 per $100 assessed valuation; Class IV - $2.00 per $100 assessed valuation.

The maximum tax rates described above are divided among the several levying bodies by statute. Under Chapter 11, Article 8 of the West Virginia Code, the maximum levy rates available to the County without approval by the voters is as follows: Class I - $0.1430 per $100 assessed valuation; Class II - $0.2860 per $100 assessed valuation; Class III - $0.5720 per $100 assessed valuation; and Class IV - $0.5720 per $100 assessed valuation.

These rates of levy may not be exceeded except that a local levying body may provide for an election to increase such rates within the respective taxing unit at either a general or special election. If at least 60% of the voters voting in the election cast their ballots in favor, property tax levy rates may be increased by up to 50% by municipalities and counties. If at least 50% of the voters voting in the election cast their ballots in favor, property tax levy rates may be increased by up to 100% by boards of education. The increased levies may not continue for more than five years without resubmission to the voters.

School Tax Rates

Taxes for school purposes are uniform throughout the County. In accordance with Chapter 11, Article 8, Section 6c of the West Virginia Code, the tax limit for school current expenses and school permanent improvement purposes combined is $0.2295 per $100 assessed valuation in respect to Class I property, $0.4590 per $100 in respect to Class II property, and $0.9180 per $100 in respect to property in Classes III and IV. By favorable vote of at least a simple majority of the voters in an election, the above limitations may be increased by up to 100% for a period of up to five years, after which an election must again be held to renew the tax for additional periods of up to five years each renewal. Further, a county board of education is required to levy outside the rates provided by Chapter 11, Article 8, Section 6c, sufficient to pay the principal and interest requirements on bonds issued by the school district not exceeding five percent of the assessed value of all taxable property in the school district, in the manner provided by the Better Schools Amendment. The current levy rates imposed by the Board, in cents per $100 assessed valuation, are as follows:

Class	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
I	19.40	19.40	19.40	19.40	19.40
II	38.80	38.80	38.80	38.80	38.80
III and IV	77.60	77.60	77.60	77.60	77.60

Class	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
I	22.95	22.95	22.95	22.95	22.95
II	45.90	45.90	45.90	45.90	45.90
III and IV	91.80	91.80	91.80	91.80	91.80

Bond Levy for Series 2020 Refunding Bonds (Fiscal Year ending June 30)					
Class	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**
I	4.81	4.89	4.61	4.41	-
II	9.62	9.78	9.22	8.82	-
III and IV	19.24	19.56	18.44	17.64	-

Source: West Virginia State Auditor

Rates of Levy

The tax rates for citizens of the County, including those imposed by the Board, but not including those relating to the proposed bond issue, in cents per $100 assessed valuation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, are as follows:

Tax Type	Class I	Class II	Class III/IV
State Current	0.25	0.50	1.00
County Current	13.75	27.50	55.00
School Current	19.40	38.80	77.60
School Excess	22.95	45.90	91.80

Source: West Virginia State Auditor

In addition to the rates of levy established for State, County and School purposes, the municipalities within the County have additional current and excess levy rates of levy in effect as shown in the following table, in cents per $100 assessed valuation for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Municipality	Class I	Class II	Class III/IV
Bancroft	12.48	24.96	49.92
Buffalo	12.50	25.00	50.00
Eleanor	12.50	25.00	50.00
Hurricane Current	12.50	25.00	50.00
Hurricane Excess	6.25	12.50	25.00
Poca	12.50	25.00	50.00
Winfield	11.95	23.90	47.80
Nitro Current	12.50	25.00	50.00
Nitro Excess	3.65	7.30	14.60

Source: West Virginia State Auditor

Tax Rate Comparisons

The following shows County property taxes in cents per $100 assessed valuation (this includes all state, county and school rates, but excludes municipalities), in comparison with a few select surrounding counties, for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

County	Class I	Class II	Class III/IV
Putnam	**56.35**	**112.70**	**225.40**
Kanawha	62.99	125.98	251.96
Cabell	68.47	136.94	273.88
Lincoln	62.18	124.36	248.72
Mason	59.15	118.30	236.60

Source: West Virginia State Auditor

Summary of Statistical Debt Information

As heretofore stated, under Article X, Sections 8 and 10 of the Constitution of the State and the Act, the Board may issue bonds for certain purposes in an amount which, when added to the aggregate indebtedness then outstanding, will not exceed 5% of the most recent assessed valuation of taxable property in the School District as of the date of bond authorization. Under such constitutional and statutory standard, the computation of debt limit of the School District and its debt contracting margin are as follows:

Debt Limit and Debt Contracting Margin	
Population of Putnam County (2024)[1]	57,067
Assessed Valuation (Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025)	$4,123,728,624
Debt Limit (5% of Assessed Valuation)	$206,186,431
Proposed Series 2025 Public School Bonds	$49,870,000
Total Outstanding at the Issuance Date of the Bonds	$49,870,000
Debt Contracting Margin	$156,316,431
Per Capita Debt	$873.89
Outstanding Debt as percentage of Assessed Valuation	1.21%

[1]Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division

Debt Service Requirements

The Board issued its Taxable Public School Refunding Bonds, Series 2020, in the par amount of $17,695,000 on November 25, 2020 (the "Series 2020 Refunding Bonds"), and such Series 2020 Refunding Bonds mature on May 1, 2025 and will be no longer outstanding prior to the issuance of the Bonds. Upon the issuance of the Bonds, based on the interest rates and yields set forth on the cover page, the Board will have the following bond debt service requirements:

Schedule of Bonded Indebtedness

Series 2025 Public School Bonds			
Bond Year	**Principal ($)**	**Interest ($)**	**Total ($)**
2026	1,920,000.00	2,042,013.96	3,962,013.96
2027	2,280,000.00	2,245,162.50	4,525,162.50
2028	2,420,000.00	2,131,162.50	4,551,162.50
2029	2,565,000.00	2,010,162.50	4,575,162.50
2030	2,720,000.00	1,881,912.50	4,601,912.50
2031	2,880,000.00	1,745,912.50	4,625,912.50
2032	3,055,000.00	1,601,912.50	4,656,912.50
2033	3,235,000.00	1,449,162.50	4,684,162.50
2034	3,430,000.00	1,319,762.50	4,749,762.50
2035	3,635,000.00	1,148,262.50	4,783,262.50
2036	3,855,000.00	966,512.50	4,821,512.50
2037	4,085,000.00	773,762.50	4,858,762.50
2038	4,330,000.00	569,512.50	4,899,512.50
2039	4,590,000.00	396,312.50	4,986,312.50
2040	4,870,000.00	206,975.00	5,076,975.00
Totals	$49,870,000.00	$20,488,501.46	$70,358,501.46

Outstanding Lease Obligations

Lessor	Date	Maturity Date	Original Issue	Balance as of 12/23/2024	Interest Rate
Poca Valley Bank, Inc.	7/13/21	7/15/31	$3,755,000	$2,688,774	1.50%

Overlapping Debt

There is no overlapping County or municipalities general obligation debt.

CERTAIN FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Description of Funds

The accounts of the Board are organized on the basis of funds, each of which constitutes a separate entity for accounting procedures. For reporting purposes, the various funds are organized into the following major groups:

1. Debt Service Fund: The Debt Service Fund is a separate and distinct fund used only as an "Interest and Sinking Fund" to meet the demands of maturing bonds and bond interest payments. Taxes levied on real and personal property (other than public utility property), to be used to make Debt Service Fund payments, are collected by the Sheriff, while taxes levied on public utility property to be used to make Debt Service Fund payments are collected by the State Auditor and remitted to the Sheriff. Collections

are transferred periodically to the Bond Commission. The Bond Commission, in turn, disburses funds to meet the payment of bonds and bond interest payments as well as paying agency fees. From time to time, the Commission invests amounts in the Debt Service Fund that are in excess of payment schedules and credits the interest income to the Debt Service Fund. (See "Investment of Certain Funds").

2. Bond Construction Fund: The Bond Construction Fund is a separate and distinct fund consisting of proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by an election, from State School Building Authority funds and from special funds that are categorically identified and authorized to supplement local bond proceeds or State School Building Authority funds. Expenditures are generally restricted to capital outlay purposes by the bond election call, by special funding agreements or by the State Board of Education in approving specific building projects.

3. Capital Projects Fund: The Capital Projects Fund accounts for financial resources used to acquire or construct specific major capital facilities other than by the sale of bonds or the reservation of monies in a permanent improvement fund. A separate fund may be established for each specific capital project.

4. Permanent Improvement Fund: a permanent improvement fund accounts for the proceeds of resources used for the support of various building and permanent improvement projects.

5. General Current Expense Fund: The General Current Expense Fund is a separate and distinct fund and is used for all general operating purposes except for revenues and expenditures that are contained in the Debt Service Fund and the Bond Construction Fund. Revenues generally come from: (1) general and special levy taxes, (2) other local or miscellaneous revenues, (3) State aid to counties for restricted and unrestricted purposes, and (4) Federal aid received directly or through the State, usually categorical or restricted.

6. Excess Levy Fund: The Excess Levy accounts for all revenue and expenditures attributable to funds received as additional property taxes beyond what is raised through the regular levy. Expenditures are legally restricted to the details specified in the excess levy. The Board's current excess levy expires on June 30, 2026. However, the Board's excess levy for Fiscal Years beginning July 1, 2026 to July 1, 2030 was approved by the voters of Putnam County at the primary election held May 14, 2024 and will go into effect on July 1, 2026.

7. Special Revenue Fund: Accounts for the financial resources of the Board, which are restricted either legally or by the grantor.

8. Special Revenue Federal Stimulus and Stabilization Fund: A governmental fund type used to account for the financial resources of LEAs, MCVCs, and ESCs received through the federal government; most notably in regard to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act.

9. Special Revenue School Activity Fund: Accounts for the financial resources received and held by each school to support co-curricular and extra-curricular student activities in which the Board has administrative involvement.

Investment of Certain Funds

Proceeds of tax collections relating to the Bonds which are transferred to the Bond Commission will be invested in the Consolidated Fund managed by the State Treasurer's Office. The State Board of Treasury Investments is governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of the Governor, the State Auditor, the State Treasurer and two members appointed by the Governor. The Bond Commission currently invests its funds in the Consolidated Fund's Government Money Market Pool. Investments are limited to U.S. Government obligations,

select U.S. Government Agency-guaranteed obligations or repurchase agreements with average maturities not to exceed 90 days.

Accounting Practices

The financial statements are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to local governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The district-wide statements (Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the full accrual basis of accounting. The governmental fund financial statements (Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds) were prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Annual Audit

An annual audit of accounts is prepared by the State Auditor or an independent certified public accounting firm approved by the State Auditor. The audit is conducted 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. See "APPENDIX A – Audit Report of Putnam County Board of Education for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024."

Budgetary Procedures

Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the Board develops a fiscal plan consisting of contemplated expenditures. The annual budget development process is customarily developed along the following guidelines and in accordance with a budget calendar summarized as follows:

July	Overall goals are revised and established by the Board. Implementation and valuation of Board goals are established by the superintendent.
October	Student enrollment and personnel employee numbers are gathered system wide to determine State aid funding basis for subsequent fiscal year.
November/December	All staffing reviewed. Personnel reductions and additions are determined by local school councils, the public, the administration and the superintendent.
January/February	Preliminary forecasts of revenues and expenditures are determined by administration. Non-salary items reviewed.
March	Assessed valuations and preliminary State aid calculations received on or about March 3. The Board is required to ascertain the fiscal condition of the School District and determine the amount to be raised by the levy of taxes. Proposed levy rates must be submitted to the State Tax Commissioner and State Board of Education by March 28.
April/May	On the third Tuesday in April, the Board typically enters all levies for the coming year by ordering the levy of taxes commencing July 1. The Board's current excess levy expires on June 30, 2026. However, the Board's excess levy for Fiscal Years beginning July 1, 2026 to July 1, 2030 was approved by the voters of Putnam County at the primary election held May 14, 2024 and will go into effect on July 1, 2026. For the avoidance of doubt and as further described above, the bond levy supporting the debt service on the Bonds was previously approved by the voters of the School District at the general election held on November 5, 2024. The proposed budget must be made available for public inspection for ten days and must be published in local newspapers for two weeks

prior to the budget hearing. A public hearing shall be held concerning the operating budget not less than 10 days after such budget has been made available for public inspection. The Board is required to submit a budget to the State Board of Education and State Tax Commissioner no earlier than 10 days after receipt of the final State aid computations.

September — Board advised of ending balances for previous fiscal year. Board and administration evaluate status for current fiscal obligations in relation to ending balances and established budgetary changes necessitated.

Internal Control

The system of internal control includes budgetary control, periodic operating reports and statistical analyses. The system checks the accuracy and reliability of its accounting data, promotes operational efficiency and encourages prescribed managerial policies. The system provides segregation of functional responsibilities and control over assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Responsibilities and delegations of authority are assigned by the superintendent and Board in accordance with State Board of Education policy and advice of the State Auditor.

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Statement of Revenues and Expenditures -- Budget and Actual (Regulatory Basis)

General Current Expense Fund
(Fiscal Year ending June 30) ($)

	2021 Audited	2022 Audited	2023 Audited	2024 Audited	2025 Budget
Revenues:					
Property Taxes	45,494,517	44,403,711	47,150,170	49,086,807	49,398,923
Other Local Sources	859,986	272,851	2,050,513	3,009,384	2,402,535
State Sources	65,334,473	63,084,465	64,594,289	71,667,644	75,520,584
Federal Sources	707,149	733,064	659,771	601,304	1,171,580
Miscellaneous Sources	31,880	62,057	0	0	0
Total Revenues	112,428,005	108,556,148	114,454,743	124,365,139	128,493,622
Expenditures:					
Instruction	63,315,347	65,730,872	68,232,218	72,072,033	85,448,939
Supporting Services:					
Students	6,279,919	6,105,756	6,310,757	6,971,156	7,729,195
Instructional Staff	2,528,166	2,361,673	2,281,591	2,869,606	3,326,038
General Administration	1,624,641	1,786,089	1,685,391	1,716,969	2,022,519
School Administration	6,922,402	6,962,225	7,268,409	8,051,286	8,625,897
Central Services	2,604,376	2,813,255	3,020,738	3,010,868	3,325,217
Operation & Maintenance of Facilities	10,821,092	11,094,220	12,042,810	12,451,531	14,164,870
Student Transportation	7,805,896	8,560,765	8,777,505	9,466,013	11,542,862
Other support services	12,157	11,839	12,271	11,742	28,879
Food Services	320,736	321,211	293,320	322,210	330,514
Community Services	218,205	251,965	260,045	260,045	275,045
Capital Outlay	59,401	195,353	174,789	759,733	1,081,472
Debt Service:					
Principal Retirement	380,533	562,210	350,000	0	0
Interest and Fiscal Charges	134,131	149,645	52,927	0	0
Finance Leases:					
Principal Payment Expense	0	0	0	360,000	365,000
Interest Expense	0	0	0	46,777	41,850
SBITAs					
Principal Payment Expense	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Expense	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	103,027,002	106,907,078	110,762,771	118,369,969	138,308,297
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	9,401,003	1,649,070	3,691,972	5,995,170	(9,814,675)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(26,587)	(300,571)	(384,271)	(1,891,424)	(1,870,047)
Net change in fund balances	9,374,416	1,348,499	3,307,701	4,103,746	(11,684,722)*
Fund balances - beginning	23,720,942	33,095,358	34,443,857	37,751,558	41,855,304
Fund balances - ending	33,095,358	34,443,857	37,751,558	41,855,304	30,170,582

* The Board routinely uses a portion of its unreserved fund balance to balance the beginning budget. For Fiscal Years 2021 through 2024, the Board realized positive net changes in fund balance due to higher than anticipated revenue collections and lower than anticipated expenditures.

Source: Putnam County Board of Education

Teachers Retirement Systems (Defined Benefit)

The Teachers Retirement System ("TRS"), established in 1941, is a multiple employer defined benefit cost sharing public employee retirement plan covering all full-time employees of the 55 county public school system, certain personnel of the 13 state-supported higher education institutions, and employees of the State Department of Education and the Higher Education Policy Commission hired prior to July 1, 1991. TRS closed membership to new hires effective July 1, 1991. However, effective July 1, 2005, all new employees hired for the first time are required to participate in TRS. As of July 1, 2022, there were 34,871 active members of the plan and 37,097 retirees and beneficiaries were receiving benefits.

State law regulating TRS provides for member contributions based on 6% of a member's monthly gross salary. It also establishes that for members hired prior to July 1, 2005, the employer shall contribute 15.0% of a member's gross salary and for members hired on or after July 1, 2005, the employer shall contribute 7.5% of a member's gross salary. A portion of that contribution is paid by the State on behalf of the counties in the form set forth in Chapter 18, Article 9A of the West Virginia Code (the "School Aid Formula"). In addition, the State is additionally required to pay to TRS an amount equal to 10% of the premium tax imposed on fire insurance and casualty insurance policies under Chapter 33, Article 3, Section 14d of the West Virginia Code, 7.5% of salaries of TDCRS (as hereinafter defined) members covered by the School Aid Formula, and a payment equal to the total of all forfeited amounts in the TDCRS suspension account. Finally, statute requires that the State contribute to TRS any additional amount that is necessary to eliminate the plan's unfunded liability by June 30, 2034.

The most recent actuarial valuation of TRS was performed as of July 1, 2021, by Buck Global, LLC. The asset valuation method utilized the fair-market-value method to value assets. The actuarial cost method valuation utilized entry age cost with individually computed accrued liabilities, including an investment assumption of 7.25% annually, net after expenses. As of July 1, 2021, the unfunded liability for TRS was $2.755 billion, based on recognized valuation of assets at approximately $8.740 billion. The funded percentage was 76.0%. Under the current funding arrangement, the TRS unfunded accrued liability is scheduled to be fully amortized on or about June 30, 2034.

During the 2015 First Regular Session of the 82nd Legislature, the State Legislature passed Senate Bill 529 which ultimately created a Tier II retirement benefit structure for those employees who are hired for the first time on or after July 1, 2015. Some distinctions of Tier II of TRS are that (i) qualification for normal retirement age is increased from 60 with 5 years of contributory service to 62 with 10 years of contributory service and deferred retirement age is increased from 62 with 5 years of contributory service to 64 with 10 years of contributory service, all as described above; (ii) it changes military service provisions from current non-contributory military service for draft era service to permitting members to purchase up to five years of active military service with the Armed Forces or National Guard by paying the actuarial reserve purchase amount within 48 months of the member's date of hire; (iii) it removes the provisions for members to receive additional retirement service credit based upon their unused sick and/or annual leave; (iv) it removes the current eligibility provisions of any age with 35 years of service or age 55 with 30 years of service; and (vii) it removes the reciprocity provisions between TRS and the Public Employees Retirement System if one changes employment and no longer permits highest salary in either plan to be used for final average salary.

Source: State Consolidated Public Retirement Board

Teachers' Defined Contribution Retirement System

The Teachers' Defined Contribution Retirement System ("TDCRS") is a multiple employer defined contribution retirement system covering primarily full-time employees of the State's 55 county public school systems, the State Department of Education, and School for the Deaf and Blind hired between June 30, 1991, and July 1, 2005. The system includes former TRS plan members, including higher education employees, who elected to transfer into or participate in TDCRS.

As of July 1, 2022, there were 2,430 members in the TDCRS. Benefits depend solely on amount contributed to the plan plus investment earnings. Employees are eligible to participate from the date of employment. TDCRS closed participation to new members effective June 30, 2005. Members may choose from twenty separate investment options, which include fixed income, balanced, large cap, mid cap, small cap, and international mutual funds, a money market fund and a fixed annuity.

Employees contribute 4.5% of their gross compensation and employers contribute 7.5% of covered members' gross compensation, which may include amounts allocated to the employers through the State School Aid formula. Employer contributions for each employee (and interest allocated to the employee's account) become partially vested after six years and fully vested after 12 years of complete service. Employer contributions and earnings thereon forfeited by employees who leave employment prior to becoming fully vested are available, in the event the employee does not return to active participant status within five years, to reduce the employer's current-period contribution requirement. Benefits depend solely on the amounts contributed plus net investment earnings thereon.

In 2008, the West Virginia Legislature enacted legislation authorizing members of the TDCRS to elect to voluntarily transfer to TRS. For the transfer to occur the legislation required that at least 65% of members of TDCRS as of December 31, 2007, vote to elect the transfer. Over 78% of actively contributing TDCRS members elected to transfer to TRS. Approximately 15,152 TDCRS members were transferred to TRS on July 1, 2008.

Source: State Consolidated Public Retirement Board

Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)

The Board has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 43, "Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans", which among other things, requires reporting on an accrual basis the liability associated with other postemployment benefits. In conjunction with the implementation of GASB Statement No. 43, the State established the Retiree Health Benefit Trust Fund ("RHBT"), an irrevocable trust, to account for and administer the other postemployment benefits ("OPEBs") provided under the multiemployer cost-sharing plan. The PEIA Finance Board was assigned the authority to establish and amend contribution requirements of the plan members and the participating employers, and PEIA administers the plan. The legislation requires the RHBT to determine through an actuarial study the contractually required contribution ("CRC") which shall be sufficient to maintain the RHBT in an actuarially sound manner. The CRC, which is reviewed and approved by the PEIA Finance Board, shall be allocated to the respective employers who are required by law to remit at least the minimum annual premium component of the CRC. The Board is required to participate in the RHBT established for the multiemployer cost-sharing plan. Details regarding this plan can be obtained by contacting West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA), 601 57th Street, SE, Suite 2, Charleston, WV 25304 or http://www.wvpeia.com.

Revenues collected by RHBT are used to fund current OPEBs health care claims and administrative expenses with residual funds held in trust for future costs of OPEBs. The rates charged must generate sufficient revenues to not only meet all expected expenses, including insurance, administrative expenses, and incurred but unreported claims of the RHBT, but also include the amounts necessary to fund the unfunded obligation of the plan over an amortization period not to exceed 30 years.

On February 10, 2012, the West Virginia Legislature passed Senate Bill 469, granting relief to the 55 county boards of education regarding liability for OPEBs effective July 1, 2012. For professional employees, service personnel and professional student support personnel of the various county boards of education in the State, including the Board, which are employed within the limits permitted by the foundation allowance of the State school aid formula, the necessary OPEB premiums which are required to be paid to PEIA with respect to such employees shall be charged to the State. However, such county boards of education, including the Board, retain liability for payment of the necessary OPEB premiums which are required to be paid to PEIA for all professional employees, service personnel and professional student support personnel which are employed by such county boards of education in excess of the limits permitted by the foundation allowance of the State school aid formula. In compliance with Senate Bill 469, for fiscal year 2012, the RHBT transferred $715 million in annual required contribution liability from the county boards of education to the State.

Senate Bill 419, adopted by the West Virginia Legislature on February 26, 2016, requires $30 million of annual personal income tax proceeds to be dedicated to the payment of RHBT's unfunded liability until such time as the Governor certifies to the Legislature that an independent actuarial study has determined that the unfunded liability of RHBT has been provided for in its entirety or July 1, 2037, whichever date is later. RHBT started receiving the aforementioned $30 million transfer in 2017.

For professional employees, service personnel and professional student support personnel of the various County Boards of Education in the State, including the Board, which are employed within the limits permitted by the foundation allowance of the State school aid formula, the necessary OPEB premiums which are required to be paid to PEIA with respect to such employees shall be charged to the State of West Virginia. However, such County Boards of Education, including the Board, retain liability for payment of the necessary OPEB premiums which are required to be paid to PEIA for all professional employees, service personnel and professional student support personnel which are employed by such County Boards of Education in excess of the limits permitted by the foundation allowance of the State school aid formula.

For additional information regarding the Board's liabilities and expenses, see "APPENDIX A – Audit Report of Putnam County Board of Education for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024" and the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Sources: West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency; Putnam County Board of Education

Insurance Coverage

	Amount in Force (FY 2025)
Property insurance – structural insurance	$455,654,359
Deductible per occurrence	$2,500
Property insurance – content insurance	$68,491,172
Deductible per occurrence	$2,500
Public official position bond:	
Superintendent	$25,000
Board President	$5,000
Treasurer	$600,000

Liability Insurance:

The Board is insured for the coverage indicated below under a general liability policy and an automobile policy issued to the State by the State of West Virginia Board of Risk and Insurance Management. The Board is an Additional Insured under the policies for a coverage period July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2025. The Board is insured for the following coverages:

- Comprehensive general liability insurance;
- Personal injury liability insurance;
- Professional liability insurance;
- Stop gap liability insurance;
- Wrongful act liability insurance;
- Comprehensive auto liability insurance;
- Auto physical damage insurance, including comprehensive and collision; and
- Garagekeepers insurance.

Limits of Liability:

EACH OCCURRENCE: $1,250,000 each occurrence and is subject to $2,500 deductible. This limit is not increased if a claim is insured under more than one coverage or if claim is made against more than one insured.

SPECIAL LIMITS: The auto physical damage limit is the actual cash value of each vehicle subject to a deductible of $1,000.00.

Cyber Liability Insurance:

The Board is insured under a cyber policy issued to the State by AIG Specialty Insurance Company. The Board is a Named Member under the policy for a coverage period of July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2025.

Source: Putnam County Board of Education

INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS

The Bonds, like all obligations of state and local governments, are subject to changes in value due to changes in the condition of the tax-exempt bond market and/or changes in the financial position of the School District. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds may need to consult their own tax advisors prior to any purchase of the Bonds as to the impact of the provisions of the Code upon their acquisition, holding or disposition of the Bonds. It is possible under certain market conditions, or if the financial condition of the School District should change, that the market price of the Bonds could be adversely affected.

In recent years, the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") has increased the frequency and scope of its examination and other enforcement activities regarding tax-exempt bonds. Currently, the primary penalty available to the IRS under the Code is the determination that interest on tax-exempt bonds is subject to federal income taxation. In addition, although the IRS has only infrequently taxed the interest received by holders of bonds that were represented to be tax-exempt, the IRS has examined a number of bond issues and concluded that such bond issues did not comply with applicable provisions of the Code and related regulations. No assurance can be given that the IRS will not examine the initial or subsequent purchasers of the Bonds, the School District or the Bonds. If the Bonds are examined, it may have an adverse impact on their price and marketability. Based on the stated use of proceeds from the sale of the Bonds as described herein, and on representations, warranties and covenants of the School District, Bond Counsel will deliver its opinions as to the tax-exemption of interest on the Bonds in the form set forth in Appendix C hereto.

There are or may be pending in the Congress of the United States legislative proposals, including some that carry retroactive effective dates, that, if enacted, could alter or amend the federal tax matters with respect to the Bonds or affect the market value of the Bonds. It cannot be predicted whether or in what form any such proposal might be enacted or whether, if enacted, it would apply to bonds issued prior to enactment. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding any pending or proposed federal tax legislation. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any pending or proposed federal tax legislation.

All financial and other information presented herein has been provided by the School District from its records, except for information expressly attributed to other sources. The presentation of information, including tables of receipts from rates, charges, taxes, and other sources, is intended to show recent historical information, and is not intended to indicate future or continuing trends in the financial position or other affairs of the School District except as otherwise especially indicated herein. No representation is made that past experience, as might be shown by such financial and other information, will necessarily continue or be repeated.

Pursuant to Chapter 6, Article 9 of the West Virginia Code (the "Audit Act"), the State Auditor, as the chief inspector and supervisor of public offices (the "Chief Inspector") is charged with the responsibility of (1) formulating, prescribing and installing a system of accountability for all local units of government in West Virginia, including school districts and (2) examining the financial affairs of every local government office or political subdivision and all boards, commissions, authorities, agencies or other offices. The School District is a local government under the Audit Act. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 7 of the Audit Act, an audit of the School District's finances must be accomplished by the Chief Inspector or any person appointed by him. The Chief Inspector has developed procedures which allow certain school districts to obtain audit services from certain approved accounting firms. The School District has been instructed by the Chief Auditor to procure audit services pursuant to such procedures. The procedures developed by the Chief Inspector to procure a CPA firm for the audit require written approval of all contracts and extensions to contracts by the Chief Inspector prior to the commencement of work on the audit by the CPA firm. Additionally, the Chief Inspector is authorized to unilaterally cancel any contract between the School District and a CPA firm under certain conditions and elect to perform the audit. Accordingly, the actions or lack of actions of the Chief Inspector may adversely impact the ability of the selected CPA firm to timely complete the annual audited financial information required to be submitted to EMMA pursuant to the Continuing Disclosure Agreement. See "Continuing Disclosure" herein. Additionally, the School District has no power to require the Chief Inspector to take any action required under such procedures that would ensure the completion of the audit to meet the timely filing of such information.

Cybersecurity

The Board, like many other public and private entities, relies on technology to conduct its operations. As a recipient and provider of personal, private, and sensitive information, the Board faces multiple cyber threats including, but not limited to, hacking, phishing, viruses, malware and other attacks on its computers and other sensitive digital networks and systems (collectively, "Systems Technology"). The Board follows the cybersecurity policies of West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE), which incorporates the cybersecurity policies of the West Virginia Office of Technology. The Board is insured under a cyber policy issued to the State by AIG Specialty Insurance Company and is a Named Member under the policy for a coverage period of July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2025.

Despite the implementation of Systems Technology policies and other network security measures by the Board, no assurances can be given that the Board's policies, security, and operational control measures will protect against existing and future cybersecurity threats and attacks. A cybersecurity incident or breach could damage the Board's Systems Technology and cause disruption to the Board and/or its services, operations, and finances. The costs of remedying any such damage or protecting against future attacks could be substantial. Further, cybersecurity breaches could expose the Board to material litigation and other legal risks, which could cause the Board to incur material costs related to such legal claims or proceedings. The Board is in the continual process of compiling, evaluating, and updating cyber and data security policies and provisions, and will continue to implement and update these policies and procedures as they are determined to be in the best interest of the Board's cyber security position. Despite the foregoing efforts of the Board, no assurances can be given that the Board's measures will prevent cybersecurity attacks, and no assurances can be given that any cybersecurity attacks, if successful, will not have a material adverse effect on the operations or financial conditions of the Board and the School District.

TAX MATTERS

General

The following discussion of "Tax Matters" is a brief discussion of certain income tax matters with respect to the Bonds under existing applicable law. It does not purport to deal with all aspects of taxation that may be relevant to the owner of a bond. Prospective investors, particularly those who may be subject to special rules, are advised to consult their own tax advisors regarding the tax consequences of owning and disposing of the Bonds.

Federal Income Tax Exemption of the Bonds

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under existing laws, regulations, rules and published rulings and judicial decisions of the United States of America, as presently written and applied, and assuming among other matters, the accuracy of certain representations and compliance with certain covenants, the interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Code. Bond Counsel is of the further opinion that interest on the Bonds is not a specific item of tax preference, under Section 57(a)(5) of the Code, in computing the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, with respect to certain corporations, interest on Bonds is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022. In addition, under the Act as presently written and applied, the Bonds are exempt from all taxation by the State of West Virginia or by any political subdivision thereof. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any other state or federal tax consequences related to the ownership and disposition of, or the accrual or receipt of interest on, the Bonds.

The Board has not designated the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" under Section 265 of the Code. A complete copy of the opinion of Bond Counsel for the Bonds is set forth in Appendix C attached hereto.

Assumed Compliance with Certain Covenants and Federal Tax Requirements

The Code imposes various restrictions, conditions and requirements relating to the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on obligations such as the Bonds. The Board has covenanted to comply with all such restrictions, conditions, and requirements to ensure that interest on the Bonds will not be includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes. Failure to comply with these covenants could result in interest on the Bonds being includable in income for federal income tax purposes and such inclusion could be required retroactively to the date of original issuance of the Bonds. The opinion of Bond Counsel assumes compliance with these covenants. However, Bond Counsel has not undertaken to determine (or to inform any person) whether any actions taken (or not taken) or events occurring (or not occurring) after the date of issuance of the Bonds may adversely affect the value of, or the tax status of the interest on, the Bonds. Further, no assurance can be given that pending or future legislation or amendments to the Code, if enacted into law, or any proposed legislation or amendments to the Code, will not adversely affect the value of, or the tax status of interest on, the Bonds. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds are urged to consult their own tax advisors with respect to proposals to restructure the federal income tax.

Certain requirements and procedures contained or referred to in the resolution and order of the Board authorizing the issuance of the Bonds and other relevant documents may be changed and certain actions (including, without limitation, defeasance of the Bonds) may be taken or omitted under the circumstances and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in such documents. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion as to any Bonds or the interest thereon if any such change occurs or action is taken or omitted upon the advice or approval of bond counsel other than Bond Counsel.

The tax status of the Bonds could be affected by post-issuance events. There are various requirements of the Code that must be observed or satisfied after the issuance of the Bonds in order for the Bonds to qualify for, and retain, tax-exempt status. These requirements include those relating to use of the proceeds of the Bonds,

use of the facilities financed or refinanced by the Bonds, investment of bond proceeds, and the rebate of so-called excess arbitrage earnings. Compliance with these requirements is the responsibility of the Board.

Individual Circumstances

Although Bond Counsel is of the opinion that interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal and West Virginia income tax purposes, the ownership or disposition of, or the accrual or receipt of interest on, the Bonds may otherwise affect a Bondholder's federal, state or local tax liabilities. The nature and extent of these other tax consequences may depend upon the particular tax status of the Bondholder or the Bondholder's other items of income or deduction. Bond Counsel expresses no opinions regarding any tax consequences other than what is set forth in its opinion and each Bondholder or potential Bondholder is urged to consult with tax counsel with respect to the effects of purchasing, holding or disposing the Bonds on the tax liabilities of the individual or entity.

Under the Code, interest on the Bonds may increase the federal tax liability for "applicable corporations" (within the meaning of Section 59(k) of the Code) pursuant to the alternative minimum tax imposed under Section 55(b) of the Code on such applicable corporations for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022. Ownership or disposition of the Bonds may result in other collateral federal, state or local tax consequences for certain taxpayers. Such effects include, without limitation, increasing the federal tax liability of certain foreign corporations subject to the branch profits tax imposed by Section 884 of the Code, increasing the federal tax liability of certain insurance companies, under Section 832 of the Code, increasing the federal tax liability and affecting the status of certain S Corporations subject to Sections 1362 and 1375 of the Code, increasing the federal tax liability of certain individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, under Section 86 of the Code and limiting the use of the Earned Income Credit under Section 32 of the Code that might otherwise be available. Ownership of any Bonds may also result in the limitation of interest and certain other deductions for financial institutions and certain other taxpayers, pursuant to Section 265 of the Code. Finally, residence of the holder of Bonds in a state other than West Virginia or being subject to tax in a state other than West Virginia, may result in income or other tax liabilities being imposed by such states or their political subdivisions based on the interest or other income from the Bonds. Bond Counsel will express no opinion and make no representation regarding such consequences.

Tax Changes

Current and future legislative proposals, if enacted into law, clarification of the Code or court decisions may cause interest on the Bonds to be subject, directly or indirectly, to federal income taxation or to be subject to or exempted from state income taxation, or otherwise prevent beneficial owners from realizing the full current benefit of the tax status of such interest. The introduction or enactment of any such future legislative proposals, clarification of the Code or court decisions may also affect the market price for, or marketability of, the Bonds. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding pending or proposed federal and state tax legislation and court proceedings, and prospective purchasers of the Bonds at other than their original issuance at the respective prices indicated on the cover page of this Official Statement should also consult their own tax advisors regarding other tax considerations such as the consequences of market discount, as to all of which Bond Counsel expresses no opinion.

The opinion of Bond Counsel is based on current legal authority and represents Bond Counsel's judgment as to the proper treatment of the Bonds for federal income tax purposes. It is not binding on the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") or the courts. Furthermore, Bond Counsel cannot give and has not given any opinion or assurance about the future activities of the Board, or about the effect of future changes in the Code, the applicable regulations, the interpretation thereof or the enforcement thereof by the IRS. The Board has covenanted, however, to comply with the requirements of the Code.

Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding pending or proposed federal and state tax legislation and court proceedings, and prospective purchasers of the Bonds at other than their original issuance at the respective prices indicated on the cover page of this Official Statement

should also consult their own tax advisors regarding other tax considerations such as the consequences of market discount, as to all of which Bond Counsel expresses no opinion.

Original Issue Discount

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

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

Original Issue Premium

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

Holders of any Premium Bonds, both original purchasers and any subsequent purchasers, should consult their own tax advisors as to the effect of such Acquisition Premium with respect to their own tax situation and as to the treatment of the Acquisition Premium for state tax purposes.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

As a result of the enactment of the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005, interest on tax-exempt obligations such as the Bonds is subject to information reporting in a manner similar to interest paid on taxable obligations. A recipient not otherwise exempt from information reporting who fails to satisfy the information reporting requirements will be subject to "backup withholding," which means that the payor is required to deduct and withhold a tax from the interest payment, calculated in the manner set forth in the Code. For the foregoing purpose, a "payor" generally refers to the person or entity from whom a recipient receives its payments of interest or who collects such payments on behalf of the recipient. In any event, backup withholding does not affect the excludability of the interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Any amounts withheld pursuant to the backup withholding should be allowed as a refund or a credit against any owner's federal income tax once the required information is furnished to the IRS.

Bond Counsel Obligations

Bond Counsel's engagement with respect to the Bonds ends with the issuance of the Bonds and, unless separately engaged, Bond Counsel is not obligated to defend the Board or the beneficial owners regarding the tax-exempt status of the Bonds in the event of an audit examination by the IRS. Under current procedures, parties other than the Board and its appointed counsel, including the beneficial owners, would have little, if any, right to participate in the audit examination process. Moreover, because achieving judicial review in connection with an audit examination of the Bonds would be difficult, obtaining an independent review of IRS positions with which the Board legitimately disagrees may not be practicable. Any action of the IRS, including but not limited to selection of the Bonds for audit, or the course or result of such audit, or an audit of tax-exempt obligations presenting similar tax issues may affect the market price for, or the marketability of, the Bonds, and may cause the Board or the beneficial owners to incur significant expense.

Bond Counsel's opinions represent its legal judgment based in part upon the representations and covenants referenced therein and its review of existing law, but are not a guarantee of result or binding on the IRS or the courts. Furthermore, Bond Counsel cannot give and has not given any opinion or assurance about the future activities of the Board or about the effect of future changes in the Code, the application or regulations, the interpretation thereof or the enforcement thereof by the IRS. Bond Counsel assumes no duty to update or supplement its opinions to reflect any facts or circumstances that may come to Bond Counsel's attention after the date of its opinions or to reflect any changes in law or the interpretation thereof that may occur or become effective after such date.

LITIGATION IN THE STATE CONCERNING THE SCHOOL FINANCING SYSTEM

The School District may be affected by litigation pending in the courts of the State with potential impact on local taxes for school purposes similar to the litigation which has continued in certain states, such as Serrano v. Priest in California, challenging the constitutionality of present systems of levying taxes and applying funds for public school purposes.

On May 11, 1982, in the matter entitled Pauley v. Bailey, a special judge of the Circuit Court for Kanawha County held that the West Virginia school finance system violates the West Virginia Constitution and that inequities in the levels of funding for various counties were attributable to undue reliance on excess levies which favored property-rich counties. By order of March 4, 1983, a master plan prepared by the State Board of Education and State Superintendent of Schools was filed as part of the record in the case. The court expressed its intention that the master plan be viewed as a proposal to the State Legislature for implementing, by statute, a constitutional system of financing public education. No legislation resolving the question was adopted during the 1984 legislative session, and on January 8, 1985, the plaintiffs moved the court to address the excess levy problem. On December 3, 1985, the court ordered that if the legislature did not, by July 1, 1987, replace or equalize excess levy revenues by one of the methods enumerated in such order, the court would direct a more equitable distribution. The legislature then adopted a constitutional amendment authorizing a statewide excess levy. The proposed amendment was to be submitted to the voters in a special election to be held March 5, 1988. The court entered a supplemental order on June 29, 1987, providing that if the statewide excess levy was not approved by the voters, a sum equal to 20% of each county's excess levy revenues in fiscal year 1988-89 (to be increased by an additional 20% in each of the next four fiscal years) would be withheld and distributed "on an equitable basis described by the court." The statewide excess levy amendment was defeated at the special election and the supplemental order became operative. However, on April 8, 1988, the state tax commissioner, the auditor and 33 county boards of education petitioned the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia for a writ of prohibition to bar enforcement of the supplemental order. On November 23, 1988, in State ex rel. the Boards of Education of the Counties of Upshur et al, the Supreme Court of Appeals issued the writ of prohibition, and noting that the court below had plainly exceeded its legitimate powers by the entry of an unconstitutional order, found the existing excess levy provision not violative of the State Constitution. The Supreme Court of Appeals suggested therein that it would be appropriate for the lower court to consider whether a statewide reappraisal should be ordered to be implemented to remedy the school financing problem.

In May of 1995, a Motion to join the President of the State Senate and the Speaker of the State House of Delegates as defendants in Pauley was granted by the Circuit Court. The Circuit Court later reconsidered this Motion and the President of the State Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates were not made parties to the case. Additionally, with the motion to join defendants, the plaintiffs moved the Circuit Court for an order enforcing the judgment previously entered including establishment of a timetable for implementation of the Master Plan for Public Education and a timetable for implementation of changes to the system of financing public education in West Virginia. A trial was scheduled for July 3, 2000. However, prior to going to trial, the parties reached a settlement with regard to a number of the issues.

Finally, on January 3, 2003, Pauley was dismissed and dropped from the active docket of the court. The court stated in its Memorandum of Opinion and final Order the following:

1. The plaintiff class's request to compel the West Virginia Legislature to remove the net enrollment caps in Steps 1 and 2 of the Foundation Allowance to provide additional professional and service personnel of the county as embraced within West Virginia Code §18-9A-1, et seq., and the use of a density mileage factor within the Foundation Allowance is hereby DENIED.

2. The decision of the honorable Dan C. Robinson that the School Financing Formula as embraced within West Virginia Code §18-9A-1, et seq., was constitutionally deficient is hereby vacated and held for naught; and

3. West Virginia Code §18-2E-5 is specifically found to satisfy the requirements of W.Va. Const. Art. XII §1 to the extent that the Legislature has provided, by public law, for a thorough and efficient system of free schools.

4. There being no further need to maintain continuing jurisdiction in this matter, this case shall be dismissed and dropped from the active docket of this Court, to all of which action all parties' objection is hereby preserved.

On December 28, 1990, a class action was filed against the State Superintendent of Schools, the West Virginia Board of Education and the School Building Authority of West Virginia in the United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia by a group of plaintiffs alleging improper action by defendants in following a policy of approval of segregated outbuildings for special education students and expenditures therefor. (Harris et. al. v. Marockie, et. al.). The action also alleged that defendants have discriminated against the plaintiff class by failure to protect them from improper behavioral control procedures by county boards of education, failure to monitor or enforce educational standards and failure to provide adequately trained instructors.

Plaintiffs requested relief in the form of various declaratory and injunctive measures to remedy the alleged improprieties, including submission of a plan to alleviate alleged constitutional and legal deficiencies in special education in the State. No monetary damages were stated in the complaint. On July 10, 1991, a Settlement Agreement was approved by the District Court. The Settlement Agreement, as approved by the District Court, provided inter alia that the State School Building Authority would, in the application process and before disbursement of monies to local boards of education, obtain sufficient information to assure that no projects approved or funded would permit segregated outbuildings, segregated schools or inappropriately located self-contained classrooms in regular buildings in which classrooms are not contiguous to or in proximity with classrooms of age-appropriate, non-handicapped children or that permits a county to continue the existence of such an outbuilding, school or classroom.

Though no guarantee regarding the final resolution of the Pauley and Harris decisions by the courts of the State can be made, neither of such decisions are expected to affect the validity or binding obligation of the Board or the nature of the Bonds or modify the right of the holders thereof to ultimate recourse to unlimited ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the School District for the payment of the Bonds if not paid from other sources.

LITIGATION

In the ordinary conduct of its affairs, the Board is party to litigation pending in the courts of the State. The Board engages counsel to represent the Board on various matters. The Secretary of the Board has reviewed the current status of all pending and threatened litigation with such counsel, and expresses the opinion of the Board that while the outcome of litigation cannot be predicted, it is nevertheless not probable that Board liability in any such matters is likely to have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the Board.

On February 22, 2010, forty-nine (49) county boards of education, including the Board, filed a Complaint in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County against the West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency ("PEIA"), the PEIA Finance Board and the West Virginia State Auditor (the "OPEB Litigation") seeking legislative funding through the Public School Support Program (the "Program") to offset the costs of providing other post-employment benefits to employees otherwise funded through the Program. The Circuit Court of Kanawha County dismissed the suit on the grounds that it was a political question better answered by the West Virginia Legislature. The county boards of education appealed this decision to the West Virginia Supreme Court. The West Virginia Supreme Court upheld the Circuit Court of Kanawha County's decision to dismiss the suit.

The West Virginia Legislature enacted Senate Bill 469 subsequent to the West Virginia Supreme Court's decision in the OPEB Litigation above described. Senate Bill 469 provides that OPEB premiums associated with the PEIA for certain County School Board employees which are employed within the foundation allowance of the State school aid formula are to be charged to the State of West Virginia rather than the County School Boards. However, the County School Boards retain liability for such OPEB premiums for employees which are employed outside of the foundation allowance of the State school aid formula (see Other Post Employment Benefits discussion in this Official Statement for additional detail).

The State of West Virginia's OPEB liability and the Board's OPEB liability may be subject to additional lawsuits and legislative action in the future which could have an effect on the amount of the Board's OPEB liability. No representation can be made regarding the potential outcome of any such lawsuits, if initiated, or the likelihood of any future legislative actions and any effect on the amount of the Board's OPEB liability.

At the time of payment for and delivery of the Bonds, the purchasers will be furnished with a certificate of the Secretary of the Board that there is no litigation pending or threatened affecting the validity of the Bonds or any of the proceedings taken with respect to the issuance and sale thereof or the levy or collection of any taxes to pay the principal of or interest on the Bonds. Such certificate shall also state that there is no litigation pending or threatened against the Board which materially adversely affects the financial condition of the Board.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

The Board has covenanted for the benefit of the Owners of the Bonds, in accordance with the Continuing Disclosure Agreement which shall be delivered in substantially the form attached hereto as Appendix G, to provide financial information on or before June 30 of each year following the end of the Board's fiscal year for which the disclosure is due, commencing with the report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and to provide notice of the occurrence of the enumerated events listed therein, if material for those enumerated events which specify a materiality determination). The Annual Information and each notice of enumerated material events will be filed electronically by United Bank, Charleston, West Virginia as dissemination agent, on behalf of the Board with the Electronic Municipal Markets Access system ("EMMA").

This continuing disclosure obligation is being undertaken to comply with Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule") promulgated by the Securities Exchange Commission. The Board has agreed to give notice in a timely manner to EMMA of any failure to supply the required information. However, any such failure to supply information pursuant to the terms of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement will not constitute a default under the terms of the Bonds or any document executed and delivered in connection therewith. Under the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, the sole remedy for such failure is to seek an order for specific performance. SEE "APPENDIX G – FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT."

Continuing Disclosure Compliance

In connection with the issuance of the Series 2020 Refunding Bonds, the Board and United Bank, as Disclosure Agent, executed a Continuing Disclosure Agreement dated as November 25, 2020 (the "2020 Disclosure Agreement"). Pursuant to the 2020 Disclosure Agreement, the Board agreed to file its annual audited financial statements with EMMA for purposes of the Rule before June 30 of each year following the end of the Board's fiscal year. The Board also agreed in the 2020 Disclosure Agreement to file notice of the enumerated events listed therein, if material, to EMMA for purposes of the Rule. In the past five years, (i) the Board failed to timely file its annual financial statement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, although the Board did file its annual financial statement for such fiscal year on May 13, 2025, and (ii) the Board failed to timely file its annual financial statements for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2021, June 30, 2022, June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2024, although the Board did file its annual financial statements for such fiscal years on April 23, 2025. The Board has put procedures in place to help ensure that the annual financial statements of the Board are filed with EMMA in a timely fashion as required by the Continuing Disclosure Agreement.

LEGAL MATTERS

All legal matters incident to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds are subject to the approval of Bowles Rice LLP, Charleston, West Virginia, Bond Counsel, whose approving legal opinion will be delivered with such Bonds.

COMPETITIVE SALE

After competitive bidding on June 26, 2025, the Bonds were awarded to Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc. (the "Underwriter"). The Underwriter has supplied the information as to the public offering yields or prices of the Bonds set forth on the cover page hereof. The Underwriter has informed the Board that if all the Bonds are resold to the public at those yields or price, they anticipate the total Underwriter's compensation to be $347,845.15. The Underwriter may change the public offering yields from time to time.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the Board as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, included in Appendix A of this Official Statement, have been audited by Independent Auditors to the extent and for the period indicated in their report dated January 14, 2025, and have been included in this Official Statement as public documents. The independent auditors did not review this Official Statement nor perform any procedures relating to the issuance of the Bonds.

RATINGS

Moody's Ratings ("Moody's") and S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") have assigned the Bonds underlying ratings of 'Aa3' and 'A+' (stable outlook), respectively. Concurrently, Moody's has assigned an underlying 'Aa3' issuer's rating to the Board. S&P has also assigned the Bonds a program rating of 'AA-' based in part on (a) the administrative oversight duties of the Bond Commission in its capacity as Paying Agent for the Bonds to determine the annual rates of the tax levy required to make debt service payments on the Bonds, as well as the authority to augment such rates to provide for delinquencies, and (b) the annual blanket appropriation to the Governor of amounts sufficient to meet any deficiencies with regard to amounts received by the Bond Commission to make debt service payments on the Bonds (see "THE BONDS – Debt Administration" herein).

An explanation of the significance of any ratings given by S&P may be obtained from S&P at 55 Water Street, New York, New York 10041. An explanation of the significance of any ratings given by Moody's may be obtained from Moody's at 7 World Trade Center at 250 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10007. Such ratings reflect only the views of such organizations and reference is made to such organizations for the meaning

of such ratings. There is no assurance that such ratings will continue for any period of time or that such ratings will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by the assigning rating agency, if in the judgment of such rating agency, circumstances so warrant. Any downward revision or withdrawal of any such rating may have an adverse effect upon the market price or value of the Bonds.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Crews & Associates, Inc., of Morgantown, West Virginia, and Little Rock, Arkansas, is serving as Financial Advisor to the Board in connection with the issuance of the Bonds to render certain professional services, including advising the Board on a plan of financing relating to the Bonds. The Financial Advisor has not undertaken an independent investigation into the accuracy of the information presented in this Official Statement.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

The information furnished in this Official Statement is set forth for the benefit of prospective purchasers of the $49,870,000 in aggregate principal amount of The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (West Virginia) Public School Bonds, Series 2025. The material contained in the Official Statement was compiled for, and at the direction of, the Board by Crews & Associates, Inc. in its capacity as Financial Advisor.

All statements, estimates, assumptions and summaries of documents in this Official Statement have been made on the basis of the best information available and are believed to be correct and reliable, but no representations whatsoever are made that such statements, estimates, assumptions and summaries of documents are correct or will be realized.

So far as any statements are made in this Official Statement involving matters of opinion, whether or not expressly so stated, they are set forth as such and not as representation of fact. Neither this Official Statement nor any statement which may have been made orally or in writing is to be construed as a contract with the holders of any of the Bonds.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, WEST VIRGINIA

By: /s/ John G. Hudson

Title: Superintendent

APPENDIX A

Audit Report of
Putnam County Board of Education for the
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

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PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

2024

Annual Financial Report

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PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OFFICIALS
JUNE 30, 2024

Office	Name	Term
	Elective	
Board Members:	G. Robert Cunningham	07/01/22 – 06/30/26
	Bruce Knell	07/01/20 – 06/30/24
	Brad Hodges	07/01/22 – 06/30/26
	Wade Neal	07/01/22 – 06/30/26
	Christian Wells	07/01/20 – 06/30/24
	Appointive	
Board President:	G. Robert Cunningham	07/01/22 – 06/30/24
Superintendent:	John G. Hudson	
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Members of
Putnam County Board of Education
Winfield, West Virginia

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Putnam County Board of Education, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Putnam County Board of Education's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Putnam County Board of Education, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof for the year ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information for the General Current Expense Fund, the Special Revenue Fund, the Special Revenue ESSERF Fund, the Special Revenue School Activity Fund, the schedule of the district's proportionate share of the net pension liability, the schedule of district contributions to Teachers' Retirement System, the schedule of the district's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability and the schedule of the district contributions to Retiree Health Benefit Trust Fund on pages 6 through 15 and pages 63 through 73 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements.

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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Putnam County Board of Education's basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying other supplementary information of the budgetary comparison information for the Debt Service Fund, the Capital Project Fund, the schedule of changes in School Activity Funds, the schedule of excess levy revenues and expenditures, and the schedule of state grant receipts and expenditures are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are also not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the 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 January 14, 2025, on our consideration of Putnam County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Putnam County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Putnam County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Huntington, West Virginia
January 14, 2025

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Our discussion and analysis of the Putnam County Board of Education's (Board) financial performance provides an overview of the Board's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. Please read this discussion and analysis in conjunction with the Board's basic financial statements, which are presented immediately following this Management's Discussion and Analysis.

Financial Highlights

- The Board's assets plus deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources by approximately $192.0 million *(net position)* at the close of the most recent fiscal year. Of this amount, approximately $26.2 million represents the unrestricted net position.

- The Board's total net position increased by approximately $9.5 million which is primarily the result of an increase in property taxes, unrestricted state aid, and unrestricted earnings.

- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Board's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of approximately $52.6 million, an increase of approximately $4.6 million in comparison with the prior year.

- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the general fund represented a fund balance of approximately $25.6 million.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Board's basic financial statements. The Board's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) district-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

District-wide financial statements - The district-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Board's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *statement of net position* presents information on all of the Board's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflow of resources. Net position is reported as assets plus deferred outflows of resources minus liabilities minus deferred inflows of resources. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Board is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing or related cash flows.* Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

The district-wide financial statements can be found on the pages following this report.

Fund financial statements - A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Board, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Board can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the district-wide financial statements. However, unlike the district-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the district-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the district-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The Board maintains six individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund, the special revenue fund, special revenue school activity fund, special revenue cares act fund, debt service fund, and the capital projects fund, all of which are considered major funds.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the governmental entity. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the district-wide financial statement because the Board cannot use these funds to finance its operations.

The Board uses a custodial fund to account for resources held for student activities and groups. The basic fiduciary fund financial statement can be found on the pages following the basic financial statements.

Notes to the basic financial statements - The notes provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the data provided in the district-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on the pages following the basic financial statements.

District-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Board, assets plus deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources by approximately $192.0 million at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

	2024 Governmental Activities	2023 Governmental Activities	Variance
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Current and other assets	$ 68,521,155	$ 63,104,654	$ 5,416,501
Capital assets	159,504,341	160,080,810	(576,469)
Net OPEB asset - Proportionate share	281,733	-	281,733
ROU Assets	1,209,373	1,780,992	(571,619)
Deferred outflows of resources	7,962,828	2,230,575	5,732,253
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	237,479,430	227,197,031	10,282,399
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION			
Liabilities and deferred inflows of resources:			
Current and other liabilities	$ 15,793,604	$ 18,538,760	$ (2,745,156)
Long-term liabilities outstanding	2,505,000	4,320,000	(1,815,000)
Deferred inflows of resources	2,530,203	3,876,338	(1,346,135)
Net pension liability - Proportionate share	7,233,996	4,185,341	3,048,655
Net pension liability - Board plan	7,515,824	7,842,012	(326,188)
Net other post employment benefit (OPEB) liability - Proportionate share	-	214,293	(214,293)
Net other post employment benefit (OPEB) liability - Dental & Vision	9,926,474	5,758,746	4,167,728
Asset Retirement Obligation (ARO) liability	-	-	-
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	45,505,101	44,735,490	769,611
Net position:			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	155,184,341	150,420,810	4,763,531
Restricted	10,615,192	10,095,445	519,747
Unrestricted	26,174,796	21,945,286	4,229,510
Total net position	191,974,329	182,461,541	9,512,788
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position	$ 237,479,430	$ 227,197,031	$ 10,282,399

The key elements of the increase of the Board's net position for the year ended June 30, 2024 are as follows:

- Current and other assets increased by approximately $5.4 million which primarily represents an increase in cash and cash equivalents and receivables.

- Capital assets decreased by approximately $576 thousand which represents the net amount of depreciation expense in excess of capital assets additions.

- Right of use assets decreased by approximately $571 thousand which represents the amount of amortization expense.

- GASB 68/71 requires the Board to record its proportionate share of the net pension liability, deferred outflows and deferred inflows. The net pension liability increased by approximately $3.0 million, to approximately $7.2 million at June 30. The Boards net pension liability for the Board plan decreased by approximately $326 thousand to $7.5 million. This decrease was due to a change in the actuarial discount rate.

- GASB 75 requires the Board to record its proportionate share of the Net OPEB liability/asset, deferred outflows and deferred inflows. The Net OPEB liability changed by approximately $496 thousand to a Net OPEB asset of approximately $282 thousand at June 30.

- The Net OPEB liability dental & vision increased by approximately $4.2 million to $9.9 million due to a change in the discount interest rate, increased usage by retirees and adding cost trends to the actuarial evaluation.

- Deferred outflows increased by approximately $5.7 million and deferred inflows decreased by approximately $1.3 million.

- Long term liabilities decreased by approximately $1.8 million which was primarily the result of the payments made on the principal of the bond debt and capital lease liabilities.

- The largest portion of the Board's net position (81%) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, furniture and equipment, vehicles), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The Board uses these capital assets to provide services to students; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Board's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

- An additional portion of the Board's net position (6%) represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The majority of the restricted balance is represented by taxes collected for repayment of the bond issue and grant funds received but not spent as of June 30.

- The Board's net position represents cash and other receivable balances and may be used to meet the Board's obligations to students, employees, and creditors and to honor next year's budget. The Board had an unrestricted net position (13%) of approximately $26.2 million.

The Board's net position increased by approximately $9.5 million which is primarily the result of an increase in various revenue sources. The following summarizes the revenue and expense activity for the Board:

	2024 Governmental Activities	2023 Governmental Activities	Variance
Revenues:			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	$ 601,303	$ 703,465	$ (102,162)
Operating grants and contributions	20,869,692	23,652,653	(2,782,961)
Capital grants and contributions	815,640	665,860	149,780
General revenues:			
Property taxes	54,108,691	52,302,172	1,806,519
Unrestricted state aid	66,426,776	52,093,176	14,333,600
Unrestricted investment earnings	3,331,955	2,223,477	1,108,478
Unrestricted grants and contributions	349,211	205,751	143,460
Gain or (loss) on disposal of capital assets	165,253	54,045	111,208
Total revenues	146,668,521	131,900,599	14,767,922
Expenses:			
Instruction	87,299,342	75,735,784	11,563,558
Supporting services:			
Students	7,659,472	6,386,908	1,272,564
Instructional staff	3,581,923	2,976,625	605,298
General administration	1,693,529	1,654,066	39,463
School administration	7,870,905	6,588,868	1,282,037
Central services	2,918,910	2,810,915	107,995
Operation and maintenance of facilities	9,152,907	7,188,857	1,964,050
Student transportation	9,356,010	7,714,601	1,641,409
Other	14,083	13,551	532
Total supporting services	42,247,739	35,334,391	6,913,348
Food services	7,237,533	6,178,188	1,059,345
Community services	260,045	260,045	-
Interest on long-term debt	111,074	88,894	22,180
Total expenses	137,155,733	117,597,302	19,558,431
Change in net position before transfers	9,512,788	14,303,297	(4,790,509)
Transfers	-	-	-
Change in net position	9,512,788	14,303,297	(4,790,509)
Net position - Beginning	182,461,541	166,114,531	16,347,010
Restatement	-	2,043,713	(2,043,713)
Net position - Ending	$ 191,974,329	$ 182,461,541	$ 9,512,788

The key elements of the increase of the Board's revenues and expenses for the year ended June 30, 2024 are as follows:

- Operating grants and contributions decreased by approximately $2.7 million which was primarily the result of a decrease in various state and federal grants.

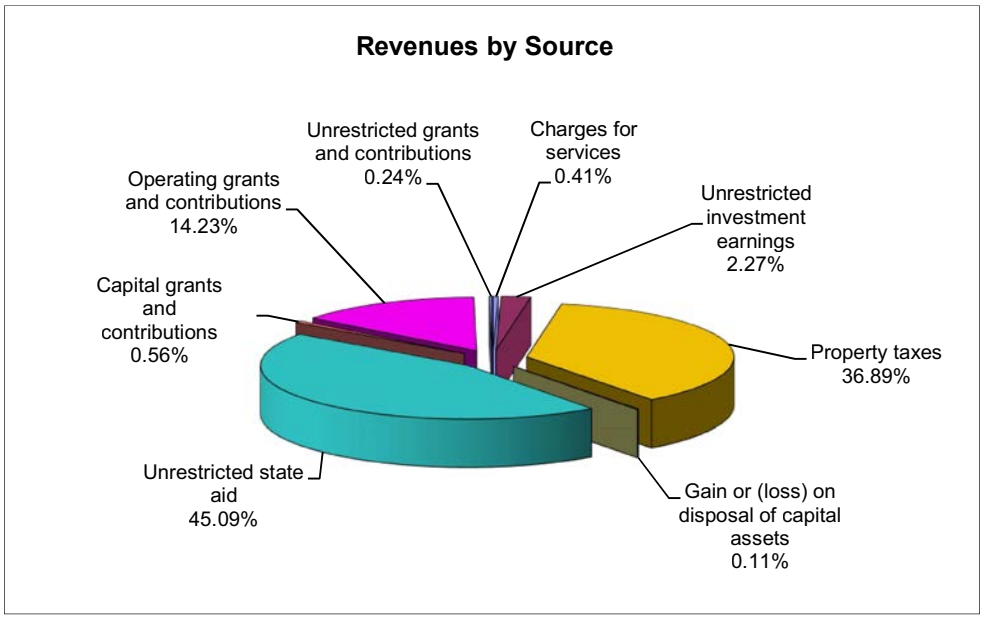
- Property tax revenue increased by approximately $1.8 million which was primarily the result of the increase in assessed valuations.

- Unrestricted state aid increased by approximately $14.3 million which was primarily the result of the increase in state aid grants and related GASB 68/75 entries and due to a statewide salary raise.

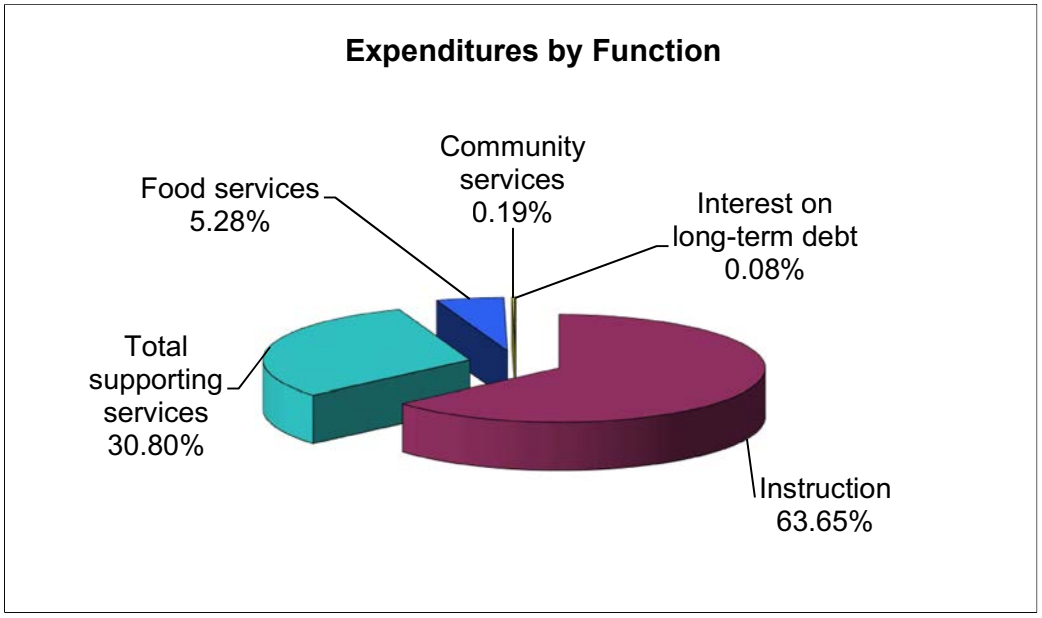
- Unrestricted investment earnings increased by approximately $1.1 million which was primarily the result of increased interest rates.

- Overall expenses increased by approximately $19.6 million primarily as a result of the increase in instruction expenses and a statewide raise.

The following chart shows the Board's revenues for fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 by source:



The following chart shows the Board's expenditures for fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 by function:



Financial Analysis of the Board's Funds

As noted earlier, the School Board uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds. The focus of the Board's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Board's financing requirements. In particular, *unassigned fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year. As the Board completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of approximately $52.6 million. The net change in fund balance was an increase of approximately $4.6 which was primarily due to the increase in property tax revenue and other local sources.

In addition, the following other changes in fund balances should be noted as the Board's total restricted fund balance was approximately $10.6 million, committed fund balance was approximately $80 thousand, and assigned fund balance of approximately $16.0 million.

Governmental funds report the differences between their assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows as fund balance, which is divided into nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned portions. Nonspendable, restricted, committed, and assigned indicate the portion of the Board's fund balances that are not available for appropriation. The unassigned fund balance is available expendable financial resources in governmental funds. The Board had an unassigned fund balance of approximately $25.6 million.

The Board had six major funds for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. Those funds are the General Current Expense Fund, Special Revenue Fund, Special Revenue School Activity Fund, Special Revenue Cares Act Fund, Debt Service Fund, and Capital Projects Fund.

General Current Expense Fund

This is the principal operation fund which accounts for all financial resources of the Board except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The fund balance increased from approximately $37.8 million to $41.9 million during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. This increase of approximately $4.1 million was due primarily to the increase in property tax revenue and other local sources.

Special Revenue Fund

This is an operating fund of the Board and accounts for all revenues and expenditures attributable to state and federal grants and other revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes. The fund balance increased from approximately $2.0 million to $2.8 million during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. This increase of approximately $765 thousand was due primarily to the timing of State grants received in advance of disbursement.

Special Revenue School Activity Fund

This is a separate special revenue fund to account for the financial resources received and held by each school to support co-curricular and extracurricular student activities in which the Board has administrative involvement. The fund balance increased from approximately $3.4 million, to approximately $3.5 million during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The increase of approximately $100 thousand is due to the normal activity of the individual schools.

Special Revenue Federal Stimulus and Stabilization Fund

This is a separate special revenue fund to account for all revenue and expenditures attributable to funds received as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act, and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, which are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes. The fund balance remained at $0 as the Board received and expended the same amount.

Debt Service Fund

This is a separate fund used to account for the accumulated resources, and the payment of, general long-term debt, principal, and interest. The fund balance increased from approximately $3.9 million to $4.5 million during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. This increase of approximately $567 thousand was due primarily to the tax revenues received in excess of principal and interest payments.

Capital Projects Fund

This is a separate fund used to account for all financial resources used to acquire or construct specific major capital facilities other than by the sale of bonds or the reservation of monies in a permanent improvement fund. The fund balance decreased from approximately $951 thousand to $26 thousand during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. This decrease of approximately $925 thousand was due to the spend down of construction funds.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

During the year, the Board revised the budget. Budget amendments were to reflect changes in programs and related funding. The difference between the original budget and the final amended budget was an increase of approximately $26.1 million or twenty percent in total general fund expenditures. The most significant differences are related to budget carryover transactions and retirement payments made by the State on behalf of the Board.

Capital Asset, Right-of-Use Assets, and Debt Administration

Capital assets - The Board's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2024, amounts to approximately $159.5 million (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, and vehicles. The total decrease in the Board's investment in capital assets for the current fiscal year was approximately $576 thousand.

Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included the following:

- Construction in process increased by approximately $2.9 for the Poca High School SBA MIP project for a STEM Lab/Media Center, gym roof replacement at Poca High School, and various playground equipment projects put into service as of June 30, 2024.

- The Board purchased approximately $2.3 million in furniture and equipment.

	2024 Governmental Activities	2023 Governmental Activities	Variance
Land	$ 6,594,001	$ 6,594,001	$ -
Land improvements	1,687,290	1,696,866	(9,576)
Buildings and improvements	134,752,467	136,724,854	(1,972,387)
Furniture and equipment	9,160,395	10,182,617	(1,022,222)
Vehicles	3,956,861	4,396,681	(439,820)
Construction in process	3,353,327	485,791	2,867,536
Total capital assets	$ 159,504,341	$ 160,080,810	$ (576,469)

Additional information on the Board's capital assets can be found in notes to the basic financial statements.

Right-of-Use assets - The Board's investment in Right-of-use assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2024, amounts to approximately $1.2 million (net of accumulated amortization). This investment in right-of-use assets are primarily SBITAs for etext books. The total decrease in the Board's investment in right-of-use assets for the current fiscal year was approximately $572 thousand. There was no liability for these SBITAs as they had been paid in full.

Major right-of-use asset events during the current fiscal year included the following:

	2024 Governmental Activities	2023 Governmental Activities	Variance
Land	$ -	$ -	$ -
Buildings	-	-	-
Furniture and equipment	-	-	-
Vehicles	-	-	-
SBITAs	1,209,373	1,780,992	(571,619)
Total right-of-use-assets	$ 1,209,373	$ 1,780,992	$ (571,619)

Additional information on the Board's right-of-use assets can be found in the notes to the basic financial statements.

Long-term debt and other liabilities. At the end of the current fiscal year, the Board had the following long-term debt liabilities:

	2024 Governmental Activities	2023 Governmental Activities	Variance
General obligation bonds	$ 1,450,000	$ 6,430,000	$ (4,980,000)
Finance Lease obligations	2,870,000	3,230,000	(360,000)
SBITA obligations	-	-	-
Compensated absences	672,031	610,586	61,445
Net pension liability - proportionate share	7,233,996	4,185,341	3,048,655
Net pension liability- Board plan	7,515,824	7,842,012	(326,188)
Net OPEB liability (asset)- proportionate share	(281,733)	214,293	(496,026)
Net OPEB liability - dental & vision	9,926,474	5,758,746	4,167,728
Asset retirement obligation	-	-	-
Total debt outstanding	$ 29,386,592	$ 28,270,978	$ 1,115,614

The Board had bonded debt in the amount of approximately $1.5 million. The debt was issued or the purpose of constructing three new schools and additions/renovations at five other schools. The decrease in the general obligation bonds was a result of the 2024 bond principle payments.

The Boards outstanding finance lease obligation was approximately $2.9 million, a decrease of approximately $360 thousand. The decrease was due to the principal payments made during the fiscal year.

In addition to participating in the State of West Virginia Teachers Retirement System, the Board has a single-employer defined benefit plan. This plan provides certain benefits to retirees of the Board who were hired prior to July 1, 1990. These benefits are paid based upon a calculation which includes years of service up until death of the retiree. The obligation for this liability was approximately $7.5 million at June 30, 2024. This decrease was due to the normal activity of the plan.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*, Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 68* requires the Board to record its portion of the net pension liability. The Boards proportionate share of the net pension liability increased by approximately $3.0 million to approximately $7.2 million as of June 30.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Other Post Employment Benefits* requires the Board to record its portion of the net OPEB liability. The Boards proportionate share of the net OPEB liability changed by approximately $496 thousand to a Net OPEB Asset of approximately $282 thousand as of June 30.

The Board also has a net OPEB liability for its dental and vision plan in the amount of $9.9 million. This liability increased by approximately $4.2 million due to an update of actuarial assumptions and the costs of the dental and vision to the Board.

Additional information on the Board's long-term debt can be found in notes to the basic financial statements.

Factors Bearing on the Board's Future

At the time these financial statements were prepared and audited, the Board was aware of circumstances that could significantly affect its financial health in the future:

- As disclosed in the notes to the financial statements, these financials include the June 30, 2023 adjustments for the Medicaid Cost Report settlement. The financials do not reflect any adjustments for the June 30, 2024 adjustments for the Medicaid Cost Report settlement.

- The final payment of the 2009 bond will be made in May 2025.

Contacting the Board's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens and taxpayers with a general overview of the Board's finances and to demonstrate the Board's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Board Office at 77 Courthouse Drive, Winfield, West Virginia 25213.

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 58,474,349
Investments	-
Inventory	-
Taxes receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible taxes	2,670,351
Deposit with Retirement Board	-
Food service receivable	716,631
Lease receivable	-
Other receivables	209,106
Prepaid Workers' Compensation	247,364
Other prepaid expenses	-
Due from other governments:	
State aid receivable	495,641
PEIA allocation receivable	1,875,930
Reimbursements receivable	3,831,783
Capital Assets:	
Land	6,594,001
Land improvements	10,838,297
Buildings and improvements	177,239,840
Furniture and equipment	23,628,615
Vehicles	14,288,372
Construction in process	3,353,327
Less accumulated depreciation	(76,438,111)
Total capital assets, net of depreciation	159,504,341
Right-of-Use Assets:	
Land	-
Buildings	-
Equipment	-
Vehicles	-
Subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs)	3,607,768
Less accumulated amortization	(2,398,395)
Total ROU assets, net of amortization	1,209,373
Net other post employment benefit (OPEB) asset - Proportionate share	281,733
Total assets	229,516,602
Deferred outflows of resources:	
Pension	3,618,476
Other post employment benefit (OPEB)	264,117
Other post employment benefit (OPEB) - dental & vision benefits	4,080,235
Total deferred outflows of resources	7,962,828
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	$ 237,479,430
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION	
Liabilities:	
Salaries payable and related payroll liabilities	$ 9,913,911
PEIA premiums payable	2,709,208
Compensated absences	672,031
Accounts payable	647,453
Other post employment benefit payable	-
Unearned revenue	13,242
Long-term obligations:	
Due within one year:	
Bonds and contracts	1,450,000
Accrued interest	22,759
Finance lease obligation	365,000
Finance lease liability	-
Financed purchases and other	-
SBITA liability	-
Due beyond one year:	
Bonds and contracts	-
Finance lease obligation	2,505,000
Finance lease liability	-
Financed purchases and other	-
SBITA liability	-
Asset retirement obligation (ARO) liability	-
Net pension liability - Proportionate Share	7,233,996
Net pension liability - Board Plan	7,515,824
Net other post employment benefit (OPEB) liability - Proportionate Share	-
Net other post employment benefit (OPEB) liability - Dental & Vision	9,926,474
Total liabilities	42,974,898
Deferred inflows of resources:	
Pension	1,136,769
Other post employment benefit (OPEB)	380,025
Other post employment benefit (OPEB) - dental & vision benefits	1,013,409
Total deferred inflows of resources	2,530,203
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	$ 45,505,101
Net Position:	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	155,184,341
Restricted for:	
Debt service	4,478,571
Special projects	6,110,558
Capital projects	26,063
Unrestricted	26,174,796
Total net position	$ 191,974,329

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

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Functions	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense), Revenue & Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:					
Instruction	$ 87,299,342	$ 405,207	$ 15,313,509	$ 549,643	$ (71,030,983)
Supporting services:					
Students	7,659,472	35,552	19,678	48,225	(7,556,017)
Instructional staff	3,581,923	16,626	9,202	22,552	(3,533,543)
General administration	1,693,529	7,861	4,351	10,663	(1,670,654)
School administration	7,870,905	36,533	20,221	49,556	(7,764,595)
Central services	2,918,910	13,548	7,499	18,378	(2,879,485)
Operation and maintenance of facilities	9,152,907	42,484	23,515	57,628	(9,029,280)
Student transportation	9,356,010	43,427	24,037	58,906	(9,229,640)
Other support services	14,083	65	36	89	(13,893)
Food services	7,237,533	-	5,447,644	-	(1,789,889)
Community services	260,045	-	-	-	(260,045)
Interest on long-term debt/finance leases	111,074	-	-	-	(111,074)
Total governmental activities	137,155,733	601,303	20,869,692	815,640	(114,869,098)
General revenues:					
Property taxes					54,108,691
Unrestricted state aid					66,426,776
Unrestricted investment earnings					3,331,955
Unrestricted grants and contributions					349,211
Extraordinary item - other post employment benefits					-
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets					165,253
Gain (loss) on termination of ROU assets					-
Transfers in					5,860,197
Transfers (out)					(5,860,197)
Total general revenues, extraordinary items and transfers					124,381,886
Change in net position					9,512,788
Net position - beginning					182,461,541
Net position - ending					$ 191,974,329

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

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

JUNE 30, 2024

	General Current Expense	Special Revenue Fund	Special Revenue School Activity Fund	Special Revenue ESSERF Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES							
Assets:							
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 49,588,712	$ 973,398	$ 3,475,274	$ -	$ 4,403,922	$ 33,043	$ 58,474,349
Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Taxes receivable, net	2,398,891	-	-	-	271,460	-	2,670,351
Deposit with Retirement Board	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prepaid Insurance	247,364	-	-	-	-	-	247,364
Food service receivable, net	-	716,631	-	-	-	-	716,631
Lease Receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other receivables	209,106	-	-	-	-	-	209,106
Due from other governments:							
State aid receivable	495,641	-	-	-	-	-	495,641
PEIA allocation receivable	1,875,930	-	-	-	-	-	1,875,930
Reimbursements receivable	515,868	1,840,368	-	1,475,547	-	-	3,831,783
Due from other funds	1,444,784	-	-	-	-	-	1,444,784
Total assets	56,776,296	3,530,397	3,475,274	1,475,547	4,675,382	33,043	69,965,939
Deferred outflows of resources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS PLUS DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	$ 56,776,296	$ 3,530,397	$ 3,475,274	$ 1,475,547	$ 4,675,382	$ 33,043	$ 69,965,939
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES							
Liabilities:							
Salaries payable and related payroll liabilities	$ 9,766,695	$ 124,098	$ -	$ 23,118	$ -	$ -	$ 9,913,911
Other post employment benefits payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PEIA premiums payable	2,709,208	-	-	-	-	-	2,709,208
Accounts payable & Payable to others	593,255	39,574	-	7,645	-	6,980	647,454
Due to other fiscal agents	-	-	-	-	-		-
Due to other funds	-	-	-	1,444,784	-	-	1,444,784
Unearned Revenue	-	13,242					13,242
Total liabilities	13,069,158	176,914	-	1,475,547	-	6,980	14,728,599
Deferred inflows of resources	1,851,834	603,898	-	-	196,811	-	2,652,543
Total deferred inflows of resources	1,851,834	603,898	-	-	196,811	-	2,652,543
Fund Balances:							
Nonspendable	247,364	-	-	-	-	-	247,364
Restricted	-	2,635,284	3,475,274	-	4,478,571	26,063	10,615,192
Committed	80,000	-	-	-	-	-	80,000
Assigned	15,932,653	114,301	-	-	-	-	16,046,954
Unassigned	25,595,287	-	-	-	-	-	25,595,287
Total fund balances	41,855,304	2,749,585	3,475,274	-	4,478,571	26,063	52,584,797
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	$ 56,776,296	$ 3,530,397	$ 3,475,274	$ 1,475,547	$ 4,675,382	$ 33,043	$ 69,965,939

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

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

Total governmental fund balance	$ 52,584,797
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position differ due to:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	159,504,341
Right-of-use assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	1,209,373
Other deferred charges are not reported in the funds	130,564
Property taxes receivable and food service billings receivable will be collected this year but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures, and are therefore deferred in the funds	2,521,980
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB are	
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	3,618,476
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	(1,136,769)
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	264,117
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	(380,025)
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB - Dental & Vision	4,080,235
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB - Dental & Vision	(1,013,409)
Some liabilities, including net pension and OPEB obligations, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	
Bonds payable, due within one year	(1,450,000)
Bonds payable, due beyond one year	-
Unamortized bond premium	-
Accrued interest on bonds	(22,759)
Accrued sick leave payable	-
Compensated absences	(672,031)
Net pension liability - proportionate share	(7,233,996)
Net OPEB liability - proportionate share	281,733
Net pension liability - proportionate share Board Plan	(7,515,824)
Net OPEB liability - proportionate share Dental & Vision	(9,926,474)
Asset Retirement Obligation (ARO) Liability	-
Finance lease liability, due within one year	(365,000)
Finance lease liability, due beyond one year	(2,505,000)
Financed purchases and other, due within one year	-
Financed purchases and other, due beyond one year	-
SBITA liability, due within one year	-
SBITA liability, due beyond one year	-
Net position of governmental activities	$ 191,974,329

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PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	General Current Expense	Special Revenue	Special Revenue School Activity Fund	Special Revenue ESSERF	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental
Revenues:							
Property taxes	$ 49,086,807	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 5,298,993	$ -	$ 54,385,800
Other Local sources	3,009,384	925,891	3,486,200	-	324,032	-	7,745,507
State sources	71,667,644	2,573,883	-	-	-	815,640	75,057,167
Federal sources	601,304	9,541,104	181,554	4,157,105	-	-	14,481,067
Miscellaneous sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	124,365,139	13,040,878	3,667,754	4,157,105	5,623,025	815,640	151,669,541
Expenditures:							
Instruction	72,072,033	6,031,952	3,515,752	2,526,707	-	-	84,146,444
Supporting services:							
Students	6,971,156	429,428	-	620,798	-	-	8,021,382
Instructional staff	2,869,606	606,051	-	191,673	-	-	3,667,330
General administration	1,716,969	-	-	-	-	-	1,716,969
School administration	8,051,286	117,408	-	125,694	-	-	8,294,388
Central Services	3,010,868	2,040	-	40,711	-	-	3,053,619
Operation and maintenance of facilities	12,451,531	-	-	13,628	-	179,940	12,645,099
Student transportation	9,466,013	16,114	-	82,083	-	-	9,564,210
Other support services	11,742	-	-	-	-	-	11,742
Food services	322,210	7,057,890	-	-	-	-	7,380,100
Community services	260,045	-	-	-	-	-	260,045
Capital outlay	759,733	46,125	-	102,537	-	2,090,491	2,998,886
Debt service:							
Principal retirement	-	-	-	-	4,980,000	-	4,980,000
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	-	76,093	-	76,093
Finance Leases:							
Principal payment expense	360,000	-	-	-	-	-	360,000
Interest Expense	46,777	-	-	-	-	-	46,777
SBITAs:							
Principal payment expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	118,369,969	14,307,008	3,515,752	3,703,831	5,056,093	2,270,431	147,223,084
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	5,995,170	(1,266,130)	152,002	453,274	566,932	(1,454,791)	4,446,457
Other financing sources (uses):							
Proceeds from disposal of real or personal property	165,252	30	-	-	-	-	165,282
Proceeds from the sale of bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Premium on sale of bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from finance lease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from financed purchases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from SBITAs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	1,758,994	2,631,933	472,404	-	-	996,866	5,860,197
Transfers (out)	(3,815,670)	(599,951)	(524,572)	(453,274)	-	(466,730)	(5,860,197)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(1,891,424)	2,032,012	(52,168)	(453,274)	-	530,136	165,282
Net change in fund balances	4,103,746	765,882	99,834	-	566,932	(924,655)	4,611,739
Fund balances - beginning	37,751,558	1,983,703	3,375,440	-	3,911,639	950,718	47,973,058
Fund balances - ending	$ 41,855,304	$ 2,749,585	$ 3,475,274	$ -	$ 4,478,571	$ 26,063	$ 52,584,797

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PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,

EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	$ 4,611,739
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different due to:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of net position, the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. The effect on net position is the amount by which capital outlays exceed depreciation in the current period.	
Depreciation expense	(7,206,256)
Capital outlays	7,390,510
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of net position, the cost of SBITA assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as amortization expense. The effect on net position is the amount by which capital outlays exceed amortization in the current period.	
Amortization expense	(571,619)
Capital outlays	-
Certain receivables will be collected this year but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures. This is the amount by which such receivables increased (decreased).	
Property taxes receivable	191,123
Operating Grants and Contributions	(116,556)
A portion of the change in fund balances is the proceeds from SBITAs. Those proceeds are not considered revenue items for the purpose of this statement.	361,608
The repayment of the principal of long-term debt (e.g., bonds, leases) consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. However, such repayment has no effect on net position.	4,980,000
Differences in the cost and accumulated depreciation on disposed capital assets are reported as a loss and reduction in net position in the statement of activities.	
Cost of assets disposed	(1,197,970)
Accumulated depreciation of assets disposed	437,247
Differences in the ROU asset and accumulated amortization on ROU asset terminated	
Compensated absences are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position, but are only reported in government funds to the extent they have matured. This is the amount by which compensated absences (increased)/decreased.	
Accrued vacation payable	(61,445)
Interest on long-term debt in the statement of activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recognized as an expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the statement of activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due.	11,796
Governmental funds report district pension contributions as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as pension expense	
District pension contributions	(2,254)
Cost of benefits earned net of employee contributions	(182,871)
Governmental funds report district OPEB contributions as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of OPEB benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as OPEB expense	
District OPEB contributions	74,246
Cost of benefits earned net of employee contributions	852,096
District OPEB contributions - dental & vision	1,555,346
Cost of benefits earned net of employee contributions - dental & vision	(2,300,140)
Governmental funds report district pension contributions as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as pension expense - board plan	
District pension contributions	677,031
Cost of benefits earned net of employee contributions	(350,843)
Finance Lease payables are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position, but are only reported in government funds to the extent they have matured. This is the amount by which finance lease payables decreased.	360,000
Financed purchases are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position, but are only reported in government funds to the extent they have matured. This is the amount by which financed purchases decreased.	-
SBITA payables are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position, but are only reported in government funds to the extent they have matured. This is the amount by which SBITA payables decreased.	-
Change in net position of governmental activities	$ 9,512,788

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

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to local government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

A. Reporting Entity:

The Putnam County Board of Education (School Board) is a corporation created under the authority of West Virginia Code §18-5-1 et seq. and is composed of five members nominated and elected by the voters of the county for four-year terms. The Board is responsible for the supervision and control of the county school district and has the authority, subject to State statutes and the rules and regulations of the State Board, to control and manage all the non-charter public schools and school interests in the county.

GASB Statement 14 (as amended by GASB Statement Number 39) establishes the criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and the component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under the provisions of this statement, the School Board is considered to be a primary government, since it is a separate legal entity, has its own elected governing body, and is fiscally independent of other local governments. The School Board has no component units, defined by GASB Statement 14 (as amended by GASB Statement Number 39) as other legally separate organizations for which the elected board members are financially accountable.

B. District-wide and Fund Financial Statements:

The ***district-wide financial statements*** (the statement of net position and the statement of activities) display information about the School Board as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary fund activities. Fiduciary funds are reported only in the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position at the fund financial statement level.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the school district's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function.

Depreciation expenses and amortization expenses for capital assets and right-of-use assets, respectively, that can be specifically identified with a function are included in its direct expenses. Depreciation and amortization expense for "shared" capital assets (such as a school building that may be used for instructional services, student and instructional staff support services, school administration, and child nutrition services) and right-of-use assets are distributed proportionally among the various functions. Indirect expense allocations that have been made in the funds have been reversed for the statement of activities. Interest on general long-term debt liabilities is considered an indirect expense and is reported in the Statement of Activities as a separate line.

Program revenues include: grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function, restricted state aid, tuition, and other fees and charges paid by students. Revenues that are not considered as program revenues are classified as general revenue and include property taxes, unrestricted state aid, unrestricted investment earnings, gain on sale of capital assets, and federal and state grants not restricted to a specific purpose.

The ***fund financial statements*** provide information about the individual funds maintained by the School Board. All funds maintained by the school district are considered to be major funds for reporting purposes and are discretely presented in the accompanying financial statements.

The funds maintained by the Board are:

General Current Expense Fund: The General Current Expense Fund is the operating fund of the Board and accounts for all revenues and expenditures not encompassed within other funds. All general tax revenues and other receipts that are not allocated by law or contractual agreement to other funds are accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures and the capital improvement costs that are not paid through other funds are paid from the General Current Expense Fund.

Special Revenue Fund: The Special Revenue Fund is an operating fund of the Board and accounts for all revenues and expenditures attributable to state and federal grants and other revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditure for specific purposes.

Special Revenue Fund: Federal Stimulus and Stabilization Fund – A governmental fund type used to account for the financial resources of LEAs, MCVCs, and ESCs received through the federal government; most notably in regard to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act, and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act.

Special Revenue Fund: School Activity Fund – A governmental fund type used to account for the financial resources received and held by each school to support co-curricular and extra-curricular student activities.

Debt Service Fund: The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the resources accumulated and payments made for principal, interest, and related costs on general obligation bonds issued by the Board for the acquisition of capital assets.

Capital Projects Funds: Capital Projects Funds are used to account for all resources used for the acquisition of capital facilities by the Board. These funds can include: a bond construction fund, used to account for the proceeds from the issuance of general obligation bonds; a permanent improvement fund established under the authority of West Virginia Code §18-9B-14 to account for the proceeds of resources used for the support of various building and permanent improvement projects, and; one or more capital projects funds used to account for the resources used in the construction of a specific capital facility.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting:

The ***district-wide statements*** (Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) were prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the full 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 flows are received. Revenues and expenses resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place; revenues and expenses resulting from non-exchange transactions, such as property taxes, federal and state grants, state aid to schools, and donations, are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement 33. Property taxes are recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied; state aid to schools is recognized in the year for which the legislative appropriation is made; and grants and donations are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

The ***governmental fund financial statements*** were prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The Board considers all revenues available if they are collected within 30/60 days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded generally when the related fund liability is incurred, except for unmatured principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under finance leases and financed purchases are reported as other financing resources.

Custodial funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not present results of operations or have a measurement focus. Custodial funds are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. These funds are used to account for assets that the School Board holds for others in a custodial capacity.

D. Encumbrances:

Encumbrance accounting is employed in governmental funds. Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is employed as an extension of the formal budgetary process. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end are reported in the appropriate fund balance category (restricted, committed or assigned) since they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities because the commitments will be honored during the subsequent year.

E. Cash and Investments:

Cash on hand and deposits with banking institutions either in checking or savings accounts or other highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less are presented as cash in the accompanying financial statements.

Boards of education are authorized by statute to provide excess funds to either the State Consolidated Investment Pool or the West Virginia Municipal Bond Commission (MBC) for investment purposes, or to invest such funds in the following classes of securities: obligations of the United States or any agency thereof; certificates of deposit; and repurchase agreements. Funds of the School Board are temporarily invested by the West Virginia Municipal Bond Commission specifically on behalf of the School Board as part of the Commission's consolidated investment pool. Deposits with the State Consolidated Investment Pool are held by the West Virginia Board of Treasury Investments (BTI). The deposits with the MBC are held for debt service requirements of the School Board. The deposits with the BTI and MBC are not separately identifiable as to specific types of securities. Investment income is prorated to the School Board at rates specified by the BTI and MBC. The amounts on deposit are available for immediate withdrawal and, accordingly, are presented as cash and cash equivalents in the accompanying basic financial statements. These investments are considered cash and cash equivalents due to their liquid nature. The BTI is directed by the State Treasurer to invest the funds in specific external investment pools in accordance with West Virginia code, policies set by the BTI, and by provisions of bond indentures and trust agreements, when applicable. Balances in the investment pools are recorded at fair value or amortized cost which approximates fair value. Fair value is determined by a third-party pricing service based on asset portfolio pricing models and other sources, in accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools. The BTI was established by the State Legislature and is subject to oversight by the State Legislature.

All deposit accounts and investments of the School Board at June 30, 2024 consisted of the following:

	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value	Bank Balance
State Investment Pool	$ 38,332,293	$ 38,332,293	$ 38,332,293
Municipal Bond Commission	4,403,922	4,403,922	4,403,922
Deposits with financial institutions - Individual Schools	3,475,274	3,475,274	3,688,934
Deposits with financial institutions - Board of Education	12,262,860	12,262,860	14,852,410
Total Investments	$ 58,474,349	$ 58,474,349	$ 61,277,559

Deposits with financial institutions were entirely covered by federal deposit insurance or secured by adequate bond or other securities held by the banking institution in the School Board's name. Custodian credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the School Board's deposits may not be returned to it. The School Board has limited its custodial credit risk by assuring that these deposits with financial institutions are adequately collateralized.

Cash on deposit with the MBC is held by the BTI in the West Virginia Government Money Market Pool and is subject to the following BTI policies and limits.

Investments and Deposits

The BTI has adopted an investment policy in accordance with the "Uniform Prudent Investor Act." The "prudent investor rule" guides those with responsibility for investing the money for others. Such fiduciaries must act as a prudent person would be expected to act, with discretion and intelligence, to seek reasonable income, preserve capital, and, in general, avoid speculative investments. The BTI's investment policy is to invest assets in a manner that strives for maximum safety, provides adequate liquidity to meet all operating requirements, and achieves the highest possible investment return consistent with the primary objectives of safety and liquidity. The BTI recognizes that risk, volatility, and the possibility of loss in purchasing power are present to some degree in all types of investments. Due to the short-term nature of the Consolidated Fund, the BTI believes that it is imperative to review and adjust the investment policy in reaction to interest rate market fluctuations/trends on a regular basis and has adopted a formal review schedule. Investment policies have been established for each investment pool and account of the Consolidated Fund.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. Two of the BTI's pools, the WV Money Market and WV Government Money Market Pools, have been rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's. A fund rated AAAm has extremely strong capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit, market, and/or liquidity risks. AAAm is the highest principal stability fund rating assigned by Standard & Poor's. Neither the BTI itself nor any other Consolidated Fund pool or account has been rated for credit risk by any organization. Of the Consolidated Fund pools and accounts, six are subject to credit risk: WV Money Market Pool, WV Government Money Market Pool, WV Short Term Bond Pool, WV Bank Pool, Loan Pool, and School Fund Account.

The BTI limits the exposure to credit risk in the WV Government Money Market Pool by limiting the Pool to U.S. Treasury issues, U.S. government agency issues, money market funds investing in U.S. Treasury issues and U.S. government agency issues, and repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury issues and U.S. government agency issues. The following table provides information on the credit ratings of the WV Government Money Market Pool's investments (in thousands):

Security Type	Rating	Carrying Value (in Thousands)	Percent of Pool Assets
U.S. Treasury notes*	AA+	$ 59,829	12.56%
U.S. Treasury bills*	A-1+	253,430	53.22
U.S. agency bonds and notes	AA+	31,000	6.51
Money market funds	AAAm	215	0.05
Repurchase agreements (underlying securities):			
U.S. Treasury bonds and notes*	AA+	105,000	22.05
U.S. Agency bonds and notes	AA+	26,700	5.61
		$ 476,174	100.00%

* U.S. Treasury issues are explicitly guaranteed by the United States government and are not considered to have credit risk.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. All Consolidated Fund pools and accounts are subject to interest rate risk.

The overall weighted average maturity of the investments of the WV Government Money Market Pool cannot exceed 60 days. Maximum maturity of individual securities cannot exceed 397 days from date of purchase, except for government floating rate notes, which can be up to 762 days. The following table provides information on the weighted average maturities for the various asset types in the WV Government Money Market Pool:

Security Type	Carrying Value (In Thousands)	WAM (Days)
U.S. Treasury notes	$ 59,829	15
U.S. Treasury bills	253,430	77
U.S. agency bonds and notes	31,000	3
Repurchase agreements	131,700	3
Money market funds	215	3
	$ 476,174	44

Other Risks of Investing

Other risks of investing can include concentration of credit risk, custodial credit risk, and foreign currency risk.

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a Consolidated Fund pool or account's investment in a single corporate issuer. The BTI investment policy prohibits those pools and accounts permitted to hold corporate securities from investing more than 5% of their assets in any one corporate name or one corporate issue.

The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the BTI will not be able to recover the value of investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Repurchase agreements are required to be collateralized by at least 102% of their value, and the collateral is held in the name of the BTI. The BTI or its agent does not release cash or securities until the counterparty delivers its side of the transaction. Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment or a deposit. None of the Consolidated Fund's investment pools or accounts holds interests in foreign currency or interests valued in foreign currency.

Deposits

Custodial credit risk of deposits is the risk that in the event of failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Deposits include nonnegotiable certificates of deposit. The WV Term Deposit Account contains term deposit accounts value at approximately $40,318,000. The BTI does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk.

F. Food Service Receivables:

The accounts receivable for the Food Service Program has been reduced by $956,514 for uncollectible accounts. The allowance for uncollectible accounts was calculated based upon historical data maintained by the Board.

Year	Accounts Receivable	Uncollectible Accounts	Net Receivable
FY10 and prior	$ 634,586	$ 634,586	$ -
FY11 and after	946,848	321,928	624,920
Total	1,581,434	956,514	624,920
Federal food service receivable	91,711	-	91,711
Total	$ 1,673,145	$ 956,514	$ 716,631

G. Interfund Receivables and Payables:

Activities between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the non-current portion of interfund loans).

Advances between funds, as reported in the fund financial statements, are offset by a fund balance reserve account in applicable governmental funds to indicate that they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources.

H. Inventories:

The Board considers inventories of materials and supplies expended at the time of purchase; therefore, they do not appear in the Board's financial statements.

I. Prepaid Items:

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

J. Capital Assets:

Capital assets, which include land, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, and vehicles are reported in the district-wide financial statements. The board defines capital assets as assets with an initial, individual cost of $5,000 or more for land, furniture, vehicles, and equipment and $100,000 for buildings and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair value at the date of donation. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase is not capitalized.

Buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, and vehicles of the Board are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Assets	Years
Buildings	80
Site Improvements	20 - 35
Furniture and Equipment	5 - 20
Vehicles	8 - 12

K. Right-of-Use Assets

Right-of-use assets, which include land, buildings, equipment, vehicles, and subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) are reported in the district-wide financial statements.

The School Board defines lease right-of-use assets (land, buildings, equipment, and vehicles) as the right to occupy, operate, or hold a leased asset during the rental period. This rental period must be for greater than 12 months including any option to renew if it is reasonably certain, based on all relevant factors, that the School Board will exercise that option. These assets do not include any lease contracts that transfer ownership at the end of the lease.

Lease Right-of-use assets are recorded at the present value of the payments expected to be made during the lease term, including any lease payments made to the lessor at or before the commencement of the lease term, less any lease incentives. Initial direct costs that are necessary to place the lease asset into service are also included.

Lease Right-of-use assets (Land, buildings, equipment, and vehicles) of the School Board are amortized using the straight-line method over the shorter period of the lease term or the useful life of the asset.

The School Board defines SBITA right-of-use assets as a contract that grants the right to use IT software for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. This subscription period must be for greater than 12 months including any option to renew if it is reasonably certain, based on all relevant factors, that the School Board will exercise that option.

SBITA Right-of-use assets are recorded at the present value of the payments expected to be made during the subscription term, including any payments made to the vendor at or before the commencement of the subscription term (less any incentives), and capitalizable initial implementation costs.

SBITA Right-of-use assets of the School Board are amortized using the straight-line method over the shorter period of the subscription term or the useful life of the underlying IT asset.

L. Deferred Outflow of Resources:

A deferred outflow of resources is a consumption of net position by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period. The Board's deferred outflows for the government wide financials include the Board's current year retirement contributions for pension expense that will impact future reporting periods.

M. Pensions:

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the State Teacher Retirement System (TRS) and additions to/deductions from the TRS fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TRS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value. See Note 10 for further discussion.

N. Compensated Absences and Other Post Employment Benefit Liability:

Compensated Absences:

It is the Board's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation pay benefits. Vacation benefits can be accumulated up to 40 days, and carried forward to the subsequent fiscal year. All vacation pay is accrued when incurred. In lieu of a cash payment at retirement, employees hired prior to July 1, 2015, can elect to use accumulated annual leave toward their postemployment health care insurance premium. Employees also earn sick leave benefits which accumulate but do not vest.

Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) Liability:

It is the Board's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused sick pay benefits. Sick benefits can be accumulated for unlimited days and carried forward to the subsequent fiscal year. When separated from employment, employees' sick leave benefits are considered ended, and no reimbursement is provided. However, upon retirement, an employee's accumulated annual sick leave may be converted to a greater retirement benefit or payment of the retired employee's health insurance premiums. The cost of the increased retirement option is the liability of the West Virginia Consolidated Public Retirement Board. The payment of health insurance premiums must be absorbed by the last agency employing the retiree and is included as part of the OPEB liability.

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the State OPEB Plan and additions to/deductions from the OPEB Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by West Virginia Retiree Health Benefit Trust Fund (RHBT). For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value. See Note 11 for further discussion.

O. Long-term Obligations:

In the district-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable is reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as expenses during the period in which the bonds were issued.

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

P. Deferred Inflow of Resources:

A deferred inflow of resources is an acquisition of net position by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period. The Board's deferred inflows for the fund financial statements included property taxes, e-rate, child nutrition lunch, and Medicaid receivables. Deferred inflows for the government wide financials include the proportionate share of the Board's net difference between projected and actual investment earnings and the differences between the employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions.

Q. Net Position:

Net position is classified into four categories according to external donor restrictions or availability of assets for satisfaction of Board obligations. The Board's net position is classified as follows:

- **Invested in capital assets, net of related debt -** This represents the Board's total investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the balances of any outstanding debt obligations related to those capital assets. To the extent debt has been incurred but not yet expended for capital assets, such amounts are not included as a component of invested capital assets, net of related debt.

- **Restricted net position, expendable -** This includes resources in which the Board is legally or contractually obligated to spend in accordance with restrictions imposed by external third parties including grantors, donors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

- **Restricted net position, nonexpendable -** This includes endowment and similar type funds in which donors or other outside sources have stipulated, as a condition of the gift instrument, that the principal is to be maintained inviolate and in perpetuity, and invested for the purpose of producing present and future income, which may either be expended or added to the principal. The Board does not have any restricted nonexpendable assets at June 30, 2024.

- **Unrestricted net position -** This represents resources derived from other than capital assets or restricted net position. These resources are used for transactions relating to the general operation of the Board and may be used at the discretion of the Board to meet current expenses for any lawful purpose.

R. Fund Equity:

GASB Statement No. 54 "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions," which establishes new standards of accounting and financial reporting that are intended to improve the clarity and consistency of the fund balance information provided to financial report users. The classifications are based primarily on the extent to which the Board is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which the amounts in those funds can be spent. Fund balances are reported in the following categories:

- Nonspendable fund balances include amounts that cannot be spent because they are in a nonspendable form, such as inventory, or prepaid expense amounts, or they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact, such as the corpus of a permanent fund.

- Restricted fund balances are restricted due to legal restrictions from creditors, grantors, or laws and regulations of other governments or by legally enforceable enabling legislation or constitutional provisions.

- Committed fund balances are amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the highest level of decision-making authority, which for the county is the five-member School Board. Said specific purposes and amounts are recorded in the official Board minutes of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the School Board removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action it employed to previously commit those amounts. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

- Assigned fund balances are constrained by the intent to use funds for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. Intent can be expressed by the five-member School Board or by a body or official to which the School Board has delegated the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. By reporting particular amounts that are not restricted or committed in a special revenue, capital projects, debt service, or permanent fund, the Board has assigned those amounts to the purposes of the respective funds.

- Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. In other funds, any negative fund balances would be unassigned.

S. Elimination and Reclassifications:

In the process of aggregating data for the statement of net position and the statement of activities, some amounts reported as interfund activity and balances in the funds were eliminated or reclassified. Interfund receivables and payables were eliminated to minimize the "grossing up" effect on assets and liabilities within the governmental activities column.

T. Accounting Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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 statement and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

U. Restricted Resources:

Restricted resources should be applied first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available. If an expense is incurred for purposes for which committed, assigned and unassigned fund balances are all available, the fund balances should be reduced in the following order: committed, assigned, and then unassigned.

V. Newly Adopted Statements Issued by the GASB:

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has also issued Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022*, effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2021. The requirements of this Statement are effective as follows:

- The requirements related to extension of the use of LIBOR, accounting for SNAP distributions, disclosures of nonmonetary transactions, pledges of future revenues by pledging governments, clarification of certain provisions in Statement 34, as amended, and terminology updates related to Statement 53 and Statement 63 are effective upon issuance.

- The requirements related to leases, PPPs, and SBITAs are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022, and all reporting periods thereafter.

- The requirements related to financial guarantees and the classification and reporting of derivative instruments within the scope of Statement 53 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024, and all reporting periods thereafter.

The objective of this Statement is to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting by addressing practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements and accounting and financial reporting for financial guarantees. The School Board has not yet determined the effect that the adoption of GASB Statement No. 99 may have on its financial statements.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has also issued Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections,* effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023. The primary objective of this Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. The School Board has not yet determined the effect that the adoption of GASB Statement No. 100 may have on its financial statements.

W. Recent Statements Issued by the GASB:

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has also issued Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences,* effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. The School Board has not yet determined the effect that the adoption of GASB Statement No. 101 may have on its financial statements.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has also issued Statement No. 102, Certain Risk Disclosures, which is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024. The objective of this statement is to provide financial statement users with information about risks due to concentrations or constraints common in a governmental environment. The standard requires an assessment of whether any concentrations or constraints increase the government's vulnerability to significant impacts, and whether events associated with concentrations and/or constraints have occurred or are more likely than not to occur within one year of issuance of the financial statements. Further, additional detailed disclosures may be required in certain situations. The School Board has not yet determined the effect that the adoption of GASB Statement No. 102 may have on its financial statements.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has also issued Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements,* effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025. The objective of this Statement is to improve key components of the financial reporting model. The purposes of the improvements are to enhance the effectiveness of the financial reporting model in providing information that is essential for decision making and assessing a government's accountability and address certain application issues identified through pre-agenda research conducted by the GASB. The School Board has not yet determined the effect that the adoption of GASB Statement No. 101 may have on its financial statements.

Note 2 – Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability:

Deficiency in Net Changes in Fund Balance:

The following fund had a deficiency in net changes in fund balance for the year ended June 30, 2024:

Fund	Amount
Capital Projects Fund	$ 924,655

Funds sufficient to provide for the excess expenditures were made available from other sources within the fund and the deficiency had no impact on the financial result of the fund.

Note 3 - Risk Management:

The Board is exposed to various risks or loss related to torts, theft, or damage to and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. The Board, pursuant to the provisions of State law, participates in the following risk management programs administered by the State.

Board of Risk and Insurance Management (BRIM): The Board participates in the West Virginia Board of Risk and Insurance Management, a common risk insurance pool for all State agencies, component units, boards of education and other local governmental agencies who wish to participate. The Board pays an annual premium to BRIM for its general insurance coverage. Fund underwriting and rate setting policies are established by BRIM. The cost of all coverage as determined by BRIM is paid by the participants. The BRIM risk pool retains the risk of the first $2 million per property event and purchases excess insurance on losses above that level. BRIM has a $1 million per occurrence coverage maximum on all third-party liability claims.

Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA): The Board provides employees health and basic life insurance benefits through the Public Employees Insurance Agency. PEIA was established by the State of West Virginia to provide a program of health and life insurance for employees of State agencies, institutions of higher

learning, boards of education, and component units of the State. In addition, local governmental agencies and certain charitable and public service organizations may request to be covered. PEIA provides a general employee benefit insurance program which includes hospital, surgical, major medical, prescription drug and basic life and accidental death. Fund underwriting and rate setting policies are established by the PEIA Finance Board. The cost of all coverage as determined by the Finance Board is paid by the participants.

Health coverage under these programs has no lifetime maximum benefit, while life insurance coverage is limited to $10,000. Members may purchase up to an additional $500,000 of life insurance coverage. Premiums are established by PEIA and are paid monthly. The PEIA risk pool retains the risk for the health and prescription features of its indemnity plan, has fully transferred the risks of coverage of the Managed Care Organization (MCO) Plan to the plan provider and has transferred risk of life insurance coverage to a third party insurer.

Workers Compensation Fund: Travelers Insurance Company provides workers' compensation coverage to the Board. The cost of all coverage, as determined by Travelers, is paid by the Board. The Travelers risk pool retains the risk related to the compensation of injured employees under the program.

Note 4 - Property Taxes:

All property in the State is classified as follows for ad valorem tax purposes:

Class I - All tangible personal property employed exclusively in agriculture, including horticulture and grazing; all products of agriculture, including livestock, while owned by the producer.

Class II - All property owned, used and occupied by the owner exclusively for residential purposes; all farms, including land used for horticulture and grazing, occupied and cultivated by their owners or bona fide tenants.

Class III - All real and personal property situated outside of municipalities, exclusive of Class I and II property.

Class IV - All real and personal property situated inside of municipalities, exclusive of Class I and II property.

According to West Virginia Code §11-8-6c, the maximum rates that county boards of education may impose on the various classes of property are: Class I - 22.95¢ per $100 of assessed valuation; Class II - 45.90¢ per $100 of assessed valuation; Class III - 91.80¢ per $100 of assessed valuation; and Class IV - 91.80¢ per $100 of assessed valuation.

Pursuant to West Virginia Code §11-8-6f, however, the rates of levy for county boards are to be reduced uniformly statewide and proportionately for all classes of property so that the total statewide property tax revenues to be realized from the regular levy tax collections for the forthcoming year will not increase by more than one percent of the current year's projected property tax revenues, exclusive of increases due to new construction, improvements to existing real property, or newly acquired personal property, unless the State Legislature holds a public hearing. The amounts to be paid to the Assessors Valuation Fund are also to be excluded from the calculation.

County boards of education are also authorized to impose an additional (excess) levy not to extend beyond five years if approved by at least a majority of the voters. The rates of levy cannot exceed the maximum rates specified above and must be proportional for all classes of property.

The assessed valuations and levy rates levied by the Board per $100 of assessed valuation for each class of property for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 were:

Class of Property	Assessed Valuations For Tax Purposes	Current Expense	Excess Levy	Permanent Improvement	Bond Purposes
Class I	$ -	19.40¢	22.95¢	¢	4.41¢
Class II	$ 1,994,803,682	38.80¢	45.90¢	¢	8.82¢
Class III	$ 1,615,115,423	77.60¢	91.80¢	¢	17.64¢
Class IV	$ 256,548,037	77.60¢	91.80¢	¢	17.64¢

The taxes on real property and the interest and other charges upon such taxes attach as an enforceable lien on the first day of July each year. There is no lien denominated as such on personal property. However, statutes provide that the sheriff of a county may distrain for delinquent taxes any goods and chattels belonging to a person assessed. All current taxes assessed on real and personal property may be paid in two installments. The first installment is payable on September first of the year for which the assessment is made, and becomes delinquent on October first, and the second installment is payable on the first day of the following March and becomes delinquent on April first.

Taxes paid on or before the date when they are payable, including both first and second installments, are subject to a discount of two and one-half percent. If taxes are not paid on or before the date on which they become delinquent, including both first and second installments, interest at the rate of nine percent per annum is added from the date they become delinquent until paid.

Taxes Receivable

Taxes receivable as of year end for the Board's funds are as follows:

	General Current Expense Fund	Debt Service Fund
Taxes receivable	$ 3,856,950	$ 423,291
Less: allowance for uncollectible	1,458,059	151,831
Taxes receivable, net	$ 2,398,891	$ 271,460

Note 5 - Excess Levy:

The Board had an excess levy in effect during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The levy was authorized by the voters of the county at an election held on May 12, 2020 for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2022 through June 30, 2026 to provide funds for the following purposes:

a) To provide for new buildings, building additions, renovations and repairs to existing buildings, and equipping buildings, approximately $3,000,000.

b) To provide toward employee salaries/benefits, approximately $14,592,252:
   1) Local county salary supplements, substitute costs, and fixed charges.
   2) Extended employment for summer maintenance.

3) Overtime wages.
4) Extra duty bus wages for academic and athletic trips.
5) Extra duty salary supplements:
Curricular positions.
Athletic positions.
6) Dental and optical insurance.

c) To provide support to the public library, approximately 190,000. To provide support to the Putnam County 4-H, approximately $35,000.

d) To provide for the purchase of instructional equipment/furniture, teaching supplies, textbooks, and library books, approximately $2,000,000.

e) To provide and maintain a secure environment for students and employees in the schools: Including but not limited to school resource officers and/or school security enhancements $200,000.

f) To provide for allowances to retired employees, approximately $750,000.

Limitation: For each fiscal year beginning on and after July 1, 2022, the Board of Education of the County of Putnam shall reduce the levy rate proportionately for all classes of property when increased assessed valuations, excluding appraisal or valuation due to new construction or improvements to existing real property, including beginning recovery of natural resources and newly acquired personal property, would cause an increase of more than four percent (4%) in the total projected property tax revenues from the previous year's projected property tax revenues. In such event the levy rate shall be reduced so as to cause such rate to produce no more than one hundred four percent (104%) from all classes of property, excluding appraisal or valuation from new construction or improvements to existing real property, including beginning recovery of natural resources and newly acquired personal property, of the previous year's projected property tax revenues from all property.

The Board is hereby authorized and empowered to expend, during the term of this levy, the surplus if any, accruing in excess of the amounts needed for any of the above stated purposes, or for the enrichment, supplementation and improvement of educational services and/or facilities in the public schools of the County of Putnam. Provided, however, that subject the expenditure of such surplus funds for purposes associated with legal and contractual obligations, surplus funds (in the amount representing the difference in the maximum levy rate allowed by law and a 95% levy rate) shall be dedicated to new buildings, building additions, renovations and repairs to existing buildings, and equipping buildings.

A total of $27,044,475 was received by the Board from the excess levy during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Note 6 - Tax Abatement:

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the School Board's property tax revenues were reduced by approximately $0 pursuant to agreement(s) entered into by Assessor of Putnam County West Virginia and/or the County Commission of Putnam County or other governing bodies with authority to abate LEA tax revenues. Under the agreement(s), payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTs) are remitted to the sheriff of Putnam County by property owners who are parties to the agreement(s). The Sheriff is then required to remit the PILOTs to all public bodies within the County in the same proportion as property taxes. The Board received approximately $7,000 for its share of PILOT collections during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Note 7 - Capital Assets:

Capital asset balances and activity for the year ended June 30, 2024, is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Disposals	Ending Balance
Capital assets, non-depreciable:				
Land	$ 6,594,001	$ -	$ -	$ 6,594,001
Construction in process	485,791	3,628,259	(760,723)	3,353,327
Total non-depreciable capital assets	7,079,792	3,628,259	(760,723)	9,947,328
Capital assets, depreciable:				
Land improvements	10,493,509	344,788	-	10,838,297
Buildings and improvements	176,398,102	841,738	-	177,239,840
Furniture and equipment	21,367,997	2,260,618	-	23,628,615
Vehicles	14,410,512	315,107	(437,247)	14,288,372
Total depreciable capital assets	222,670,120	3,762,251	(437,247)	225,995,124
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Land improvements	(8,796,643)	(354,364)	-	(9,151,007)
Buildings and improvements	(39,673,248)	(2,814,125)	-	(42,487,373)
Furniture and equipment	(11,185,380)	(3,282,840)	-	(14,468,220)
Vehicles	(10,013,831)	(754,927)	437,247	(10,331,511)
Total accumulated depreciation	(69,669,102)	(7,206,256)	437,247	(76,438,111)
Total depreciable capital assets, net	153,001,018	(3,444,005)	-	149,557,013
Total capital assets, net	$160,080,810	$ 184,254	$ (760,723)	$159,504,341

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

Instruction	$ 6,195,446
Supporting Services:	
Students	3,888
Instructional Staff	21,981
Central administration	2,812
School administration	7,218
Business	9,294
Operation and maintenance of facilities	209,872
Transportation	612,375
Other support services	-
Food services	143,370
Community Services	-
Total Depreciation expense - governmental activities	$ 7,206,256

Note 8 - Long-term Debt:

Long-term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 is as follows:

	Balance, Beginning of Year	Additions	Deductions	Balance, End of Year	Amounts due within one year	Amounts due past one year
General obligation debt	$ 6,430,000	$ -	$ 4,980,000	$ 1,450,000	$ 1,450,000	$ -
Premium on sale of bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Compensated absences	610,586	61,445	-	672,031	-	672,031
Finance obligations	3,230,000	-	360,000	2,870,000	365,000	2,505,000
Proportionate share of net pension liability	4,185,341	3,048,655	-	7,233,996	-	7,233,996
Net pension obligation - Board plan	7,842,012	-	326,188	7,515,824	685,000	6,830,824
Proportionate share of net OPEB liability	214,293	67,440	-	281,733	-	281,733
Net OPEB liability - dental & vision benefits	5,758,746	5,723,074	1,555,346	9,926,474	1,228,000	8,698,474
Financed purchases and other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Asset retirement obligation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long-term liabilities	$ 28,270,978	$ 8,900,614	$ 7,221,534	$ 29,950,058	$ 3,728,000	$ 26,222,058

General Obligation Bonds - General obligation bonds payable at June 30, 2024, with their outstanding balance are comprised of the following individual issues:

On August 29, 2009 voters of Putnam County and the Board issued $56,750,000 in general obligation bonds to provide funds for the construction and renovation of various schools in the county. The bonds mature in varying annual increments through 2025 and interest is payable semiannually at 3.0% to 4.0% on November 1 and May 1 annually.

Defeasance of Debt:

On November 25, 2021, the Board defeased certain general obligation bonds. The advanced refunding was undertaken to reduce total debt service payments and to obtain an economic gain by making available to the Board the balance of monies in the debt service fund account of the refunded issue which had been collected to retire the bond issue. Securities were purchased and placed in an irrevocable trust for the purpose of making all future debt service payments of the refunded debt. As a result, the refunded bonds are considered to be defeased and the liability was removed from the Board's financial statements.

On November 25, 2021, the Board issued general obligation bonds of $17,695,000 (par value) with an interest rate of .5% to 1.253% to advance refund $22,515,000 of outstanding bonds with an interest rate of 3.0% to 4.0%. The refunded bonds mature on May 1, 2025. The general obligation bonds were issued at par and, after paying issuance costs of approximately $108 thousand, the net proceeds were approximately $17.6 million. The net proceeds of the general obligation bonds were used to purchase U.S. government securities and those securities were deposited into an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide debt service payments until the refunded bonds mature. The advanced refunding met the requirements of an in-substance debt defeasance and the refunded bonds were removed from the Board's financial statements.

The advance refunding resulted in a difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt of approximately $1.9 million. This difference, reported in the accompanying financial statements as a deduction from bonds payable, is being charged to operations through the year 2025 using the effective-interest method.

The Board's future debt service requirement for bonded debt is as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Interest Rate	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	1.253%	$ 1,450,000	$ 18,169	$ 1,468,169
Total		$ 1,450,000	$ 18,169	$ 1,468,169

Note 9 – Leases that Transfer Ownership, Short-Term Leases, and Right-of-Use Assets:

The School Board has entered into various lease/purchase agreements with the private sector, primarily for equipment. These agreements, accounted for as lease contracts that transfer ownership, are for various terms. While these agreements contain clauses indicating that their continuation is subject to continuing appropriation by the Legislature, these leases are accounted for as lease contracts that transfer ownership and are considered noncancelable for financial reporting purposes.

Finance leases, all leases that do not meet the requirements of a short-term lease or a contract that transfer ownership, require the School Board to recognize a right-of-use asset and the related lease liability. Right-of-use assets, which include land, buildings, equipment, and vehicles are reported in the district-wide financial statements and are recorded at the present value of the payments expected to be made during the lease term, including any lease payments made to the lessor at or before the commencement of the lease term, less any lease incentives. Initial direct costs that are necessary to place the lease asset into service are also included. These assets are amortized using the straight-line method over the shorter period of the lease term or the useful life of the asset.

Subscription-Based Information Technology Agreements (SBITAs), contracts that convey control of the right-to use another party's IT software for a term longer than 12 months, require the School Board to recognize a right-of-use asset and the related SBITA liability. SBITAs are reported in the district-wide financial statements and are recorded at the present value of the payments expected to be made during the agreement term, including any payments made to the vendor at the commencement of the subscription term, capitalizable initial implementation costs, less any vendor incentives received at the commencement of the subscription term. These assets are amortized using the straight-line method over the shorter period of the subscription term or the useful life of the asset.

Finance Lease Liabilities

During the year ended June 30, 2017, the Board entered into a finance lease in the amount of $5,167,034. The lease has a provision for interest to be paid at a rate of 3.01% per annum. The proceeds of the finance lease are to be used for the design and installation of an energy efficient project from Energy Systems Group. Subsequent to year end the Board refinanced this lease with the Bank of America to reduce the interest rate.

The future minimum lease obligations as of June 30, 2024, are as follows:

Year	
2025	$ 406,700
2026	406,188
2027	405,638
2028	404,975
2029	409,238
2030	403,388
2031	407,500
2032	201,500
Total minimum lease payments	3,045,127
Less: Amount representing interest	175,127
Present value of minimum lease payments	$ 2,870,000

SBITA

Subscription-Based Information Technology Agreements (SBITAs), contracts that convey control of the right-to use another party's IT software for a term longer than 12 months, require the School Board to recognize a right-of-use asset and the related SBITA liability. SBITAs are reported in the district-wide financial statements and are recorded at the present value of the payments expected to be made during the agreement term, including any payments made to the vendor at the commencement of the subscription term, capitalizable initial implementation costs, less any vendor incentives received at the commencement of the subscription term. These assets are amortized using the straight-line method over the shorter period of the subscription term or the useful life of the asset.

The School Board entered into various SBITA agreements for the purchase of various software leases which cover different years and subscription periods. At the end of the contract period, the School Board will not have ownership of the subscription software. All of the subscription payments are paid in the year incurred and not SBITA lease liability exists.

Right-of Use asset balances and activity for the year ended June 30, 2024, is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Restatement	Additions	Eliminations	Ending Balance
Right-of-use Assets:					
Land	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Furniture and equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Vehicles	-	-	-	-	-
SBITAs	3,607,768	-	-	-	3,607,768
Total lease assets	3,607,768	-	-	-	3,607,768
Less accumulated Amortization for:					
Land	-	-	-	-	-
Buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Furniture and equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Vehicles	-	-	-	-	-
SBITAs	(1,826,776)	-	(571,619)	-	(2,398,395)
Total accumulated amortization	(1,826,776)	-	(571,619)	-	(2,398,395)
Total right-of-use assets, net	$ 1,780,992	$ -	$ (571,619)	$ -	$ 1,209,373

Amortization expense was charged to functions/programs of the governmental activities as follows:

Instruction	$ 571,619
Supporting Services:	
Students	-
Instructional Staff	-
Central administration	-
School administration	-
Business	-
Operation and maintenance of facilities	-
Transportation	-
Other support services	-
Food services	-
Community Services	-
Total amortization expense - governmental activities	$ 571,619

Note 10 - Employee Retirement System:

All full-time board of education employees are required to participate in one of two statewide, cost-sharing, multiple-employer retirement benefit plans, the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) or the Teachers' Defined Contribution Retirement System (TDCRC). For the year ended June 30, 2024, the School Board's total payroll for all employees was $76,747,790 and the payroll was $71,310,613 for employees covered by the two retirement programs.

Of the total amount appropriated by the State for retirement, the portion equal to the employers' average required contribution rate for both the defined benefit and the defined contribution plans is considered to be the employers' contribution for the current cash flow requirements for personnel funded under the Public School Support Program and is reflected as state revenue (Contributions For/On Behalf of the LEA) in the School Board's financial statements prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. The balance is considered to be the State's contribution toward the past service unfunded liability and is included as a for/on behalf revenue and expenditure in the School Board's financial statements prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. The State's contribution to TRS on-behalf of the School Board meets the GASB Statement No. 68 definition of a special funding source. Therefore, the School Board has recorded pension expense and revenue for the portion of the State's total proportionate share of collective pension expense that is associated with the School Board in the financial statements prepared on the economic resources focus and accrual basis of accounting.

Conversion of leave for post-retirement: For employees hired for the first time and first becoming a member of the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) before July 1, 2015, upon retirement, an employee's vacation and sick leave may be converted to a greater retirement benefit or payment of health insurance premiums. The cost of the increased retirement benefit or payment of health insurance premiums must be absorbed by the last agency employing the retiree. For employees hired for the first time and first becoming a member of the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) on or after July 1, 2015, there is no provision to convert an employee's unused vacation and sick leave to a greater retirement benefit or payment of health insurance premiums.

A. Teachers' Retirement System (TRS):

Plan Description:

The Teachers' Retirement System is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee defined benefit retirement system, which was established on July 1, 1941 and was closed for new members on July 1, 1991. Beginning July 1, 2005, all new employees become members of this plan. The West Virginia Legislature passed Senate Bill 529 in 2015 essentially adding a second tier of retirement benefits for those eligible to be a member of TRS who are hired for the first time and first become a member of TRS on or after July 1, 2015. Chapter 18, Article 7A of the West Virginia State Code assigns the authority to establish and amend the provisions of the plan to the State Legislature.

Benefits provided: Prior to the passage of Senate Bill 529, to qualify for full benefits, a member must be age 60 with at least five years of credited service or be age 55 with at least 30 years of credited service or any age with at least 35 years of credited service. A member may receive a disability benefit after completing ten years of service, if the member is disabled for six months, unable to perform his or her regular occupation, and the Retirement Board expects the disability to be permanent. With the passage of Senate Bill 529, to qualify for full benefits, employees hired for the first time and first becoming a member of TRS on or after July 1, 2015, must meet the following conditions:

- age 62 for an employee who goes directly into retirement with no break in service,
- age 64 for employees with a break in service between employment and retirement and less than 20 years of TRS service,
- age 63 for those with a break in service between employment and retirement and 20 or more years of TRS service,

With the passage of Senate Bill 529, to qualify for reduced annuity benefits employees hired for the first time and first becoming a member of TRS on or after July 1, 2015 must meet the following conditions:

- between the ages of 60 and 62 and having a minimum of 10 years of contributing service,
- between the ages of 57 and 62 and having 20 or more years of contributing service.
- between the ages of 55 and 62 and having 30 or more years of contributing service.

Upon retirement members select one of five benefit payment options. If a member terminates employment with at least five years of credited service, he may freeze his membership until he qualifies for retirement or he may withdraw his contributions from the plan. The employers' contributions remain with the plan. Retirement benefits are based on two percent of the average member's five highest fiscal years of total earnings from covered employment during the member's last 15 years of service.

The normal form of benefit is a single life annuity paid monthly, in an amount equal to 2% of the final average salary times years of credited service. Other forms of benefits may be elected subject to actuarial reduction: Cash Refund Annuity, 50% or 100% Contingent Joint and Survivor Annuities, and ten year Certain and Life Annuities. Pre-retirement death benefits are paid to the spouse of a deceased member who had attained the age 50 and completed 25 years of credited service. The annuity payment is computed as if the member had retired on the date of death with a 100% Joint and Survivor pension. If the member's age and service are less than that required, the sum of the accumulated member's and employer contributions with interest is paid to the member's beneficiary or estate.

Contribution Requirements and Payments Made: This is a fully qualified plan by the Internal Revenue Service. Therefore, all employee contributions are tax deferred. Participants contribute 6% of their gross compensation and the board of education contributes 15% of covered members' gross compensation to the retirement plan, for a total of 21% annually for those who became members prior to July 1, 1991. Participants who became members after July 1, 2005 contribute 6% of their gross compensation and the board of education contributes 7.5% of covered members' gross compensation to the retirement plan, for a total of 13.5% annually.

The employers' contributions are derived from state appropriations and county funds. Federally funded grant programs provide the funding for the employer contributions for salaries paid from federal grants.

Net Pension Liability, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources:

At June 30, 2024, the School Board reported a liability for its proportionate share of the TRS net pension liability that reflected a reduction for State pension support provided to the School Board. The amount recognized by the School Board 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 School Board were as follows:

School Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability	$	7,233,996
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the School Board.		89,097,726
Total portion of net pension liability associated with the school board	$	96,331,722

The TRS net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022 rolled forward to the measurement date. The School Board's proportion of the net pension liability was based on its proportionate share of employer and non-employer contributions to the TRS Plan for the fiscal year ended on the measurement date.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the School Board's proportion was 0.315977 percent, which was an increase of 0.153254 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022 at 0.162723 percent.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the School Board recognized pension expense of $12,516,386 and for support provided by the State, revenue of $12,333,515. At June 30, 2024, the School Board reported deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resource	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	$ 127,418	$ -
Differences between expected and actual experience	264,071	18,178
Changes in proportion and differences between School Board contributions and proportionate share of contributions	2,923,950	1,118,591
Changes in assumptions	305,291	-
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	(2,254)	-
Total	**$ 3,618,476**	**$ 1,136,769**

School Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Years ending June 30,		
2025	$	576,881
2026		136,688
2027		1,148,899
2028		593,784
2029		27,709
Thereafter		-
Total	**$**	**2,483,961**

Actuarial Assumptions:

For TRS, the actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2022 valuation, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to June 30, 2023, were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2020. These assumptions are as follows:

Actuarial cost method:	Individual entry age normal cost with level percentage of payroll
Asset valuation method:	Fair value
Amortization method:	Level dollar, fixed period
Amortization Period:	Through Fiscal Year 2034

Actuarial assumptions:

Investment rate of return: 7.25%, net of investment expense

Projected salary increases:
Educators: 2.75% - 5.90%
Non-Educators: 2.75% - 6.50%

Inflation rate: 2.75%
Discount rate: 7.25%

Mortality rates:

Active-100% of Pub-2010 General Employee Table, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019

Healthy Male Retirees-100% of Pub-2010 General Retiree Male Table, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019

Healthy Female Retirees-112% of Pub-2010 General Retiree Female Table, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019

Disabled Males-107% of Pub-2010 General /Teachers Disabled Male Table, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019

Disabled Females-113% of Pub-2010 General /Teachers Disabled Female Table, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019

Beneficiary Males-101% of Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor Male Table, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019

Beneficiary Females-113% of Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor Female Table, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019

Withdrawal rates:
Educators 7.00% - 35.00%
Non-Educators 2.30% - 18.00%

Disability rates: 0.004% - 0.563%
Retirement rates: 15% - 100%

Date range of most recent experience study: 2015 - 2020

Investment Asset Allocation:

The long-term rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using the building block method in which estimates of expected 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 weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of long-term geometric rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	27.5%	6.3%
International Equity	27.5%	9.1%
Fixed Income	15.0%	4.3%
Real Estate	10.0%	5.8%
Private Equity	10.0%	9.2%
Hedge Funds	10.0%	4.6%
Total	**100.0%**	

Discount Rate:

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25%. The projections of cash flows used to determine the discount rates assumed that employer contributions will continue to follow the current funding policies. Based on those assumptions, the fiduciary net position of the TRS Plan was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of the current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rates of return on pension plan investments were applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

The following table presents the School Board's proportionate share of its net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.25% and the impact of using a discount rate that is 1% higher or lower than the current rate.

	1.0% Decrease 6.25%	Current Discount Rate 7.25%	1.0% Increase 8.25%
School Board's proportionate share of the TRS net pension liability	$ 11,109,593	$ 7,233,996	$ 3,944,657

Payables to the pension plan:

At June 30, 2024, the School Board reported a liability of $1,393,408 for its unpaid legally required contributions to the pension plan. The liability is included in the balance of salaries payable and related payroll liabilities on the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and the Statement of Net Position.

B. Teachers' Defined Contribution Retirement System:

Plan Description: All School Board employees hired after July 1, 1991, but before July 1, 2005, participated in the Teachers' Defined Contribution Retirement System. Employees in the Teachers' Defined Benefit System could freeze their benefits in the old plan and become a member of this plan. Members with less than five years of service in the old defined benefit plan could change to this plan and transfer the funds that were deposited in the old plan to this plan. Once a member transferred to the defined contribution plan, the member was not allowed to rejoin the defined benefit plan.

Effective July 1, 2005, the Teachers' Defined Contribution Plan was closed to new membership. All employees hired after that date became members of the Teachers' Defined Benefit Retirement System which was reopened for participation on July 1, 2005. Existing members of the Teachers' Defined Contribution Plan were given the option to transfer membership to the Teachers' Defined Benefit Retirement System during the 2008-09 fiscal year. To earn full benefits at retirement, however, members electing to transfer were required to contribute the 1.5% difference between the two plans' employee contribution rates.

A unique feature of the Teachers' Defined Contribution Plan is that each member chooses the investment options and may make changes at any time. The investment options are: Great-West SF Balanced Trust, Great-West Lifetime 2015 Trust II, Great-West Lifetime 2025 Trust II, Great-West Lifetime 2035 Trust II, Great-West Lifetime 2045 Trust II, Great-West Lifetime 2055 Trust II, American Funds EuroPacific R5, Franklin Mutual Global Discovery Fund – Z, DFA US Targeted Value R1, T. Rowe Price Diversified Small Cap Growth, Vanguard Small-Cap Index Fund – Inv, American Century Heritage Inv, Scout Mid Cap, Fidelity New Millennium, Putnam Equity Income Y, Vanguard Large Cap Index Inv, Western Asset Core Plus Bond A, TIAA-CREF High-Yield Inst, Vanguard Interm-Term Bond Index Fund, and VALIC Fixed Annuity Option.

Employees are eligible to participate from the date of employment. Employee contributions are fully vested, and employer contributions and earnings vest with the member as follows: one-third after 6 years, two-thirds after 9 years, and 100% after 12 years. The member is fully vested at death or disability. As of June 30, 2023, this plan had approximately $9.4B in net position held in trust for pension benefits. Retirement or disability benefits are based solely on the accumulation of dollars in the member's individual account at the time of retirement. The accounting administration of the Plan is the responsibility of Great West Retirement Services, an independent third-party administrator.

Funding Status: There is no unfunded liability for a defined contribution plan since a member's total maximum lifetime benefit is limited to that which has accumulated in the member's account from employee and employer contributions and all investment earnings thereon. Any forfeited, unvested employer contributions are, by statute, to be transferred to the Teachers' Defined Benefit Retirement System.

Contribution Requirements and Payments Made: This is a fully-qualified plan by the Internal Revenue Service. Therefore, all employee contributions are tax deferred. Participants contribute 4.5% of their gross salary and the board of education contributes 7.5% of covered members' gross compensation to the retirement plan, for a total of 12% annually.

Total payments reflected in the School Board's financial statements to the defined contribution plan for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 were:

Employees' contributions (4.5%)	$	393,621
Employer's contributions (7.5%)		656,035
Total contributions	$	1,049,656

Note 11 - Post-Employment Benefits Other Than Pension:

General Information:

Other post-employment benefits in West Virginia consist mainly of: Allowing employees hired prior to July 1, 2001, to convert unused annual, sick and/or personal leave to paid-up West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA) premiums and allowing retirees to purchase PEIA health insurance at a deeply discounted premium rate.

As a result, the West Virginia Legislature passed HB 4654 in 2006 adding a new article to the State Code, WVC §5-16D-1 et seq. The article, among other things, created the West Virginia Retiree Health Benefit Trust Fund (RHBT) for the purpose of administering retiree post-employment health care benefits, vested the responsibility for operation of the fund with the PEIA Finance Board, and required the board to have an actuarial valuation conducted at least biannually.

All retired employees are eligible to obtain health insurance coverage through PEIA with the retired employee's premium contribution established by the PEIA Finance Board. The PEIA Finance Board has allowed retirees to obtain health insurance coverage at essentially the same premium rate as active employees with the difference between the retirees' premium contributions and the cost of providing health care to retirees subsidized by the State. It is this subsidy that has created the major portion of the OPEB actuarial liability.

Plan Description:

The West Virginia Other Postemployment Benefit Plan (the Plan) is a cost sharing, multiple employer, defined benefit other post-employment benefit plan and covers the retirees of State agencies, colleges and universities, county boards of education, and other government entities as set forth in the West Virginia Code §5-16D-2. The financial activities of the Plan are accounted for in the RHBT, a fiduciary fund of the State of West Virginia, established July 1, 2006, as an irrevocable trust. The Plan is administered by a combination of PEIA and RHBT staff. The Plan administers and provides medical and prescription drug benefits to certain retired members receiving pension benefits under the PERS, TRS, TDCRS, TIAA-CREF, Plan G, Troopers Plan A or Troopers Plan B pension systems, as administered by the CPRB.

The Plan sponsor provides a capped pay-as-you-go subsidy to each covered retired member, as well as a fully insured retiree life insurance program.

Retiree contributions are set each year by the RHBT and approved by the PEIA Finance Board. Increases to retiree contributions may reflect healthcare inflation, claim experience, and premium increases above the plan sponsor capped pay-as-you-go subsidy. Retiree contributions depend on date of hire and years of service at retirement. Members hired on or after July 1, 2010, pay retiree healthcare contributions with no sponsor provided implicit or explicit subsidy. Members hired before July 1, 2010, pay retiree healthcare contributions that are reduced by a sponsor subsidy which depends on the member's years of service at retirement.

Details regarding this plan and a copy of the RHBT financial report can be obtained by contacting Public Employees Insurance Agency, 601 57th Street SE, Suite 2, Charleston, West Virginia 25304-2345, or by calling (888) 680-7342

Benefits provided:

Upon retirement, the public employees who elected to participate in the PEIA insurance plan are eligible to credit unused sick or annual leave towards insurance coverage, according to the following formulas:

Retired employees who elected to participate in the PEIA insurance plan prior to July 1, 1988: Those without dependents may credit two days of unused sick or annual leave towards one month of insurance coverage; the retirees with dependents may credit three days of unused sick or annual leave towards one month of insurance coverage.

Retired employees who elected to participate in the PEIA insurance plan between July 1, 1988, and June 30, 2001: those without dependents may credit two days of unused sick or annual leave towards one-half month of insurance coverage; the retirees with dependents may credit three days of unused sick or annual leave towards one-half month of insurance coverage.

Employees hired on or after July 1, 2001. may not apply any unused sick or annual leave towards the cost of health insurance premiums.

In the alternative to applying unused sick and annual leave to health insurance, all employees participating in the PEIA insurance plan, and who are members of the State Teachers' Defined Benefit Retirement System prior to July 1, 2015, may apply unused sick and annual leave towards an increase in the employee's retirement benefits with those days constituting additional credited service. The cost for the employees who elect this option is reflected as a liability of the State Teachers' Retirement System and not included as an OPEB obligation.

Contributions:

WVC §5-16D-3 states that contribution requirements of the members and the participating employers are set each year by the RHBT and approved by the PEIA Finance Board. All participating employers are required by statute to contribute to the RHBT this premium at the established rate for every active policyholder per month. The paygo rates for June 30, 2024 and 2023 respectively, were:

	2024	2023
PAYGO premium	$0	$70

Contributions to the OPEB plan from the School Board were $74,246 for the year end June 30, 2024. Employees are not required to contribute to the OPEB plan.

The State of West Virginia (the State) is a non-employer contributing entity that provides funding through Senate Bill 469 which was passed February 10, 2012, granting OPEB liability relief to the 55 County Boards of Education effective July 1, 2012. This special funding under the school aid formula subsidizes employer contributions of the county boards of education and contributes to the overall unfunded OPEB liability.

The State is a non-employer contributing entity that provides funding through Senate Bill 419, effective July 1, 2012 and amended by West Virginia Code §11-21-96. For fiscal years beginning on and after July 1, 2016, this Senate Bill and corresponding State Code section requires that an annual amount of $30 million from the State shall be dedicated for payment of the unfunded liability of the RHBT fund. The $30 million annual contribution is to continue through July 1, 2037, or until the unfunded liability has been eliminated, whichever comes first.

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

At June 30, 2024, the School Board reported a liability for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability that reflected a reduction for State OPEB support provided to the School Board. The amount recognized by the School Board as its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, the related State support, and the total portion of the net OPEB liability that was associated with the School Board were as follows:

School Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	$	(281,733)
State's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) associated with the School Board.		(1,151,615)
Total portion of net OPEB liability (asset) associated with the school board	$	(1,433,348)

The RHBT OPEB actuarial valuation, which was used as the underlying basis for certain information in the Schedules, is as of June 30, 2022, was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2023, and was prepared for the purposes of complying with the requirements of GASB Statement 75 for the Plan Employer's fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, financial reporting.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the School Board's proportion was 0.178031401 percent, which was a decrease of 0.014507323 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022 at 0.192538724 percent.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the School Board recognized OPEB expense of $(3,627,008) and for support provided by the State, revenue of $(3,338,378). At June 30, 2024, the School Board reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resource	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings	$ -	$ 4,698
Differences between expected and actual non-investment experience	-	163,999
Changes in proportion and differences between School Board contributions and proportionate share of contributions	112,185	54,143
Changes in assumptions	77,686	157,185
School Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date	74,246	-
Total	**$ 264,117**	**$ 380,025**

School Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ending June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Years ending June 30,		
2025	$	(75,204)
2026		(106,969)
2027		2,502
2028		(10,483)
2029		-
Thereafter		-
Total	**$**	**(190,154)**

Actuarial Assumptions:

The net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022, using the following actuarial assumptions. These assumptions were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2020 and apply to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified.

Actuarial cost method:	Entry Age Normal Cost Method
Amortization method:	Level percentage of payroll, closed
Amortization period:	20-year closed period as of June 30, 2017
Asset valuation method:	Market value
Investment rate of return:	7.40%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation
Inflation:	2.50%
Wage inflation:	2.75% for PERS and TRS, and 3.25% for Troopers
Salary increases:	Rates based on 2015-2020 OPEB Experience Study and dependent on pension plan participation and attained age, and range from 2.75% to 5.18%, including inflation. Rates were first applied to the 2020 valuation.
Retirement age:	Rates based on 2015-2020 OPEB experience study and vary by pension plan participation and age/service at retirement. Rates first applied to the 2020 valuation.

Mortality: Postretirement: Pub-2010 General Healthy Retiree Mortality Tables (100% males, 108% females) projected with MP-2021 for TRS. Pub-2010 General Below Median Healthy Retiree Tables (106% males, 113% females) projected with MP-2021 for PERS. Pub-2010 Public Safety Healthy Retiree Mortality Tables (100% males, 100% females) projected with Scale MP-2021 for Troopers A and B. Pre-Retirement: Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality Tables (100% males, 100% females) projected with Scale MP-2021 for TRS. Pub-2010 Below-Median Income General Employee Mortality Tables projected with Scale MP-2021 for PERS. Pub-2010 Public Safety Employee Mortality Tables projected with Scale MP-2021 for Troopers A & B.

Healthcare cost trend rates: Trend rate for pre-Medicare and Medicare per capita costs of 7.0% medical and 8.0% drug. The trends increase over four years to 9.0% and 9.5%, respectively. The trends then decrease linearly for 5 years until ultimate trend rate of 4.50% is reached in plan year end 2032.

Aging factors: Based on the 2013 SOA Study "Health Care Costs From Birth to Death"

Expenses: Health administrative expenses are included in the development of the per capita claims costs. Operating expenses are included as a component of the annual expense.

Investment Asset Allocation:

The long-term rates of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which estimates of expected future real rates of return 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 rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage. Target asset allocations, capital market assumptions (CMA), and forecast returns were provided by the Plan's investment advisors, including the West Virginia Investment Management Board (WV-IMB). The projected return for the Money Market Pool held with the West Virginia Board of Treasury Investments ("WV-BTI") was estimated based on the WV-IMB assumed inflation of 2.0% plus a 25-basis point spread.

The target allocation and estimates of annualized long-term expected real returns assuming a 10-year horizon are summarized below:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Return
Global Equity	55.0%	4.8%
Core Plus Fixed Income	15.0%	2.1%
Core Real Estate	10.0%	4.1%
Hedge Fund	10.0%	2.4%
Private Equity	10.0%	6.8%
Total	100.0%	

A single discount rate of 7.40% was used to measure the total OPEB liability. This single discount rate was based on the expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments of 7.40%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that employer contributions will be made in accordance with the prefunding and investment policies. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

The following table presents the School Board's proportionate share of its net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.40 percent and the impact of using a discount rate that is 1% higher or lower than the current rate.

	1.0% Decrease 6.40%	Current Discount Rate 7.40%	1.0% Increase 8.40%
School Board's proportionate share of the WV-RHBT net OPEB liability/ (asset)	$ (47,671)	$ (281,733)	$ (538,445)

Healthcare Cost Trend Rate:

The following table presents the School Board's proportionate share of its net pension liability calculated using the healthcare cost trend rate and the impact of using a discount rate that is 1% higher or lower than the current rate.

	1.0% Decrease	Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	1.0% Increase
School Board's proportionate share of the WV-RHBT net OPEB liability/ (asset)	$ (717,691)	$ (281,733)	$ 236,704

Payables to the OPEB Plan:

At June 30, 2024, the School Board reported a liability of $5,328 for its unpaid legally required contributions to the OPEB plan. The liability is included in the balance of salaries payable and related payroll liabilities on the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and the Statement of Net Position.

Opt-Out Employer Balance Reallocation

Certain employers that meet the Plan's opt-out criteria are no longer required to make contributions to the Plan. These opt-out employers have no continuing involvement with the Plan. Accordingly, the amounts previously allocated to such employers for the net OPEB liability and related deferred inflows and outflows are reallocated to the remaining employers participating in the cost sharing plan. The plan reallocates these balances to the remaining active employers based on their proportionate share of contributions made in the period of reallocation.

Supplemental OPEB Plan – Dental & Vision:

The Board has a supplemental OPEB plan for dental & vision which covers the employees of the Board and provides certain dental and vision coverage after retirement. Effective, July 1, 2022 the Board expanded the dental/vision benefit to retirees, present and past, that as of the time of retirement, had completed the last fifteen consecutive years of employment at the Board. The change had a significant impact and increased the liability by approximately $5.5 million. The benefit does assume that funding provided through the excess levy will continue for the lifetime of the members recognized in the measurement.

A summary of the key actuarial assumptions are as follows:

Mortality = RPH*2014 with no collar adjustment with improvement Scale MP-2020
Interest = 4.00%
OPEB Trends
No trend on the per capita costs.

a. Vision annual cost = $43.25/per capita cost
b. Dental annual cost = $307.50/per capita cost
c. Admin expense = $35.00/per capita cost
d. 100% of the individuals retired on 6/30/24 and are eligible for the 1 year free care
e. 59% of the “future” retirees will take the free care
f. Assumed retirement age = age 62 with 15 years of service.
g. Unreduced normal retirement age is: age 65+5yrs; 55+30yrs; 35 yrs
h. A moderate turnover table at T-3
i. 3% increase in future wages

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SCHEDULE OF OUTFLOWS AND INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

A. Change in Outflows and (Inflows) of Resources during Current Plan Year	Balance at boy	Amortization Factor	Amortization	Balance at eoy
Experience (Gain)/Loss				
1. Differences between expected and actual non-investment experience	$ 1,535,791	9	$ 170,643	$ 1,365,148
2. Assumption Changes	2,607,363	9	289,707	2,317,656
3. Difference between expected and actual investment earnings	0	5	0	0
4. Total	$ 4,143,154		$ 460,350	$ 3,682,804
5. Average future service	8.324			

B. Outflows and Inflows of Resources by Source to be recognized in Current OPEB Expense	Outflows of Resources	Inflows of Resources	Net Outflows (Inflows) of Resources
1. Differences between expected and actual non-investment experience			
- Established 6/30/2024	$ 170,643	$ 0	$ 170,643
- Established 6/30/2022	63,344	0	63,344
- Established 6/30/2021	0	(3,349)	(3,349)
- Established 6/30/2019	1,989	0	1,989
2. Assumption changes:			
- Established 6/30/2024	289,707	0	289,707
- Established 6/30/2022	0	(164,184)	(164,184)
- Established 6/30/2021	462	0	462
3. Difference between expected and actual investment earnings			
- Established 6/30/2024	0	0	0
4. Total	$ 526,145	$ (167,533)	$ 358,612

C. Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources by Source to be recognized in Future OPEB Expenses	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Net Deferred Outflows (Inflows) of Resources	Year Ending June 30, 2025
1. Differences between expected and actual non-investment experience	$ 1,758,674	$ (28,309)	$ 1,730,365	$ 232,627
2. Assumption changes	2,321,561	(985,100)	1,336,461	125,985
3. Difference between expected and actual investment earnings	0	0	0	0
4. Total	$ 4,080,235	$ (1,013,409)	$ 3,066,826	$ 358,612

D. Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources by Year to be recognized in Future OPEB Expenses	Year Ending June 30	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Net Deferred Outflows (Inflows) of Resources
	2025	$ 526,145	$ (167,533)	$ 358,612
	2026	526,145	(167,533)	358,612
	2027	526,145	(167,533)	358,612
	2028	526,145	(167,533)	358,612
	2029	526,145	(167,533)	358,612
	2030	526,142	(167,529)	358,613
	2031	462,343	(3,349)	458,994
	2032	460,812	(3,349)	457,463
	2033	213	(1,517)	(1,304)
	2034	0	0	0
	Total	$ 4,080,235	$ (1,013,409)	$ 3,066,826

NOTES:

a/ Amortization factors for A1 & A2 is average future service.
For line A3 a level 5 year amortization period must be used.

#	AvgFS	
1297	11.9779	actives
647	1.000	inactives
1944	8.324	

E. Net Deferred Outflows (Inflows) of Resources	6/30/2023	6/30/2024	Δ in Net deferrals
1. Differences between expected and actual non-investment experience	$ 427,201	$ 1,730,365	$ 1,303,164
2. Assumption changes	(1,144,917)	1,336,461	2,481,378
3. Difference between expected and actual investment earnings	0	0	0
4. Total	$ (717,716)	$ 3,066,826	$ 3,784,542

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Sensitivity of Net OPEB Liability to the Single Discount Rate Assumption
+/-1% change in health care cost trend

	1% Decrease	Current Single Discount Rate Assumption	1% Increase
A. TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY as of: 7/1/2024	2.65%	3.65%	4.65%
1. Expected health care trends	11,242,042	9,926,474	8,834,044
2. 1% increase in trend(s)	n/c	11,477,346	n/c
3. 1% decrease in trend(s)	n/c	8,673,783	n/c
B. PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION	0	0	0
C. NET OPEB LIABILITY = (A1) - (B)	11,242,042	9,926,474	8,834,044
A. TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY as of: 6/30/2022	3.00%	4.00%	5.00%
1. Expected health care trends	6,338,381	5,666,547	5,102,176
2. 1% increase in trend(s)	n/c	5,666,547	n/c
3. 1% decrease in trend(s)	n/c	5,666,547	n/c
B. PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION	0	0	0
C. NET OPEB LIABILITY = (A1) - (B)	6,338,381	5,666,547	5,102,176
A. TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY as of: 6/30/2021	1.00%	2.00%	3.00%
1. Expected health care trends	170,996	165,008	159,110
2. 1% increase in trend(s)	n/c	165,008	n/c
3. 1% decrease in trend(s)	n/c	165,008	n/c
B. PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION	0	0	0
C. NET OPEB LIABILITY = (A1) - (B)	170,996	165,008	159,110
A. TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY as of: 6/30/2019	2.15%	3.15%	4.15%
1. Expected health care trends	203,796	196,959	190,300
2. 1% increase in trend(s)	n/c	196,959	n/c
3. 1% decrease in trend(s)	n/c	196,959	n/c
B. PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION	0	0	0
C. NET OPEB LIABILITY = (A1) - (B)	203,796	196,959	190,300

NOTES:

a/ information at 6/30/2021 is revised and corrected.

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		Schedule of Contributions							
Fiscal year beginning	Based on the Valuation Report of	(1) Actuarially Determined Contribution	(2) State Contribution	(3) Employer Contribution	Month paid	(4) Total Contribution = (2) + (3)	(5) % Contributed = (4)/(1)	(6) Covered Payroll	(7) Contributions as a % of Covered Payroll =(4)/(6)
7/1/2023	7/1/2022	$ 668,260	0	370,740	monthly	370,740	55.48%	66,412,223	0.558%
7/1/2022	7/1/2022	$ 663,030	0	322,451	monthly	322,451	48.63%	#N/A	#N/A
7/1/2021	7/1/2021	$ 24,228	0	272,261	monthly	272,261	1123.75%	58,686,136	0.464%
7/1/2020	7/1/2019	$ 28,028	0	9,593	monthly	9,593	34.23%	58,699,008	0.016%
7/1/2019	7/1/2019	$ 28,028	0	22,025	monthly	22,025	78.58%	#N/A	#N/A
7/1/2018	7/1/2019	$ 24,818	0	9,073	monthly	9,073	36.56%	54,782,236	0.017%

NOTES:
1. Employer contribution = monthly benefits actually paid.
2. Actuarial determined contribution for the 2018-19 fiscal year equal to the Entry Age Normal Cost + 15-yr amortization as of July 1, 2018.
3. Actuarial determined contribution for the 2021-22 fiscal year equal to the Entry Age Normal Cost + 15-yr amortization as of July 1, 2021 prior to plan change effective July 1, 2021.
4. Actuarial determined contribution for the fiscal years ending 6/30/2023 and 2024 were drawn from the June 30, 2022 actuarial valuation.

Note 12 - Payments On Behalf:

The Board may receive commitments or payments made by the State or an intermediate governmental jurisdiction for the benefit of the Board or contributions of equipment or supplies. Such revenue includes the payment to a pension fund by the State or an intermediate unit on behalf of the Board's employees for services rendered to the Board. The revenues recorded as payments on behalf of the Board are as follows:

Retirement allocation by the State	$ 3,902,277
Unfunded retirement liability allocation by the State	10,027,470
PEIA allocations from the State	10,596,331
Donated foods	440,617
RHBT allocations from the State	60,586
Charter Schools	98,760

Note 13 - Other Employee Retirement Systems and Plans:

In addition to participating in the State of West Virginia Teachers Retirement System, the Board also participates in a single employer public employee retirement system. All full-time board of education professional and service personnel hired before July 1, 1990 are eligible to participate in the defined benefit retirement plan. Unless otherwise indicated, the information in this Note is provided as of the latest actuarial valuation of June 30, 2024. Actuarial valuations are required to be performed on a biennial basis.

Membership of the plan is as follows:

Active Employees	19
Retirees/Disability Pensions Receiving Benefits	545
Total	564

The following is a summary of funding policies, contribution methods and benefit provisions.

Determination of Contribution Requirements	Actuarially determined
Employer	Monthly benefit is equal to $3.50 for each year of service in Putnam County. This is currently approximately $700,000 per year. There are no plan assets set aside to fund this liability.
Plan Members	No contributions
Period Required to Vest/ Eligibility for Distribution	Eligibility for benefits is as follows: 1) Employees with a minimum of five years of service in Putnam County who retire from Putnam County. 2) Employees with a minimum of twenty years of service in Putnam County who retire from another system or position. 3) Employees with a minimum of five years of service in Putnam County who become permanently disabled during service in the County.
Post-Retirement Benefit Increases	Increases will only occur upon Board action to increase the benefit.
Provisions for:	
Disability Benefits	Yes
Death Benefits	No - Payment shall continue through the month in which death occurs and will not continue thereafter to survivors.

Annual Required Contributions and Significant Actuarial Assumptions

The actuarial assumptions and other information used to determine the annual required contributions (ARC) are as follows:

Valuation Date	6/30/2024
Actuarial Asset Valuation Method	Market Value, if any
Amortization	20 year
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Investment Rate of Return	3.65%
Projected Salary Increases	None
Post Retirement Benefit Increases	None
Inflation	None

Annual Pension Cost, Net Pension Obligation and Reserves

Current year annual pension costs for the plan are shown in the trend information provided below. The annual required contributions were not made. The net pension obligation is also listed below.

Reserves

There are no assets legally reserved for purposes other than the payment of plan members' benefits for either plan.

Annual Pension Cost and Net Pension Obligation (NPO)

The Board's annual pension cost and net pension obligation is as follows:

Annual required contribution	$ 670,796
Interest on short-term	-
Adjustment to annual required contribution	(321,188)
Annual pension cost	349,608
Contributions made	(675,796)
Increase (decrease) in net pension obligation	(326,188)
Net pension obligation at beginning of the year	7,842,012
Net pension obligation at the end of the year	$ 7,515,824

Trend Information

Fiscal Year	Net Pension Obligation
2024	$ 7,815,824
2023	7,842,012
2022	9,597,300
2021	10,113,670
2020	9,682,747
2019	10,071,595
2018	10,234,370
2017	10,594,345
2016	10,573,410
2015	10,836,773
2014	10,044,776
2013	10,260,234
2012	8,771,294

Note 14 - Interfund Balances and Transfers:

The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2024 is as follows:

Description	General Current Expense Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Special Revenue School-Activity Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Special Revenue ESSERF Fund	Total Funds
Transfers In:						
Indirect Cost	$ 767,875	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 767,875
Capital Projects Fund	466,730	-	-	996,866	-	1,463,596
Local Contribution to Food Service	-	2,336,400	-	-	-	2,336,400
State Aid Professional Development	-	45,417	-	-	-	45,417
ACE Advantage Funds	-	249,933	-	-	-	249,933
GASB 84	524,389	183	472,404	-	-	996,976
Transfers Out:						
Indirect Cost	-	(314,602)	-	-	(453,274)	(767,876)
Capital Projects Fund	(996,866)	-	-	(466,730)	-	(1,463,596)
Local Contribution to Food Service	(2,336,400)	-	-	-	-	(2,336,400)
State Aid Professional Development	(45,417)	-	-	-	-	(45,417)
ACE Advantage Funds	(249,933)	-	-	-	-	(249,933)
GASB 84	(187,054)	(285,349)	(524,572)	-	-	(996,975)
	$ (2,056,676)	$ 2,031,982	$ (52,168)	$ 530,136	$ (453,274)	$ -

Note 15 - Fund Balance:

The detailed components of the various fund balance categories as of June 30, 2024 are as follows:

Fund Balances	General Current Expense Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Special Revenue School Activity Fund	Special Revenue ESSERF Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental
Nonspendable:							
Prepaid Items	$ 247,364	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 247,364
Restricted for:							
Special Projects	-	2,635,284	3,475,274	-	-	-	6,110,558
Capital Projects	-	-	-	-	-	26,063	26,063
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	4,478,571	-	4,478,571
Committed to:							
Settlement	80,000	-	-	-	-	-	80,000
Assigned to:							
Local Projects	958,028	114,301	-	-	-	-	1,072,329
Beginning Budget Balance	10,153,829	-	-	-	-	-	10,153,829
Encumbrances	4,820,796	-	-	-	-	-	4,820,796
Unassigned	25,595,287	-	-	-	-	-	25,595,287
Total fund balances	$ 41,855,304	$ 2,749,585	$ 3,475,274	$ -	$ 4,478,571	$ 26,063	$ 52,584,797

Note 16 - Pending Litigation:

The Board is involved in a number of legal proceedings and claims, involving students, employees and citizens who have sued the Board for damages. While it is not possible to determine the ultimate outcome of any lawsuit with certainty, management believes that the ultimate outcome will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the Board. The Board's insurance through the State Board of Risk and Insurance Management appears adequate to fully cover any potential liability.

Note 17 - Commitments, Contingencies and Subsequent Events:

The Board had encumbrances totaling $5,533,010 as of June 30, 2024 in the following funds:

General Current Expense Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Special Revenue ESSERF Fund
$ 4,820,796	$ 23,092	$ 290,417	$ 398,705

Encumbrances are classified as Restricted, Committed, or Assigned fund balance depending on the specific purpose of the encumbrance. The encumbrances in the Capital Projects Fund exceed the Fund Balance due to the requirement that a contract and purchase order is issued for the full amount of the awarded contracts, but the funding from the West Virginia School Building Authority (SBA) is received based on the progress of the work performed, and therefore the revenue is recognized over the years the project is being completed.

Contingencies

Under the terms of certain federal grant programs, periodic audits may be made, and certain costs may be questioned as not being appropriate expenses. Laws and regulations governing the grant programs and allowability of program costs are complex and subject to interpretation. Accordingly, such audits could lead to disallowances requiring reimbursements to the grantor agencies, which could be material to the Board's financial statements. The management of the Board believes that the Board is in compliance with applicable laws and regulations, in all material respects. Based on prior experience, the Board believes such disallowances, if any, would be immaterial.

Effective with the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, the Medicaid school-based health services program through the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Medical Services has a cost settlement requirement. This change was required by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Revenue for services provided during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, has been recognized in accordance with the fee-for-service billings because there is insufficient data to estimate the cost settlement amounts. The final cost settlement for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, was received by the School Board during June 2024. As such, Medicaid revenue has been adjusted accordingly within the accompanying financial statements. The final cost settlement for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, will not be available until spring or summer of 2025. Laws and regulations governing the Medicaid program are complex and subject to interpretation. Management of the School Board believes that it is in compliance, in all material respects, with all applicable laws and regulations and is not aware of any pending or threatened investigations involving allegations of potential wrongdoing that would have a material effect on its financial statements. Compliance with such laws and regulations can be subject to future government review and interpretation. Accordingly, such reviews could lead to disallowances and/or significant regulatory action, including fines, penalties and exclusion from the Medicaid program resulting in reimbursement of previously reported revenue, which could be material to the School Board's financial statements.

The Board owns various buildings which are known to contain asbestos and/or other environmental issues. The Board is not required by federal, state or local law to remove the asbestos from its buildings. The Board is required under federal environmental health and safety regulations to manage the presence of asbestos and other environmental issues in its buildings in a safe condition. The Board addresses its responsibility to manage the presence of asbestos and other environmental issues in its buildings on a case by case basis. Significant problems of dangerous asbestos conditions are abated as the conditions become known. The Board also addresses the presence of asbestos as building renovation or demolition projects are undertaken and through asbestos operation and maintenance programs directed at containing, managing, or operating with the asbestos in a safe condition.

Subsequent Events

On November 5, 2024, the voters of Putnam County approved a Bond Order in an amount not to exceed $49,870,000 for a new Hurricane Middle School and health and safety upgrades at the secondary athletic fields.

At a meeting held on December 17, 2024, the WV School Building Authority awarded Putnam County Schools a grant award of up to $ 25,000,000 (FY2025 - $ 8,333,334; FY2026 - $ 8,333,333; FY2027 - $ 8,333,333) to be used on the new Hurricane Middle School.

The majority of these funds will not begin to be spent until FY 2026.

Note 18 - Major Sources of Revenue:

The largest single source of revenue received by the Board is state aid funds through the Public School Support Program. In addition, the Board receives financial assistance from federal and state governments 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 Board's independent auditor and state and federal regulatory agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the general fund or other applicable fund. Based on prior experience, the Board believes such disallowance, if any, would be immaterial.

Note 19 - COVID 19 Pandemic:

On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus outbreak a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern" and on March 11, 2020, declared it to be a pandemic. Actions taken around the world to help mitigate the spread of coronavirus include restrictions on travel, quarantines in certain areas, and forced closures for certain types of public places and businesses. The coronavirus and actions taken to mitigate the spread of it have had and are expected to continue to have an adverse impact on the economies and financial markets of many counties, including the geographical area in which the School Board operates.

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was enacted. The CARES Act provided federal stimulus dollars to assist state agencies, local school districts, businesses, organizations, families, students, and other entities during the COVID-19 pandemic. As a state, West Virginia received more than a billion dollars under the federal CARES Act. Approximately $86.6 million of those dollars were specifically put into a fund titled the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF). This allocation is specifically earmarked to assist schools to address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools in West Virginia. The School Board received approximately $1.1 million from these funds to help mitigate the expenses incurred directly from COVID-19.

On December 27, 2020, The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act was enacted. The CRRSA Act provided federal stimulus dollars to assist local school districts during the Covid-19 pandemic. As a state, West Virginia received approximately $339 million dollars under the CRRSA, and approximately $305.9 million of those dollars were specifically put into a fund titled the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund II (ESSERF II) and Extracurricular Cares Emergency Funding (ECEF). This allocation is specifically earmarked to assist schools to address the on-going impact of COVID-19 on elementary and secondary schools in West Virginia. The School Board received approximately $4.7 million from these funds to help mitigate the expenses incurred directly from COVID-19.

On March 11, 2021, The American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief ("ARP ESSER") Fund, authorized under the American Rescue Plan ("ARP") Act of 2023, provided federal stimulus dollars to assist local school districts during the Covid-19 pandemic. As a State, West Virginia received approximately $761.4 million dollars under the ARP Act, and approximately $738.6 million of those dollars were specifically put into a fund titled ARP ESSER to support schools in safely reopening and sustaining the safe operation of schools while meeting the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of students resulting from the coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic. The School Board received approximately $12.4 million from these funds to help mitigate the expenses incurred directly from COVID-19.

During 2021 the Board received approximately $1.2 million from ESSERF funds as a State Education Agency (SEA) reserve subgrant "Summer SOLE". During 2022, the Board received approximately $754 thousand from additional ARP ESSER Funds and other Federal relief funds.

As of June 30, 2024 the following table summarizes the status of receipts and expenditures of the above grants:

Putnam County Schools Note 18 - COVID 19 Pandemic Fiscal Year 7/01/23 to 6/30/24									
	Budget Project	Original Grant	Grant Liquidation	Fiscal Year Expenditures	Fiscal Year Expenditures	Fiscal Year Expenditures	Fiscal Year Expenditures	Balance Remaining	Estimated Expenditures
Grant Name:	Number	Amount	Date	6/30/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2023	6/30/2024	6/30/2024	6/30/2025
ARP ESSERF IDEA - School Age	43280	$ 541,923.00	11/15/2023	$ -	$ 250,056.08	$ 274,169.21	$ 17,697.71	$ -	$ -
ARP ESSERF IDEA - Preschool	43290	$ 61,846.00	11/15/2023	$ -	$ 15,923.00	$ 45,923.00	$ -	$ -	$ -
I Got Vaxxed - (GEER)	49201	$ 50,000.00	11/15/2023	$ -	$ 14,004.51	$ 10,784.31	$ 25,211.18	$ -	$ -
COVID Emergecey Response Health Crisis	49230	$ 57,407.88	6/30/2023	$ -	$ 27,653.09	$ 29,702.44	$ (1,660.25)	$ -	$ -
ESSERF I	52010	$ 1,115,117.20	11/15/2022	$1,115,117.20	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
ESSERF II	52110	$ 4,632,897.71	11/15/2023	$ 302,379.70	$2,871,212.88	$1,353,198.81	$ 106,106.32	$ (0.00)	$ -
ECEF Allocation High Schools	52140	$ 147,000.00	11/15/2021	$ 110,973.35	$ 36,026.65	$ -	$ -	$ (0.00)	$ -
ESSERF - Summer SOLE Grant	52150	$ 1,166,522.04	11/15/2023	$ 281,311.28	$ 437,742.29	$ 397,387.93	$ 50,080.54	$ -	$ -
ARP ESSER	52160	$12,361,024.65	11/15/2024	$ -	$2,820,861.82	$4,697,751.55	$3,933,505.80	$908,905.48	$908,905.48
ARPA 4 Homeless	52270	$ 25,497.71	1/10/2025	$ -	$ -	$ 13,400.21	$ 5,509.30	$ 6,588.20	$ 6,588.20
ARPA.STDEV	52460	$ 36,300.00	11/15/2024	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 20,653.73	$ 15,646.27	$ 14,628.74
Totals		$20,195,536.19		$1,809,781.53	$6,473,480.32	$6,822,317.46	$4,157,104.33	$931,139.95	$930,122.42

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts Regulatory Basis		Actual GAAP Basis Amounts	Adjustments for Regulatory Basis	Actual Regulatory Basis Amounts	Variance With Final Budget
	Original	Final				
Revenues:						
Property taxes	$ 46,451,376	$ 46,537,598	$ 49,086,807	$ -	$ 49,086,807	$ 2,549,209
Other Local sources	2,089,699	2,124,432	3,009,384	-	3,009,384	884,952
State sources	70,911,290	71,214,486	71,667,644	-	71,667,644	453,158
Federal sources	550,000	1,097,551	601,304	-	601,304	(496,247)
Miscellaneous sources	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	120,002,365	120,974,067	124,365,139	-	124,365,139	3,391,072
Expenditures:						
Instruction	76,390,844	77,373,686	72,072,033	-	72,072,033	5,301,653
Supporting services:						
Students	7,129,983	7,204,270	6,971,156	-	6,971,156	233,114
Instructional staff	3,122,467	3,379,354	2,869,606	-	2,869,606	509,748
General administration	1,944,201	2,084,060	1,716,969	-	1,716,969	367,091
School administration	8,120,461	8,158,415	8,051,286	-	8,051,286	107,129
Central services	3,162,001	3,288,365	3,010,868	-	3,010,868	277,497
Operation and maintenance of facilities	12,971,359	14,094,412	12,451,531	-	12,451,531	1,642,881
Student transportation	10,152,384	10,802,378	9,466,013	-	9,466,013	1,336,365
Other	13,500	26,580	11,742	-	11,742	14,838
Food services	305,367	322,210	322,210	-	322,210	-
Community services	269,045	269,045	260,045	-	260,045	9,000
Capital outlay	1,397,345	1,268,871	759,733	-	759,733	509,138
Debt service:						
Principal retirement			-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges			-	-	-	-
Reserved for contingencies	3,250,000	26,032,562	-	-		26,032,562
Finance Leases:					-	-
Principal payment expense	360,000	360,000	360,000	-	360,000	-
Interest Expense	47,250	47,250	46,777	-	46,777	473
SBITAs:					-	-
Principal payment expense	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	128,636,207	154,711,458	118,369,969	-	118,369,969	36,341,489
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(8,633,842)	(33,737,391)	5,995,170	-	5,995,170	39,732,561
Other financing sources (uses):						
Proceeds from disposal of real or personal property			165,252	-	165,252	165,252
Proceeds from the sale of bonds			-	-	-	-
Transfers in	297,784	891,337	1,758,994	-	1,758,994	867,657
Transfers (out)	(2,631,750)	(4,165,036)	(3,815,670)	-	(3,815,670)	349,366
Total other financing sources (uses)	(2,333,966)	(3,273,699)	(1,891,424)	-	(1,891,424)	1,382,275
Change in fund balances	(10,967,808)	(37,011,090)	4,103,746	-	4,103,746	41,114,836
Fund balances - beginning	10,967,808	37,011,090	37,751,558	-	37,751,558	740,468
Fund balances - ending	$ -	$ -	$ 41,855,304	$ -	$ 41,855,304	$ 41,855,304

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PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts Regulatory Basis		Actual GAAP Basis Amounts	Adjustments for Regulatory Basis	Actual Regulatory Basis Amounts	Variance With Final Budget
	Original	Final				
Revenues:						
Local sources	$ 976,265	$ 1,030,145	$ 925,891	$ -	$ 925,891	$ (104,254)
State sources	1,649,440	2,713,333	2,573,883	-	2,573,883	(139,450)
Federal sources	8,002,286	11,563,810	9,541,104	-	9,541,104	(2,022,706)
Miscellaneous sources			-	-	-	-
Total revenues	10,627,991	15,307,288	13,040,878	-	13,040,878	(2,266,410)
Expenditures:						
Instruction	4,565,209	7,277,879	6,031,952	-	6,031,952	1,245,927
Supporting services:						
Students	125,300	491,656	429,428	-	429,428	62,228
Instructional staff	277,572	791,794	606,051	-	606,051	185,743
General administration	-	-	-	-	-	-
School administration	117,136	117,410	117,408	-	117,408	2
Central services	-	2,383	2,040	-	2,040	343
Operation and maintenance of facilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Student transportation	-	16,143	16,114	-	16,114	29
Other			-	-	-	-
Food services	6,320,349	7,988,812	7,057,890	-	7,057,890	930,922
Community services			-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	46,125	46,125	-	46,125	-
Reserved for Special Projects	1,556,391	494,809	-	-	-	494,809
Debt service:						
Principal retirement			-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges			-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	12,961,957	17,227,011	14,307,008	-	14,307,008	2,920,003
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(2,333,966)	(1,919,723)	(1,266,130)	-	(1,266,130)	653,593
Other financing sources (uses):						
Proceeds from disposal of real or personal property			30	-	30	30
Proceeds from the sale of bonds			-	-	-	-
Transfers in	2,631,750	2,631,750	2,631,933	-	2,631,933	183
Transfers (out)	(297,784)	(595,646)	(599,951)	-	(599,951)	(4,305)
Total other financing sources (uses)	2,333,966	2,036,104	2,032,012	-	2,032,012	(4,092)
Change in fund balances	-	116,381	765,882	-	765,882	649,501
Fund balances - beginning		(116,381)	1,983,703	-	1,983,703	2,100,084
Fund balances - ending	$ -	$ -	$ 2,749,585	$ -	$ 2,749,585	$ 2,749,585

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PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - ESSERF
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts Regulatory Basis		Actual GAAP Basis Amounts	Adjustments for Regulatory Basis	Actual Regulatory Basis Amounts	Variance With Final Budget
	Original	Final				
Revenues:						
Local sources	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
State sources	-	-	-	-	-	-
Federal sources	-	8,715,918	4,157,105	-	4,157,105	(4,558,813)
Miscellaneous sources	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	-	8,715,918	4,157,105	-	4,157,105	(4,558,813)
Expenditures:						
Instruction	-	3,209,968	2,526,707	-	2,526,707	683,261
Supporting services:						
Students	-	640,316	620,798	-	620,798	19,518
Instructional staff	-	227,015	191,673	-	191,673	35,342
General administration	-	-	-	-	-	-
School Administration	-	150,317	125,694	-	125,694	24,623
Central services	-	65,898	40,711	-	40,711	25,187
Operation and maintenance of facilities	-	13,628	13,628	-	13,628	-
Student transportation	-	172,443	82,083	-	82,083	90,360
Food services	-		-	-	-	-
Community services	-		-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	102,537	102,537	-	102,537	-
Debt service:						
Principal retirement	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	-	4,582,122	3,703,831	-	3,703,831	878,291
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	4,133,796	453,274	-	453,274	(3,680,522)
Other financing sources (uses):						
Proceeds from disposal of real or personal propert	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from the sale of bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers (out)	-	(507,782)	(453,274)	-	(453,274)	54,508
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	(507,782)	(453,274)	-	(453,274)	54,508
Change in fund balances	-	3,626,014	-	-	-	(3,626,014)
Fund balances - beginning	-	(3,626,014)	-	-	-	3,626,014
Fund balances - ending	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

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PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - SPECIAL REVENUE FUND SCHOOL ACTIVITY FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts Regulatory Basis		Actual GAAP Basis	Adjustments for Regulatory	Actual Regulatory Basis	
	Original	Final	Amounts	Basis	Amounts	Variance With Final Budget
Revenues:						
Local sources	$ -	$ -	$ 3,486,200	$ -	$ 3,486,200	$ 3,486,200
State sources	-	-	-	-	-	-
Federal sources	-	-	181,554	-	181,554	181,554
Miscellaneous sources	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	-	-	3,667,754	-	3,667,754	3,667,754
Expenditures:						
Instruction	-	-	3,515,752	-	3,515,752	(3,515,752)
Supporting services:						
Students	-	-	-	-	-	-
Instructional staff	-	-	-	-	-	-
General administration	-	-	-	-	-	-
School administration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operation and maintenance of facilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Student transportation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service:						
Principal retirement	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	-	-	3,515,752	-	3,515,752	(3,515,752)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	-	152,002	-	152,002	152,002
Other financing sources (uses):						
Proceeds from disposal of real or personal propert	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from the sale of bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	472,404	-	472,404	472,404
Transfers (out)	-	-	(524,572)	-	(524,572)	(524,572)
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	(52,168)	-	(52,168)	(52,168)
Change in fund balances	-	-	99,834	-	99,834	99,834
Fund balances - beginning	-	-	3,375,440	-	3,375,440	3,375,440
Fund balances - ending	$ -	$ -	$ 3,475,274	$ -	$ 3,475,274	$ 3,475,274

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PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
FOR THE MEASUREMENT PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	
District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.315977%	0.162723%	0.230247%	0.236435%	0.209478%	0.205580%	0.196490%	
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	$ 7,233,996	$ 4,185,341	$ 3,598,252	$ 7,615,432	$ 6,232,329	$ 6,418,736	$ 6,788,574	$
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) associated with the district	89,097,726	68,992,547	57,471,156	124,252,416	100,018,088	114,668,849	104,374,523	
Total	$ 96,331,722	$ 73,177,888	$ 61,069,408	$ 131,867,848	$ 106,250,417	$ 121,087,585	$ 111,163,097	$
District's covered payroll	$ 62,563,490	$ 53,884,694	$ 52,642,440	$ 52,295,300	$ 48,859,783	$ 56,580,414	$ 46,753,054	$
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	11.563%	7.767%	6.835%	14.562%	12.756%	11.344%	14.520%	
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	80.42%	77.78%	86.38%	70.89%	72.64%	71.20%	67.85%	

Data prior to 2014 is unavailable

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PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS
TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2
Contractually required contribution	$ 4,772,001	$ 5,054,777	$ 4,838,455	$ 4,848,125	$ 4,899,909	$ 4,677,416	$ 4,556,728	$ 3
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(4,772,001)	(5,054,777)	(4,838,455)	(4,848,125)	(4,899,909)	(4,677,416)	(4,556,728)	(3
Contribution deficiency (excess)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$
District's covered payroll	$ 62,563,490	$ 57,082,426	$ 53,884,694	$ 52,642,440	$ 52,295,300	$ 48,859,783	$ 56,580,414	$ 46
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	7.627%	8.855%	8.979%	9.210%	9.370%	9.573%	8.054%	

Data prior to 2015 is unavailable.

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PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY
FOR THE MEASUREMENT PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset)	0.178031%	0.192539%	0.175345%	0.164976%	0.192086%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	$ (281,733)	$ 214,293	$ (52,138)	$ 728,685	$ 3,186,958
State's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) associated with the district	(1,151,615)	861,981	(235,331)	3,376,613	14,499,494
Total	$ (1,433,348)	$ 1,076,274	$ (287,469)	$ 4,105,298	$ 17,686,452
District's covered payroll	$ 58,483,525	$ 56,619,574	$ 56,461,446	$ 56,956,582	$ 53,359,401
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	-0.482%	0.378%	-0.092%	1.279%	5.973%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	109.66%	93.59%	101.81%	73.49%	39.69%

Data prior to 2017 is unavailable.

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PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS
RETIREE HEALTH BENEFIT TRUST FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Contractually required contribution	$ 74,246	$ 984,094	$ 1,215,675	$ 2,106,468	$ 2,199,404
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(74,246)	(984,094)	(1,215,675)	(2,106,468)	(2,199,404
Contribution deficiency (excess)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
District's covered payroll	$ 64,148,543	$ 58,483,525	$ 56,619,574	$ 56,461,446	$ 56,956,582
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	0.116%	1.683%	2.147%	3.731%	3.862%

Data prior to 2018 is unavailable.

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PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

A. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting:

All boards of education within West Virginia are required by statute to prepare annual budgets and levy rate estimates on prescribed forms and submit these for approval. Budgets are presented on the regulatory basis of accounting for all governmental funds. The regulatory basis of accounting for West Virginia Boards of Education do not include amounts for other post-employment benefits billed by PEIA beyond the retiree subsidy (pay-as-you-go) amount because only the retiree subsidy amounts are required to be remitted according to WVC 5-16d-6(e). Budgets are not adopted for custodial funds or the school activity fund. The following procedures are followed in preparing the annual budget:

1. Pursuant to State statute, the Board is required to hold a meeting or meetings between the seventh and twenty-eighth days of March to ascertain its financial condition and to determine the amount that is to be raised from the levy of taxes for the fiscal year commencing July 1. The Board adjourns the meeting and submits its Schedule of Proposed Levy Rates to the State Auditor's Office for approval. The Board then reconvenes its meeting on the third Tuesday of April to formally lay the approved levy.

2. The Board is also required to submit its proposed budget for the subsequent year to the State Board of Education for approval by the date established in the budget calendar. The Board is also required to hold a public hearing on the proposed budget before it is submitted for approval. The proposed budget must be made available for public inspection for at least 10 days before the public hearing is held.

Revisions to the budget are authorized only with the prior written approval of the State Board of Education.

B. Changes in Assumptions

The actuarial assumptions used in the total pension liability calculation can change from year to year. Please see table below which summarizes the actuarial assumptions used for the respective measurement dates.

Inflation	**2021-23** 2.75%	**2015 – 2020:** 3%	**2014:** 2.2%		
Salary Increases	**2021-23** Educators: 2.75%-5.90% Non-Educators: 2.75%-6.50%	**2020:** State – 3.00%-6.00% Non-State 3.00%-6.50%	**2018-2019:** For teacher members, salary increases are based on member experience, dependent on age and gender, ranging from 3.00 to 6.00%. For non-teacher members, salary increases are based on member experience, dependent on age and gender, ranging from 3.00 to 6.50%	**2016-2017:** For teacher members, salary increases are based on member experience, dependent on age and gender, ranging from 3.00 to 6.00%. For non-teacher members, salary increases are based on member experience, dependent on age and gender, ranging from 3.00 to 6.00%	**2014-2015:** For teacher members, salary increases are based on member experience, dependent on age and gender, ranging from 3.75-5.25%. For non-teacher members, salary increases are based on member experience, dependent on age and gender, ranging from 3.40-6.50%.
Investment Rate of Return	**2021-23** 7.25 %, net of pension plan investment expense	**2014-2020:** 7.5 %, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation			

Mortality	**2022-23** Active: 100% of Pub-2010 General Employee Tables, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019. Retired: healthy males – 100% of Pub-2010 General Retiree Male Table, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019, healthy females – 112% of Pub-2010 General Retiree Female Table, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019; disabled males – 107% of Pub-2010 General/Teachers Disabled Male Table, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019, disabled females – 113% of Pub-2010 General/Teachers Disabled Female Table, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019	**2020-2021:** Active: Pub-2010 General Employee Tables, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019. Retired: healthy males – Pub-2010 General Retiree Male Table, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019, healthy females – 112% of Pub-2010 General Retiree Female Table, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019; disabled males – 107% of Pub-2010 General/Teachers Disabled Male Table, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019, disabled females – 113% of Pub-2010 General/Teachers Disabled Female Table, headcount-weighted, projected with Scale MP-2019	**2016-2019:** Active: RP-2000, Non-Annuitant table, projected with Scale AA on a fully generational basis. Retired: healthy males – 97% of RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant table, projected with Scale AA on a fully generational basis, healthy females – 94% of RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant table, projected with Scale AA on a fully generational basis; disabled males – 96 % of RP-2000 Disabled Annuitant table, projected with Scale AA on a fully generational basis, disabled females – 101% of RP-2000 Disabled Annuitant table, projected with Scale AA on a fully generational basis.	**2014-15:** Active – RP2000, non-annuitant monthly mortality table, retired – RP2000 healthy annuitant, scale AA; disabled – RP2000 disabled annuitant mortality table, scale AA.	
Discount Rate	**2021-23** 7.25%	**2014-2020:** 7.5%			

The actuarial assumptions used in the total OPEB liability calculation can change from year to year. Please see table below which summarizes the actuarial assumptions used for the respective measurement dates.

	2023	**2022**	**2021**	**2020**	**2017-2019**
Inflation	2.50%	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%	2.75%
Salary Increases	Specific to the OPEB covered group. Ranging from 2.75% to 5.18 %, including inflation.	Specific to the OPEB covered group. Ranging from 2.75% to 5.18 %, including inflation.	Specific to the OPEB covered group. Ranging from 2.75% to 5.18 %, including inflation.	Specific to the OPEB covered group. Ranging from 2.75% to 5.18 %, including inflation.	Dependent upon pension system. Ranging from 3.0% to 6.5%

Investment Rate of Return	7.40%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation	6.65%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation	6.65%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation	6.65%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation	7.15%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation
Mortality	Postretirement: Pub-2010 General Healthy Retiree Mortality Tables (100% males, 108% females) projected with MP-2021 for TRS. Pub-2010 General Below Median Healthy Retiree Tables (106% males, 113% females) projected with MP-2021 for PERS. Pub-2010 Public Safety Healthy Retiree Mortality Tables (100% males, 100% females) projected with Scale MP-2021 for Troopers A and B. Pre-Retirement: Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality Tables (100% males, 100% females) projected with Scale MP-2021 for TRS. Pub-2010 Below-Median Income General Employee Mortality Tables projected with Scale MP-2021 for PERS. Pub-2010 Public Safety Employee Mortality Tables projected with Scale MP-2021 for Troopers A & B.	Post Retirement: Pub-2010 General Healthy Retiree Mortality Tables projected with MP-2021 and scaling factors of 100% for males and 108% for females. Pre-retirement: Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality Tables projected with MP-2021.	Post Retirement: Pub-2010 General Healthy Retiree Mortality Tables projected with MP-2019 and scaling factors of 100% for males and 108% for females. Pre-retirement: Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality Tables projected with MP-2019.	Post Retirement: Pub-2010 General Healthy Retiree Mortality Tables projected with MP-2019 and scaling factors of 100% for males and 108% for females. Pre-retirement: Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality Tables projected with MP-2019.	Post-Retirement: RP – 2000 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table projected with Scale AA on a fully generational basis
Discount Rate	7.40%	6.65%	6.65%	6.65%	7.15%

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	Trend rate for pre-Medicare and Medicare per capita costs of 7.0% medical and 8.0% drug. The trends increase over four years to 9.0% and 9.5%, respectively. The trends then decrease linearly for 5 years until ultimate trend rate of 4.50% is reached in plan year end 2032.	Trend rate for pre-Medicare per capita costs of 7.0% for plan year end 2023, decreasing by 0.50% for two years then by 0.25% each year thereafter, until ultimate trend rate of 4.25% is reached in plan year end 2032. Trend rate for Medicare per capita costs of 8.83% for plan year end 2023, decreasing ratably each year thereafter, until ultimate trend rate of 4.25% is reached in plan year end 2032	Trend rate for pre-Medicare per capita costs of 7.0% for plan year end 2020, decreasing by 0.50% for one year then by 0.25% each year thereafter, until ultimate trend rate of 4.25% is reached in plan year end 2032. Trend rate for Medicare per capita costs of 9.15% for plan year end 2023, decreasing ratably each year thereafter, until ultimate trend rate of 4.25% is reached in plan year end 2036.	Trend rate for pre-Medicare per capita costs of 7.0% for plan year end 2021, 6.50% for plan year end 2023, decreasing by 0.25% each year thereafter, until ultimate trend rate of 4.25% is reached in plan year 2032. Trend rate for Medicare per capita costs of 31.11% for plan year end 2022. 9.15% for plan year end 2023, 8.40% for plan year end 2024, decreasing gradually each year thereafter, until ultimate trend rate of 4.25% is reached in plan year end 2036.	Trend rate for pre-Medicare per capita costs of 8.5% for plan year end 2020, decreasing by 0.5% each year thereafter, until ultimate trend rate of 4.5% is reached in plan year 2028. Trend rate for Medicare per capita costs of 3.1% for plan year end 2020. 9.5% for plan year end 2021, decreasing by 0.5% each year thereafter, until ultimate trend rate of 4.5% is reached in plan year end 2031.	Actual trend used for fiscal year 2018. For fiscal years on and after 2019, trend starts at 8.0% and 10.0% for pre and post-Medicare, respectively, and gradually decreases to an ultimate trend rate of 4.50%. Excess trend rate of 0.13% and 0.00% for pre and post-Medicare, respectively, is added to healthcare trend rates pertaining to per capita claims costs beginning in 2022 to account for the Excise Tax.	Actual trend used for fiscal year 2017. For fiscal years on and after 2018, trend starts at 8.5% and 9.75% for pre and post-Medicare, respectively, and gradually decreases to an ultimate trend rate of 4.50%. Excess trend rate of 0.14% and 0.29% for pre and post-Medicare, respectively, is added to healthcare trend rates pertaining to per capita claims costs beginning in 2020 to account for the Excise Tax.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - DEBT SERVICE FUND

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts Regulatory Basis		Actual GAAP Basis	Adjustments for Regulatory Basis	Actual Regulatory Basis	
	Original	Final	Amounts		Amounts	Variance With Final Budget
Revenues:						
Local sources	$ 5,054,094	$ 5,054,094	$ 5,298,993	$ -	$ 5,298,993	$ 244,899
State sources	2,000	2,000	324,032	-	324,032	322,032
Miscellaneous sources	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	5,056,094	5,056,094	5,623,025	-	5,623,025	566,931
Expenditures:						
Debt service:						
Principal retirement	4,980,000	4,980,000	4,980,000	-	4,980,000	-
Interest and fiscal charges	76,094	76,094	76,093	-	76,093	1
Reserved for debt service	-	3,911,639	-		-	3,911,639
Total expenditures	5,056,094	8,967,733	5,056,093	-	5,056,093	3,911,640
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	(3,911,639)	566,932	-	566,932	4,478,571
Other financing sources (uses):						
Proceeds from disposal of real or personal property	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from the sale of bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Change in fund balances	-	(3,911,639)	566,932	-	566,932	4,478,571
Fund balances - beginning	-	3,911,639	3,911,639	-	3,911,639	-
Fund balances - ending	$ -	$ -	$ 4,478,571	$ -	$ 4,478,571	$ 4,478,571

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts Regulatory Basis		Actual GAAP Basis Amounts	Adjustments for Regulatory Basis	Actual Regulatory Basis Amounts	Variance With Final Budget
	Original	Final				
Revenues:						
Other Local sources	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
State sources	-	815,640	815,640	-	815,640	-
Federal sources	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous sources	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	-	815,640	815,640	-	815,640	-
Expenditures:						
Capital outlay	-	2,145,871	2,090,491	-	2,090,491	55,380
Operation and Maintenance of Facilities	-	179,940	179,940	-	179,940	-
Total expenditures	-	2,325,811	2,270,431	-	2,270,431	55,380
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	(1,510,171)	(1,454,791)	-	(1,454,791)	55,380
Other financing sources (uses):						
Proceeds from disposal of real or personal property	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from the sale of bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from capital leases	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	623,700	996,866	-	996,866	373,166
Transfers (out)	-	(64,247)	(466,730)	-	(466,730)	(402,483)
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	559,453	530,136	-	530,136	(29,317)
Change in fund balances	-	(950,718)	(924,655)	-	(924,655)	26,063
Fund balance - beginning	-	950,718	950,718	-	950,718	-
Fund balance - ending	$ -	$ -	$ 26,063	$ -	$ 26,063	$ 26,063

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PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTES TO OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

A. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting:

All boards of education within West Virginia are required by statute to prepare annual budgets and levy rate estimates on prescribed forms and submit these for approval. Budgets are presented on the regulatory basis of accounting for all governmental funds. The regulatory basis of accounting for West Virginia Boards of Education do not include amounts for other post-employment benefits billed by PEIA beyond the retiree subsidy (pay-as-you-go) amount because only the retiree subsidy amounts are required to be remitted according to WVC 5-16d-6(e). Budgets are not adopted for custodial funds. The following procedures are followed in preparing the annual budget:

1. Pursuant to State statute, the Board is required to hold a meeting or meetings between the seventh and twenty-eighth days of March to ascertain its financial condition and to determine the amount that is to be raised from the levy of taxes for the fiscal year commencing July 1. The Board adjourns the meeting and submits its Schedule of Proposed Levy Rates to the State Auditor's Office for approval. The Board then reconvenes its meeting on the third Tuesday of April to formally lay the approved levy.

2. The Board is also required to submit its proposed budget for the subsequent year to the State Board of Education for approval by the date established in the budget calendar. The Board is also required to hold a public hearing on the proposed budget before it is submitted for approval. The proposed budget must be made available for public inspection for at least 10 days before the public hearing is held.

Revisions to the budget are authorized only with the prior written approval of the State Board of Education.

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN SCHOOL ACTIVITY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Cash Balance	Revenues Received	Expenditures Paid	Cash Balance
High Schools & Career Centers:				
Buffalo High School	$ 206,096	$ 319,631	$ 329,220	$ 196,507
Hurricane High School	401,946	822,141	776,456	447,631
Poca High School	271,975	387,920	379,734	280,161
Winfield High School	345,004	598,620	515,210	428,414
Putnam Career & Technical Center	432,348	370,427	419,382	383,393
Total high schools	1,657,369	2,498,739	2,420,002	1,736,106
Middle and Junior High Schools:				
George Washington Middle School	125,752	107,866	101,688	131,930
Hurricane Middle School	198,516	206,105	191,834	212,787
Poca Middle School	185,104	149,543	150,435	184,212
Winfield Middle School	263,240	264,895	252,348	275,787
Total middle and junior high schools	772,612	728,409	696,305	804,716
Elementary Schools:				
Buffalo Elementary School	55,561	37,514	37,123	55,952
Confidence Elementary School	45,713	41,394	44,152	42,955
Conner Street Elementary School	46,893	49,635	45,558	50,970
Eastbrook Elementary School	64,040	46,178	43,007	67,211
George Washington Elementary School	69,146	65,143	62,400	71,889
Hometown Elementary School	31,200	15,862	15,283	31,779
Hurricane Town Elementary School	45,837	55,248	57,392	43,693
Lakeside Elementary School	55,413	69,458	62,145	62,726
Mountain View Elementary	127,830	144,213	129,373	142,670
Poca Elementary School	48,879	51,570	51,906	48,543
Rock Branch Elementary School	18,995	41,561	35,694	24,862
Scott Teays Elementary School	105,917	84,959	98,993	91,883
West Teays Elementary School	147,624	181,243	210,985	117,882
Winfield Elementary School	82,411	74,389	75,363	81,437
Total elementary schools	945,459	958,367	969,374	934,452
Total	$ 3,375,440	$ 4,185,515	$ 4,085,681	$ 3,475,274

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF EXCESS LEVY REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Current Year			
	Estimated Per Levy Call	Actual	Variance	Estimated Per Levy Call
Excess Levy Collections	$ 20,767,252	27,044,475	$ 6,277,223	$ 62,301,756 $
Expenditures (County Specific Levy Call):				
Excess Levy Expenditure Category				
To provide for new buildings, building additions, renovations and repairs to existing buildings, and equipping buildings	3,000,000	3,000,000	-	9,000,000
Excess Levy Expenditure Category				
To continue to provide financial support toward employee salaries/benefits: 1) Local county salary supplements, substitute costs, and fixed charges; 2) Extended employment for summer maintenance; 3) Overtime wages; 4) Extra-duty bus wages for academic and athletic trips; 5) Extra duty salary supplements - Curricular positions - Athletic positions; and 6) Dental and optical insurance	14,592,252	18,421,790	3,829,538	43,776,756
Excess Levy Expenditure Category				
To continue to provide financial support of the following community organizations: Putnam County Public Library; Putnam County 4-H	225,000	260,045	35,045	675,000
Excess Levy Expenditure Category				
To provide for the purchase of instructional equipment/furniture, teaching supplies, textbooks and library books	2,000,000	3,787,440	1,787,440	6,000,000
Excess Levy Expenditure Category				
To provide and maintain a secure enfironment for students and employees in the schools: Including, but not limited to school resource officers and/or school security enhancements	200,000	528,774	328,774	600,000
Excess Levy Expenditure Category				
To provide allowances to retired employees	750,000	1,046,426	296,426	2,250,000
Total Expenditures	20,767,252	27,044,475	6,277,223	62,301,756
Excess (Deficiency) of Collections over Expenditures	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ - $

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Federal Grantor Pass-Through Grantor Program or Cluster Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass - Through Entity Identifying Number	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. Department of Agriculture			
Pass-through West Virginia Department of Agriculture			
Child Nutrition Cluster			
Food Distribution - Donated	10.555	N/A	$ 440,617
Pass-through West Virginia Department of Education			
Child Nutrition Cluster			
Food Service Centralized	10.553/10.555/10.559	Note 5	3,652,626
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			4,093,243
Pass-through West Virginia Department of Education			
P-EBT Grant	10.649	GRTAWD04022400001868	3,256
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	10.582	N/A	26,748
Food Service Emergency Operations	10.579	Note 5	31,753
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	N/A	34,208
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			4,189,208
U.S. Department of Education			
Pass-through West Virginia Department of Education			
Special Education Cluster			
IDEA - Part B	84.027A	Note 5	2,689,289
IDEA - Part B - Preschool	84.173A	Note 5	50,433
ARPA2 IDEA	84.027X	GRTAWD04022200001633	17,698
Total IDEA Cluster			2,757,420
Title I	84.010A	Note 5	1,559,664
Title II	84.367A	Note 5	307,248
Title III	84.365A	Note 5	6,402
Title IV	84.424A	Note 5	78,757
ESSERF Grants	84.425D	Note 5	156,187
ESSERF- HHS - GEER Program	84.425R	GRTAWD04022200003890	25,211
ARP ESSERF (3) Grants	84.425U	Note 5	3,954,160
ARP 4 Homeless Grant	84.425W	GRTAWD04022200003694	5,509
PELL Grant Program	84.063	N/A	191,315
Vocational Education	84.048A	Note 5	204,556
Total U.S. Department of Education			9,246,429
U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources			
Pass-through West Virginia Department of Education			
COVID Emergency Response Grant	93.354	GRTAWD04022200003772	(1,660)
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources			(1,660)
Total Federal Awards			$ 13,433,977

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

1. Basis of Presentation

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

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a) Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

b) Putnam County Board of Education has elected not to use the 10-percent deminimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance because they use the state approved indirect cost rate.

3. Food Distribution

Non-monetary assistance is reported in the schedule at the fair market value of the commodities received and disbursed. The Board received and disbursed $440,617 in food commodities in the Donated Foods Program for the year ended June 30, 2024.

4. Child Nutrition Program

Child Nutrition Program (Assistance Listing #10.553, #10.555 and #10.559) expenditures of federal awards are based on the amount of federal funding received for each of the programs. Since the amount of total expenditures for the programs exceeds the amount of the federal awards received, it is presumed that the total received from the federal awards has been expended. The amount of expenditures funded by meal sales, sponsor's contributions and state matching funds for both programs has not been included in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards. The total combined expenditures for the three programs as funded from all sources was $7,143,332.

5. Pass-Through Entity Identifying Numbers

The following programs had multiple pass-through entity identifying numbers:

Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number
Title I	84.010A	GRTAWD04022300001591, GRTAWD04022300002955, GRTAWD04022400000747, GRTAWD04022400001187
Title II	84.367A	GRTAWD04022300001653, GRTAWD04022400001270
Title III	84.365A	GRTAWD04022300001678, GRTAWD04022400001298, GRTAWD04022200002122
IDEA Part B	84.027A	GRTAWD04022300001199, GRTAWD04022300003513, GRTAWD04022400000409, GRTAWD04022400002199, GRTAWD04022400003267, GRTAWD04022400003292, GRTAWD04022400003739, GRTAWD04022400003753, GRTAWD04022500001413
IDEA Part B Preschool	84.173A	GRTAWD04022300001258, GRTAWD04022400000469
Vocational Education	84.048A	GRTAWD04022400000966, GRTAWD04022300000711, GRTAWD04022400002990
Title IV	84.424A	GRTAWD04022400001340, GRTAWD04022300001720
ESSERF Grants	84.425D	GRTAWD04022100005278, GRTAWD04022100005345
ARP ESSERF (3) Grants	84.425U	GRTAWD04022100005862, GRTAWD04022400003901
Food Service Emergency Operations	10.579	GRTAWD04022300005063 GRTAWD04022300005064
Food Service- Centralized	10.553/10.555/10.559	N/A, GRTAWD04022400003596

6. Subrecipients

The Putnam County Board of Education did not have subrecipients during the 2024 fiscal year.

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF STATE GRANT RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Awarding Agency	Grant Name	Grant Identification	Period of Award	Total Grant Award	Beginning Balance (7/1/23)	Current Year Receipts	Current Year Expenditures
WVDE	Special Ed High Cost/High Acuity	GRTAWD04022200003125	07/01/21 - 09/30/23	8,981.00	316.96	-	316.96
WVDE	Special Ed County Entitlement	GRTAWD04022300001328	07/01/22 - 09/30/24	$ 187,758.00	$ 99,039.14	$ -	$ 93,989.14
WVDE	Special Ed High Cost/High Acuity	GRTAWD04022300003456	07/01/22 - 09/30/24	4,976.00	4,976.00	-	-
WVDE	Special Ed County Entitlement	GRTAWD04022400000539	07/01/23 - 09/30/25	192,019.00	-	192,019.00	165,317.61
WVDE	Special Ed WV CASE	GRTAWD04022400004182	06/01/24 - 06/30/25	1,500.00	-	-	-
WVDE	Special Ed CPI Cert	GRTAWD04022400004253	06/01/24 - 06/30/25	12,896.00	-	-	-
WVDE	Special Ed High Cost/High Acuity	GRTAWD04022400003236	07/01/23 - 09/30/25	25,035.00	-	25,035.00	-
WVDE	Special Ed Out of County Instruction	GRTAWD040224000034377	07/01/23 - 09/30/25	1,550.00	-	-	1,550.00
WVDE	CTE Academic Teachers	GRTAWD04022300000415	07/01/22 - 03/31/25	140,002.88	12,926.36	-	12,926.36
WVDE	CTE Academic Teachers	GRTAWD04022400000907	07/01/23 - 03/31/26	141,591.00	-	141,591.00	128,609.88
WVDE	CTE - Heavy Equipment/Construction	GRTAWD04021900005598	04/01/19 - 06/30/25	1,700,000.00	168,744.20	-	53,980.65
WVDE	CTE - Secondary Block	GRTAWD04022200000725	07/01/21 - 03/31/24	206,579.00	4,722.74	-	4,722.74
WVDE	CTE - Discover Your Future Modules	GRTAWD04022200005342	04/21/22 - 03/31/24	15,000.00	8,960.59	(132.53)	8,828.06
WVDE	CTE - Discover Your Future Modules	GRTAWD04022200005853	06/02/22 - 03/31/24	18,800.00	17,252.84	-	14,406.86
WVDE	CTE - Secondary Block	GRTAWD04022300000551	07/01/22 - 03/31/25	261,336.00	59,609.99	-	59,609.99
WVDE	CTE - Simulated Workplace	GRTAWD04022300003071	11/04/22 - 03/31/25	2,600.00	446.54	-	446.54
WVDE	CTE - Simulated Workplace	GRTAWD04022300003366	12/19/22 - 03/31/25	2,000.00	1,433.95	-	1,433.95
WVDE	CTE - CTE Manufacturing and Design	GRTAWD04022300004269	03/10/23 - 03/31/25	50,000.00	50,000.00	-	50,000.00
WVDE	CTE - Simulated Workplace	GRTAWD04022300004665	02/01/23 - 03/31/25	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	1,182.00
WVDE	CTE - Program Modernization	GRTAWD04022300000638	07/01/22 - 03/31/25	67,042.00	1,810.43	-	1,300.00
WVDE	CTE - Tech Centers That Work	GRTAWD04022300000394	07/01/22 - 03/31/25	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00
WVDE	CTE - Making Schools Work	GRTAWD04022300004688	04/11/23 - 03/31/25	6,000.00	2,897.48	-	2,495.53
WVDE	CTE - Secondary Block	GRTAWD04022400000690	07/01/23 - 03/31/26	298,666.00	-	298,666.00	232,766.61
WVDE	CTE - AET Online Records	GRTAWD04022400002142	10/01/23 - 03/31/26	1,140.00	-	1,140.00	990.00
WVDE	CTE - Career Exploration	GRTAWD04022400002491	09/01/23 - 03/31/26	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	974.01
WVDE	CTE - Simulated Workplace	GRTAWD04022400002611	07/01/23 - 03/31/26	750.00	-	750.00	-
WVDE	CTE - E-Sports BHS	GRTAWD04022400003024	12/01/23 - 03/31/26	1,100.00	-	1,100.00	-
WVDE	CTE - Let's Fly WV HHS	GRTAWD04022400003785	05/01/24 - 03/31/26	800.00	-	800.00	-
WVDE	CTE - Program Modernization	GRTAWD04022400000882	07/01/23 - 03/31/26	41,008.00	-	41,008.00	38,466.13
WVDE	CTE - Tech Centers That Work	GRTAWD04022400001182	07/01/23 - 03/31/26	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	-
WVDE	CTE Equipment Replacement	GRTAWD04022400000831	07/01/23 - 03/31/26	27,434.00	-	27,434.00	-
WVDE	WV Leaders of Literacy	GRTAWD04022300000816	07/01/22 - 03/31/25	93,220.00	48,984.76	-	24,078.83
WVDE	WV Leaders of Literacy	GRTAWD04022400001070	07/01/23 - 03/31/26	104,040.00	-	104,040.00	27,624.93
WVDE	Truancy Diversion Program	GRTAWD04022300002554	07/01/22 - 03/31/25	41,594.00	41,594.00	-	41,594.00

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF STATE GRANT RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES (CONTINUED)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Awarding Agency	Grant Name	Grant Identification	Period of Award	Total Grant Award	Beginning Balance (7/1/23)	Current Year Receipts	Current Y Expenditu
WVDE	State ESL Funds	GRTAWD04022200002154	07/01/21 - 03/31/24	2,334.52	2,317.67	(1,251.62)	1,06
WVDE	State ESL Funds	GRTAWD04022300001501	07/01/22 - 03/31/25	2,438.10	2,438.10	-	
WVDE	State ESL Funds	GRTAWD04022400001739	07/01/23 - 03/31/25	2,347.95	-	2,347.95	
WVDE	Safe Schools Fund Grant Allocation 20	GRTAWD04022400001406	07/01/23 - 03/31/26	95,000.00	-	95,000.00	85,48
WVDE	Tools for Schools	GRTAWD04022300002674	07/01/22 - 03/31/25	310,719.00	6,106.25	-	6,10
WVDE	Tools for Schools	GRTAWD04022400002012	07/01/23 - 03/31/26	309,618.00	-	309,618.00	309,61
WVDE	WV Science Fair	GRTAWD04022200002830	10/12/21 - 03/31/24	4,000.00	1,550.00	(1,550.00)	
WVDE	WV Social Studies Fair	GRTAWD04022200002837	10/12/21 - 03/31/24	4,000.00	1,550.00	(1,550.00)	
WVDE	WV International School	GRTAWD04022200004933	04/01/22 - 03/31/24	6,000.00	1,660.00	-	1,66
WVDE	Math4Life - County	GRTAWD04022200005111	03/30/22 - 03/31/24	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	3,58
WVDE	Math4Life - Classroom	GRTAWD04022200005399	05/03/22 - 03/31/24	1,780.00	816.03	-	
WVDE	Leadership Framework	GRTAWD04022200005579	05/11/22 - 03/31/24	2,000.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	
WVDE	Math4Life - County	GRTAWD04022300003360	12/19/22 - 03/31/25	4,970.00	4,970.00	-	
WVDE	Math4Life - Classroom	GRTAWD04022300004090	03/01/23 - 03/31/25	1,180.00	24.10	-	
WVDE	Leadership Framework	GRTAWD04022300004229	03/06/23 - 03/31/25	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	
WVDE	WV International School	GRTAWD04022300004571	04/01/23 - 03/31/25	6,000.00	6,000.00	-	2,87
WVDE	WV INVEST Conference	GRTAWD04022300004936	05/01/23 - 03/31/25	24,250.00	7,534.19	-	3,22
WVDE	Grow Your Own Pathway	GRTAWD04022300004164	03/06/23 - 03/31/25	2,200.00	257.75	-	
WVDE	Grow Your Own Pathway	GRTAWD04022400002868	12/01/23 - 09/30/24	4,782.50	-	4,782.50	4,35
WVDE	Teacher of the Year	GRTAWD04022400003098	02/05/24 - 03/31/25	300.00	-	300.00	
WVDE	Leadership Framework	GRTAWD04022400003421	03/29/24 - 03/31/25	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	
WVDE	NB Classroom Grant	GRTAWD04022400003852	05/02/24 - 06/30/25	600.00	-	600.00	
WVDE	Academic Showdown	GRTAWD04022400004025	05/24/24 - 03/31/26	250.00	-	250.00	
WVDE	Academic Showdown	GRTAWD04022400004026	05/24/24 - 03/31/26	250.00	-	250.00	
WVDE	AP Test Fees	GRTAWD04022400004329	06/12/24 - 03/31/25	636.00	-	-	63
WVDE	CTE - INVEST	GRTAWD04022400004141	06/01/24 - 03/31/26	600.00	-	-	
WVDE	EPIC CTE Project	GRTAWD04021900003869	12/01/18 - 06/30/22	50,000.00			
WVDE	Tuition Reimbursement	GRTAWD04022200003575	07/01/21 - 03/31/24	126.50	(126.50)	126.50	
WVDE	Tuition Reimbursement	GRTAWD04022300005261	07/01/22 - 06/30/24	11,845.00	(11,845.00)	11,845.00	
WVDE	Tuition Reimbursement	GRTAWD04022300005294	07/01/22 - 06/30/24	13,896.50	(13,896.50)	13,896.50	
WVDE	Tuition Reimbursement	GRTAWD04022400004431	07/01/23 - 06/30/25	8,650.01	-	-	8,65
WVDE	Tuition Reimbursement	GRTAWD04022400004460	07/01/23 - 06/30/25	1,095.00	-	-	1,09
WVDE	ACE Program Block	GRTAWD04022300001052	07/01/22 - 03/31/25	309,346.00	22,334.91	-	
WVDE	ACE Modernization Grant	GRTAWD04022300005010	05/18/23 - 03/31/25	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,99
WVDE	ACE Program Block	GRTAWD04022400001782	07/01/23 - 03/31/26	347,425.00	-	347,425.00	346,65
WVDE	CTE Program Modernization	GRTAWD04022200000840	07/01/21 - 03/31/24	28,528.00	1,884.09	-	1,88
WVDE	CTE ProStart Program	GRTAWD04022300003269	07/01/22 - 03/31/25	500.00	500.00		
WVDE	Food Svc - Summer Supplement	GRTAWD04022200006156	06/22/22 - 03/31/24	4,350.00	4,350.00	-	4,35
WVDE	Food Svc - From Scratch Training	GRTAWD04022300005117	03/01/23 - 03/31/25	8,000.00	-	8,000.00	
WVDE	Food Svc - GWE Equipment	GRTAWD04022300005026	05/01/23 - 03/31/25	6,150.00	-	6,150.00	6,15
WVDE	Food Svc - GWE Farm to School	GRTAWD04022400004271	04/01/24 - 03/31/26	4,800.00	-	-	
WVDE	Food Svc - Backpack Grant	GRTAWD04022400002078	09/01/23 - 06/30/25	50,415.10	-	50,415.10	49,99
WVDE	Food Svc - From Scratch Training	GRTAWD04022400002298	10/01/23 - 06/30/25	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	
			TOTAL:		**$ 578,641.07**	**$ 1,689,605.40**	**$ 1,810,49**

REPORTS ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTER

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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*

Honorable Members of
Putnam County Board of Education
Winfield, West Virginia

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Putnam County Board of Education as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Putnam County Board of Education's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 14, 2025.

Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Report On Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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



Huntington, West Virginia
January 14, 2025

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

Honorable Members of
Putnam County Board of Education
Winfield, West Virginia

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

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

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

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

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

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

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

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

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



Huntington, West Virginia
January 14, 2025

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

There were no findings in the prior year.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued:	Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
Material weakness identified	No
Significant deficiency identified that is not considered to be material weakness?	None Reported
Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted?	No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:	
Material weakness identified	No
Significant deficiency identified that is not considered to be material weakness?	None Reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:	Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR Section 200.516(a)?	No

The programs tested as major programs included:

Program	Assistance Listing #
U.S. Department of Education	
Pass-through West Virginia Department of Education	
Title I	84.010A
Vocational Education	84.048A
U.S. Department of Agriculture	
Pass-through West Virginia Department of Agriculture	
Child Nutrition Cluster	
Food distribution - Donated	10.555
Pass-through West Virginia Department of Education	
Child Nutrition Cluster	
Food Service Centralized	10.533/10.555/10.559

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Program:	$750,000
Auditee qualifies as a low-risk auditee?	Yes

B. FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

None reported.

C. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS

None reported.

APPENDIX B

ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC DATA
PUTNAM COUNTY (WEST VIRGINIA)

General: The Virginia General Assembly formed Putnam County on March 11, 1848, from parts of Cabell, Kanawha, and Mason Counties, West Virginia. Putnam County was one of the original 50 Virginia counties admitted to the Union as the State of West Virginia on June 20, 1863. The County has a total area of approximately 350 square miles, of which approximately 346 square miles are land and less than 5 square miles are water. Major highways include Interstate 64, U.S. Route 35, U.S. Route 60. Winfield is its county seat, which is located approximately 25 miles from the State capitol of Charleston, West Virginia. Hurricane is the largest city in the County with a population of approximately 6,977.



County Seat: City of Winfield

The County: The County is governed by, and generally acts through, The County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia. The Commissioners of the County Commission are elected on a countywide basis.

County Commissioners:
Andy Skidmore
Brian Ellis
Doug Pierson

Population			
2020	57,443	1,791,646	331,577,720
2021	57,365	1,785,618	332,099,760
2022	57,070	1,774,122	334,017,321
2023	56,942	1,770,495	336,806,231
2024	57,067	1,769,979	340,110,988

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division

Per Capita Personal Income ($)			
Year	**Putnam County**	**West Virginia**	**United States**
2019	47,921	42,615	55,567
2020	49,997	44,869	59,123
2021	53,879	48,802	64,460
2022	54,441	50,134	66,244
2023	58,105	52,826	69,810

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis

Average Annual Unemployment Rates (%) Not Seasonally Adjusted			
	Putnam County	West Virginia	United States
2019	4.4	4.9	3.7
2020	7.4	8.3	8.1
2021	4.3	5.1	5.4
2022	3.3	3.9	3.7
2023	3.2	3.9	3.6

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Largest Employers in County
March 2024
1. Toyota Manufacturing, WV, Inc.
2. Putnam County Board of Education
3. Vandalia Health
4. Appalachian Power Company, DBA
5. Triton Construction, Inc.
6. Wal-Mart Associates, Inc.
7. Putnam County Commission
8. Diamond Electric MFG Corp
9. Day & Zimmermann NPS, Inc.
10. Kanawha Stone Company, Inc.

Source: WORKFORCE West Virginia

Average Employment	
	2024
Putnam County	25,974
West Virginia	753,542

Source: WORKFORCE West Virginia

Average Weekly Wage ($)	
Putnam County	1,278
West Virginia	1,127

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (Second Quarter, 2024)

Average Annual Employment by Industry (2023)	
Natural Resources and Mining	78
Construction	2,429
Manufacturing	3,232
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	4,734
Information	187
Financial Activities	611
Professional and Business Services	2,073
Education and Health Services	2,487
Leisure and Hospitality	1,959
Other Services	417
Unclassified	15
Federal Government	205
State Government	237
Local Government	1,721

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Wages Per Industry ($) (2023)		
Natural Resources and Mining	3,049,624	750
Construction	188,148,931	1,490
Manufacturing	245,499,392	1,461
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	290,483,882	1,180
Information	13,028,832	1,337
Financial Activities	45,728,596	1,438
Professional and Business Services	142,676,556	1,323
Education and Health Services	134,774,811	1,042
Leisure and Hospitality	38,848,155	381
Other Services	23,387,437	1,078
Unclassified	919,268	1,199
Federal Government	14,425,817	1,352
State Government	11,242,767	911
Local Government	92,189,202	1,030

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Total Wages ($)		
Year	Putnam County	West Virginia
2020	1,034,152,792	31,292,852,070
2021	1,082,357,422	33,217,958,335
2022	1,220,764,300	35,817,336,999
2023	1,244,403,270	38,418,362,917

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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APPENDIX C

PROPOSED FORM OF OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL

[_____], 2025

The Board of Education of the County of Putnam
77 Courthouse Drive
Winfield, WV 25213

Re: $49,870,000 The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (West Virginia) Public School Bonds, Series 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have examined, in our capacity as Bond Counsel to The Board of Education of The County of Putnam, (West Virginia) (the "Issuer"), the transcript of proceedings (the "Transcript") relating to the issuance by the Issuer of its $49,870,000 in aggregate principal amount of Public School Bonds, Series 2025, dated [_____], 2025 (the "Bonds"). The Bonds are (i) issued in fully registered form, (ii) are dated [_____], 2025, (iii) upon original issuance, are represented by a single bond for each maturity, numbered R-1 through R-15, (iv) are of the denominations of $5,000 or integral multiples thereof, and (v) mature on June 1 in years and amounts and bear interest payable each June 1 and December 1, commencing June 1, 2026, at the rates set forth in the Official Statement of the Issuer, dated [_____], 2025. The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity as set forth in the Official Statement.

The Bonds were authorized at an election held in the Putnam County School District (the "School District") on November 5, 2024 (the "Election"), and by a resolution and order adopted by the Issuer on December 16, 2024 (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the "Bond Resolution"), and are issued pursuant to Chapter 13, Article 1 of the Code of West Virginia Code, 1931, as amended (the "Act"), for the purposes of set forth in the Order of the Issuer, approved and adopted by the Issuer on August 5, 2024, and approved by voters of the School District at the Election.

As to questions of fact material to our opinion, we have relied upon the representations, covenants and certifications of the Issuer contained in the Bond Resolution, a Tax and Non-Arbitrage Certificate of the Issuer dated the date hereof (the "Tax Certificate") and the certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials furnished to us without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation. We have assumed the genuineness of all documents and signatures presented to us (whether as originals or as copies) and the due and legal execution and delivery thereof by, and validity against, any parties. We have assumed, without undertaking to verify, the accuracy of the factual matters represented, warranted or certified in the documents contained in the Transcript.

Based upon the foregoing, and assuming compliance with the covenants of the Issuer contained in the Bond Resolution, the Tax and Non-Arbitrage Certificate and in certain other certificates delivered in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, we are of the opinion, under existing law, as of the date hereof, that:

1. The Issuer is duly organized and is a validly existing statutory corporation charged with the supervision and control of the School District, which is a validly existing political subdivision of the State of West Virginia, and has full power and authority to adopt the Bond Resolution and to issue and sell the Bonds under the provisions of the Act and other applicable provisions of law.

2. The issuance and sale of the Bonds have been duly authorized pursuant to and in full compliance with the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, the Act and the Bond Resolution. The Bond Resolution is in full force and effect as of the date hereof.

3. The Bonds have been duly authorized and validly issued by the Issuer in accordance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of West Virginia and constitute valid and legally binding general obligations of the Issuer, and unless the Bonds are paid from other sources, the Issuer has the power and is obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within Putnam County School District to pay the Bonds and the interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount.

4. Under existing laws, regulations, rules and published rulings and judicial decisions of the United States of America, as presently written and applied, interest on the Bonds is excludable from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, and such interest will not be treated as a preference item in calculating the alternative minimum tax that may be imposed under the Code with upon individuals. The opinions set forth in the proceeding sentence are subject to the condition that the Issuer comply, on a continuing basis, with all requirements of the Code that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that interest thereon be, or continue to be, excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The Issuer has covenanted to comply with each such requirement. Failure to comply with certain of such requirements may cause the interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds. We express no other opinion regarding federal tax consequences with respect to the Bonds.

5. Under the Act, as currently written and applied, the Bonds are exempt from all taxation by the State of West Virginia or by any political subdivision thereof.

6. We have examined the executed and authenticated Bond No. R-1 of said issue, and in our opinion, said Bond is in proper form and has been duly executed and authenticated.

Except as described herein, we express no opinion regarding other federal or state tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds. We express no opinion on the effect of any action hereafter taken or not taken in reliance upon an opinion of other counsel on the excludability from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on the Bonds, or under state and local tax law.

It is to be understood that the rights of the holders of the Bonds and the enforceability of the Bonds and the liens, pledges, rights or remedies with respect to the Bonds and the Bond Resolution are subject to any applicable bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, moratorium or other similar laws heretofore or hereafter enacted affecting creditors' rights or remedies generally, and that their enforcement may also be subject to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases. We express no opinion with respect to any indemnification, contribution, penalty, choice of law, choice of forum, choice of venue, waiver or severability provisions contained in the foregoing documents or other offering material relating to the Bonds and express no opinion with respect thereto.

This opinion is rendered solely for your benefit and is furnished only with respect to the transactions contemplated by the Bond Resolution and the documents included in the Transcript. Accordingly, this opinion may not be relied upon by or quoted to any other person or entity without, in each instance, our prior written consent.

The opinions herein may be affected by actions taken or omitted or events occurring after the date hereof. We have not undertaken to determine, or to inform any person, whether any such actions are taken or omitted or events do occur or any other matters that come to our attention after the date hereof.

Accordingly, this opinion speaks only as of its date and is not intended to, and may not, be relied upon in connection with any such actions, events or matters.

Very truly yours,

BOWLES RICE LLP

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APPENDIX D

PROPOSED PROJECTS

PROJECT	LOCATION	ESTIMATED COST
New Hurricane Middle School Develop, acquire, design, construct, equip, furnish, improve, and pay all fees and expenses for a new Hurricane Middle School (replacing existing Hurricane Middle School as described below), which will meet the School Building Authority of West Virginia standards and guidelines and provide a safe and engaging learning environment for students. The new school will serve students in grades 6 through 8.	Adjacent to the existing Hurricane High School site in Hurricane, West Virginia	$64,628,344
New Football Stadium Bleachers and Press Boxes, and New Athletic Field Lighting for Hurricane High School Develop, acquire, design, construct, equip, furnish, improve, and pay all fees and expenses related to athletic facility improvements at Hurricane High School, including, without limitation, new bleachers, press boxes and lighting at the football stadium, and new field lighting at the soccer, baseball and softball facilities.	To be located at the existing Hurricane High School athletic facilities in Hurricane, West Virginia	$3,251,556
New Football Stadium Bleachers and Press Boxes, and New Athletic Field Lighting for Winfield High School Develop, acquire, design, construct, equip, furnish, improve, and pay all fees and expenses related to athletic facility improvements at Winfield High School, including, without limitation, new bleachers, press boxes and lighting at the football stadium, and new field lighting at the soccer, baseball and softball facilities.	To be located at the existing Winfield High School athletic facilities in Winfield, West Virginia	$2,666,556
New Football Stadium Bleachers and Press Boxes, and New Athletic Field Lighting for Poca High School. Develop, acquire, design, construct, equip, furnish, improve, and pay all fees and expenses related to athletic facility improvements at Poca High School, including, without limitation, new bleachers, press boxes and lighting at the football stadium, and new	To be located at the existing Poca High School athletic facilities in Poca, West Virginia	$1,926,556

field lighting at the baseball and softball facilities.		
New Baseball and Softball Field Lighting for Buffalo High School Develop, acquire, design, construct, equip, furnish, improve, and pay all fees and expenses related to new baseball and softball field lighting at Buffalo High School.	To be located at the existing Buffalo High School baseball and softball facilities in Buffalo, West Virginia	$1,076,988
New Football Field Lighting for George Washington Middle School, Winfield Middle School and Poca Middle School Develop, acquire, design, construct, equip, furnish, improve, and pay all fees and expenses related to new football field lighting at George Washington Middle School, Winfield Middle School and Poca Middle School.	To be located at the applicable middle school athletic facilities in Putnam County, West Virginia	$1,020,000
	Total Estimated Project Costs (excluding Costs of Issuance): Project Costs Funded by Other Sources, including but not limited to SBA Funds, and/or Federal, State, Local, Lease Purchase, and/or Private Funds: Project Costs Funded by Bond Proceeds: Estimated Costs of Issuance Funded by Bond Proceeds: **TOTAL PAR AMOUNT OF BONDS:**	**$74,570,000** $25,000,000 $49,570,000 $300,000 **$49,870,000**

The amounts set forth above as "Total Par Amount of Bonds" for the Projects include estimated Costs of Issuance for the Bonds, which may be funded from the proceeds of the Bonds. The Board shall also be authorized to pay such Costs of Issuance from its general funds and/or the proceeds of the Bonds, as the Board deems appropriate at the time such Costs of Issuance are required to be paid.

If Bonds proposed hereby are issued, then, in connection with the Projects proposed in the Order, upon the completion of the new Hurricane Middle School in the vicinity of Hurricane, West Virginia, the existing Hurricane Middle School (serving students in grades 6 through 8) will be closed as a middle school, and certain of those students in grades 6 through 8 will be assigned to and will attend the new Hurricane Middle School.

The foregoing estimated Project Cost amounts include the costs of acquiring any necessary lands, sites and rights-of-way and easements, if necessary to complete the Projects, the payment of interest on the Bonds while the Projects are under construction and up to six months thereafter, and any engineering and architectural costs, construction costs, including, but not limited to, construction manager fees and expenses, the cost of using county maintenance personnel, the costs of erecting, improving, equipping and furnishing the Projects, the costs and estimated costs of the issuance of the Bonds, and such other costs, fees, and expenses as may be necessary and/or properly incurred in carrying out the Projects. All Handicapped and E.S.S.I.A. Title 1 expenditures are subject to written approval by the West Virginia Department of Education.

The estimated Project Costs set forth above are based upon the estimates provided to the Board by its architects, engineers and other professional advisers, and the actual costs of completing any one or more of the Projects may vary due to circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the Board. To the extent the actual cost to complete any one or more of the Projects is greater or less than such estimates, the Board, in its reasonable discretion, can allocate and expend the available funds (including proceeds of the Bonds, School Building Authority of West Virginia grant funds and other funds available to the Board) between the Projects as necessary to carry out the intent of this Order; provided however, that in any event, the Board shall use its best efforts to complete each of the Projects described above, to the extent sufficient funding is available.

If the proceeds of the Bonds and/or amounts allocated for the above-stated purposes are insufficient to complete the Projects, then the Board, in its discretion, shall allocate such shortfall to one or more of the above-stated purposes. In the event the Board shall obtain additional money by grant or otherwise from the State or Federal government, or from any agency of either, or from any other source (including private funds, local funds, lease purchase proceeds, or other funds made available to the Board), for use in the acquisition, construction, renovation, improvement, furnishing, and/or equipping of the Projects, such additional money may be used either in substitution for or in addition to the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds proposed hereby, as may be determined by the Board and the granting body or agency.

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APPENDIX E

BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM

1. The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, NY, will act as securities depository for the Bonds (the "Securities"). The Securities will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered Security certificate will be issued for each the Securities, each in the aggregate principal amount of each such Security, all of which certificates will be deposited with DTC.

2. DTC, the world's largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has a Standard & Poor's rating of AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10. The Board may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Security certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.

11. The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the Board believes to be reliable, but the Board takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE BOARD

Harold L. "Chuck" Hatfield, President

Chuck Hatfield is a retired educator with 43 years of service in West Virginia public schools. Chuck holds a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Social Studies from Glenville State College and a master's degree in educational administration from West Virginia College of Graduate Studies.

Chuck began his career as a classroom teacher before becoming principal of Eastbrook Elementary School in Putnam County in 1980. From there, he served as Director of Early Childhood Education, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Pupil Services, and Deputy Superintendent for Putnam County Schools until 2004. In 2004, he became Superintendent of Putnam County Schools, serving until his retirement in July of 2016.

During his tenure as superintendent, Putnam County Schools led the state in academic achievement and employee salaries. A major facilities improvement project was also implemented and completed through the passage of a 57-million-dollar bond and an award of 25 million dollars from the School Building Authority.

In 2009, Chuck was named West Virginia Superintendent of the Year by the West Virginia Association of School Administrators. He has been active in several educational organizations. He has held leadership positions on numerous committees, including Chairman of the RESA 3 Advisory Council, the State Superintendent's Task Force on Assessment and Accountability, the State Superintendent's Commission on Assessment, the State Superintendent's Advisory Board, the Education Alliance, North Central Association of Accreditation of Schools, and chair of the Legislative, Instructional Leadership, and Facilities committees of the West Virginia Association of School Administrators.

Christian Wells, Vice President

Christian Wells graduated from Winfield High School in 1993. He received his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from WVU soon thereafter and began a career as a civil engineer for a large engineering firm with a local office. Christian then worked for a large local general contractor in Putnam County. Eventually, he decided to go to work with his father, Terry Wells, at their family-owned general contracting and wireless business. Over the years, they've built their company into the leading wireless contractor in the region. Christian is very happily married to Kristen Wells. Their children, Emerson and Case, attend school in Winfield. The Wells family are members of Winfield Baptist and are very active in local sports with their children.

Brad Hodges, Member

Brad Hodges is a lifelong resident of Putnam County. He graduated from Winfield High School in 1973 and received his Bachelor of Science in Education from Concord College in 1977. In 2000, he received his Master of Arts in Leadership Studies from Marshall University. Brad retired from Putnam County Schools in December 2019, with forty-three years of service and the most senior employee in the county. He worked at Winfield High School, Winfield Middle School, Hurricane High School, and the Board of Education Office in Winfield. He has taught and coached at Hurricane High School, Winfield High School, and Winfield Middle School. He has been an athletic director and an assistant principal at Hurricane High School. While at the board office, he was the Coordinator of Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, Director of Administrative Services, and served as Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services.

Wade Neal, Member

Wade Neal is currently serving his second term as a Putnam County Board of Education member, having been re-elected in 2023. A lifelong resident of Putnam County, Mr. Neal is a proud graduate of Hurricane High School and Marshall University. With a strong commitment to his community, he dedicated the last 30 years of his career to Parkline Buildings, a company based in Eleanor, WV. Mr. Neal brings valuable experience and deep local roots to his role on the Board, where he continues to advocate for excellence in education across the county.

Tammy Sowards, Member

Tammy (Van Dyke) Sowards has been a proud resident of Putnam County for many years and is a graduate of Hurricane High School. She went on to earn her B.B.S. in Marketing from Marshall University and has built a

successful career in pharmaceutical sales while living in Scott Depot. Tammy and her husband, Dwayne, have raised six children who all graduated from Putnam County Schools, where the family was actively involved in a variety of athletic and academic activities, including basketball, wrestling, cheerleading, dance, track, show choir, and the National Honor Society. Tammy is excited to serve on the Putnam County Board of Education and looks forward to giving back to the outstanding school system and community that have been such an important part of her family's life.

APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF THE BOARD

John G. Hudson, Superintendent

John Hudson is completing his 41st year in education and has been the Superintendent of Putnam County Schools in West Virginia, a district of approximately 9,000 students, since July 2016. Mr. Hudson earned his undergraduate degree in Elementary Education from the University of Charleston and his master's in educational administration from Marshall University. He has served as an elementary school principal, middle school principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent.

S. L. "Chris" Campbell, Treasurer and Chief School Business Official

Chris Campbell served 3 ½ years in the WV Army National Guard and 4 years in the United States Air Force where he earned an Associates in Applied Science Degree in Logistics from the Community College of the Air Force. After receiving an Honorable Discharge, he received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from Marshall University in 1995. He became a Certified Public Accountant in 1996 and received the Certified Administrator of School Finance and Operations certification from the Association of School Business Officials International in 2014. After graduation from Marshall University he worked for public accounting firms primarily in the fields of auditing, financial statement preparation, and tax preparation (both income and payroll) as well as being the entire accounting department for a local business. He was hired as the Treasurer/Chief School Business Official for Mason County Schools (WV) in 1999 where he successfully worked on a bond implementation for bonds passed in 2004. He started the same position for Putnam County Schools in 2010 and oversaw the spending and repayment of bonds passed in 2009. He has served as President of the West Virginia Association of School Business Officials (2008) and the Southeastern Association of School Business Officials (2018). He has been married since 1987, has two adult daughters and became a grandfather in 2020.

APPENDIX G

FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

This Continuing Disclosure Agreement (this "Agreement") dated as of [_____], 2025, is entered into by and between The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (the "Board") and United Bank Charleston, West Virginia, as Dissemination Agent (the "Dissemination Agent"), in connection with the issuance of the $49,870,000 The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (West Virginia) Public School Bonds, Series 2025 (the "Bonds"). Capitalized terms used in this Agreement shall have the respective meanings specified above, in Section 2 hereof or in the Resolution and Order adopted by the Board on December 16, 2024, authorizing issuance of the Bonds (as amended and supplemented, the "Resolution"). The Board agrees as follows:

SECTION 1. Purpose of Agreement. This Agreement is being executed and delivered by the Board and the Dissemination Agent for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds and in order to assist the Participating Underwriter (as hereinafter defined) in complying with the Rule (as hereinafter defined).

SECTION 2. Definitions. In addition to the definitions set forth above or in the Resolution, which apply to any capitalized term used in this Agreement unless otherwise defined herein, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

"Annual Financial Information" means the Audited Financial Statements of the Board set forth in APPENDIX A to the Official Statement for the Bonds.

"Audited Financial Statements" means the Board's annual financial statements, prepared in accordance with GAAP, which financial statements shall have been audited by a firm of independent certified public accountants. If Audited Financial Statements are not available by the date they are required to be provided to the Dissemination Agent in accordance with Section 3 below, the Board shall by such date provide the Dissemination Agent with the Board's unaudited financial statements for the applicable fiscal year, and when available, the Audited Financial Statements.

"Beneficial Owner" shall mean any person who has the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or to dispose of ownership of, any Bonds (including persons holding Bonds through nominees, depositories or other intermediaries).

"Disclosure Representative" shall mean the Treasurer/Chief School Business Official of the Board.

"Dissemination Agent" shall initially mean United Bank, Charleston, West Virginia and any later appointed Dissemination Agent or any successor Dissemination Agent designated in writing by the Board and which has filed with the Board a written acceptance of such designation.

"EMMA" means the Electronic Municipal Market Access system described in 1934 Act Release No. 59062 and maintained by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board for purposes of the Rule.

"Financial Obligation" shall mean (a) a debt obligation, (b) a derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation, or (c) a guarantee of either (a) or (b). The term "Financial Obligation" shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the Repository consistent with the Rule.

"Listed Events" shall mean any of the events listed in Section 5(a) of this Agreement.

"Participating Underwriter" shall mean the original purchaser of the Bonds who is required to comply with the Rule in connection with offering of the Bonds.

"Repository" shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, Washington, D.C. or any other repository that may be designated for such purpose.

"Rule" shall mean Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time.

SECTION 3. Provision of Annual Financial Information.

(a) The Board shall, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent to, on or before June 30 of each year provide to the Repository: Annual Financial Information containing the Board's Audited Financial Statements for the prior fiscal year, commencing with the Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in effect from time to time. The Annual Financial Information may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package, and may cross-reference other information as provided in compliance with this Agreement. The Board shall provide the Dissemination Agent with a copy of each report filed under this Agreement. If the Board's fiscal year end changes, the Board shall give notice of such change in the same manner as for a Listed Event under Section 4(a).

(b) Not later than fifteen (15) Business Days prior to said date, the Board shall provide the Annual Financial Information to the Dissemination Agent. If the Board is unable to provide to the Repository the Annual Financial Information by the date required in subsection (a), the Board shall, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent to, provide to EMMA, a notice in substantially the form attached as Exhibit A.

(c) The Dissemination Agent shall file a report with the Board certifying that the Annual Financial Information has been provided to EMMA pursuant to this Agreement and the date provided.

(d) All documents provided to EMMA shall be provided in a searchable, electronic format and shall be accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

(e) Any or all of the items listed above may be included by specific reference to other documents, including official statements of debt issues of the Board or related public entities, which have been submitted to EMMA or the Securities and Exchange Commission. If the document included by reference is a final official statement, it must be available from the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. The Board shall clearly identify each such other document so included by reference.

SECTION 4. Reporting of Significant Events.

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of this Section 4, the Board shall give, or cause to be given by the Dissemination Agent, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events, if applicable, with respect to the Bonds:

1. principal and interest payment delinquencies;

2. non-payment related defaults, if material;

3. unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;

4. unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;

5. substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;

6. adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;

7. modifications to rights of Bondholders, if material;

8. (a) Bond calls, if material, and (b) tender offers;

9. defeasances;

10. release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;

11. rating changes;

12. bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, or similar event of the Board[1];

13. the consummation of a merger, consolidation or acquisition involving the Board, or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Board, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;

14. appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material.

15. incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Board, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the Board, any of which affect Bondholders, if material; and

16. default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the Board, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

(b) The Dissemination Agent shall, within one (1) Business Day of obtaining actual knowledge of the occurrence of any of the Listed Events contact the Disclosure Representative, inform such person of the event, and request that the Board promptly notify the Dissemination Agent in writing whether or not to report the event pursuant to subsection (f).

(c) Whenever the Board obtains knowledge of the occurrence of a Listed Event, classified under Section 4(a) (2), (7), (8)(a), (10), (13), (14) or (15), because of a notice from the Dissemination Agent pursuant to subsection (b) or otherwise, the Board shall as soon as possible determine if such event would be material under applicable federal securities laws, in any event such determination must be made and submitted to the Dissemination Agent within two (2) business days.

(d) If the Board determines that knowledge of the occurrence of any of the Listed Events, classified under Section 4(a) (2), (7), (8)(a), (10), (13), (14) or (15), would be material under applicable federal securities laws

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[1] For the purposes of the event identified in Section 5(a)(12) above, the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent, or similar officer for the Board in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Board, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Board.

pursuant to subsection (c) or the Board received notice of any Listed Event that does not require a finding of materiality classified under Section 4(a) (1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (8)(b), (9), (11), (12) or (16), the Board shall promptly file with the Dissemination Agent a notice of such occurrence to be provided to EMMA.

(e) If in response to a request under subsection (b), the Board determines that the Listed Event, classified under Section 4(a) (2), (7), (8)(a), (10), (13), (14) or (15), would not be material under applicable federal securities laws, the Board shall so notify the Dissemination Agent in writing and instruct the Dissemination Agent not to report the occurrence pursuant to subsection (f).

(f) If the Dissemination Agent has been instructed by the Board to report the occurrence of a Listed Event, the Dissemination Agent shall file a notice of such occurrence with EMMA with a copy to the Board. The Dissemination Agent must file such notice with EMMA within ten (10) business days of the occurrence of such Listed Event, or as soon as possible after receipt from the Board.

SECTION 5. Termination of Reporting Obligation. The Board's obligations under this Agreement shall terminate upon the legal defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds.

SECTION 6. Dissemination Agent. United Bank, Charleston, West Virginia is hereby appointed as Dissemination Agent. The Board may, from time to time, appoint or engage an alternate or successor Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Agreement, and may discharge any such Dissemination Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent. The Dissemination Agent shall not be responsible in any manner for the content of any notice or report prepared by the Board pursuant to this Agreement.

SECTION 7. Amendment. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Board and the Dissemination Agent may amend this Agreement provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) If the amendment relates to the provisions of Sections 3(a) or 4(a), it may only be made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, change in law, or change in the identity, nature or status of the Board with respect to the Bonds, or the type of business conducted;

(b) The undertaking, as amended, would, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of the original issuance of the Bonds, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances; and

(c) The amendment does not, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, materially impair the interests of the holders or beneficial owners of the Bonds.

In the event of any amendment of a provision of this Agreement, the Board shall describe such amendment in the next Annual Financial Information filing due under this Agreement, and shall include, as applicable, a narrative explanation of the reason for the amendment and its impact on the type (or in the case of a change of accounting principles, on the presentation) of financial information being presented. In addition, if the amendment relates to the accounting principles to be followed in preparing financial statements, the Annual Financial Information for the year in which the change is made should present a comparison (in narrative form and also, if feasible, in quantitative form) between the financial statements as prepared on the basis of the new accounting principles and those prepared on the basis of the former accounting principles.

SECTION 8. Additional Information. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to prevent the Board from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Agreement or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Financial Information or notice of occurrence of any of the Listed Events, in addition to that which is required by this Agreement. If the Board chooses to include any information in any Annual Financial Information or notice of occurrence of any of the Listed Events in addition to that which is specifically required by this Agreement, the Board shall have no obligation under this

Agreement to update such information or include it in any future Annual Financial Information or notice of occurrence of any of the Listed Events.

SECTION 9. Default. In the event of a failure of the Board to comply with any provision of this Agreement (and, at the request of the Participating Underwriter), any Holder or Beneficial Owner of the Bonds may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandate or specific performance by court order, to cause the Board to comply with its obligations under this Agreement. A default under this Agreement shall not be deemed an Event of Default or default under the Resolution or the Bonds, and the sole remedy under this Agreement in the event of any failure of the Board to comply with this Agreement shall be an action to compel performance.

SECTION 10. Notices. Any notices or communications to or among any of the parties to the Agreement may be given as follows:

To the Board: The Board of Education of the County of Putnam
77 Courthouse Drive
Winfield, WV 25213

To the Dissemination Agent: United Bank 500
Virginia Street, East
Charleston, West Virginia 25301

Any person may, by written notice to the other persons listed above, designate a different address or telephone number(s) to which subsequent notices or communications should be sent.

SECTION 11. Beneficiaries. This Agreement shall inure solely to the benefit of the Board, the Dissemination Agent, the Participating Underwriter and holders and beneficial owners from time to time of the Bonds, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

SECTION 12. Counterparts. The Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

SECTION 13. Fees. The Board agrees to pay all fees and expenses of the Dissemination Agent including, without limitation, all reasonable expenses, charges, costs, attorney's fees and other disbursements in the administration and performance of the Dissemination Agent's duties.

SECTION 14. Right to Resign. The Dissemination Agent may resign at any time by providing thirty (30) days' written notice to the Board.

SECTION 15. Right to Counsel. The Dissemination Agent shall have the right to consult with counsel in carrying out its duties under the Agreement and to rely upon an opinion of counsel.

SECTION 16. Duties of Dissemination Agent. The Dissemination Agent shall have only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Agreement, and no further duties or responsibilities shall be implied. Any corporation or association into which the Dissemination Agent in its individual capacity may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any corporation or association resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which the Dissemination Agent in its individual capacity shall be a party, or any corporation or association to which all or substantially all the corporate trust business of the Dissemination Agent in its individual capacity may be sold or otherwise transferred, shall be the Dissemination Agent under this Agreement without further act. Anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, in no event shall the Dissemination Agent be liable for special, indirect or consequential loss or damage of any kind whatsoever (including but not limited to lost profits), even if the Dissemination Agent has been advised of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of action. The Board will, for the benefit of the Dissemination Agent and Dissemination Agent's employees, directors, agents, subsidiaries, affiliates, successors and assigns, assume all liability and/or be

responsible to pay for any and all claims, demands, causes of action, losses, damages, liabilities, penalties, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) relating to this Agreement, to the extent assessed by a court of competent jurisdiction.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board and the Dissemination Agent have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective authorized representatives, all as of the date first above written.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM

By: _____
Name:
Title: President

United Bank, as Dissemination Agent

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Date: [_____], 2025

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE TO REPOSITORY
OF FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Name of Issuer:	The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (West Virginia)
Name of Bond Issue:	$49,870,000 The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (West Virginia) Public School Bonds, Series 2025
Date of Bond Issue:	[_____], 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board has not provided Annual Financial Information with respect to the above-named Bonds as required by Section 3(b) of this Continuing Disclosure Agreement dated as of _____ __, 2025. The Board anticipates that the Annual Financial Information will be filed by _____, 20__.

Dated: _____, 20__

United Bank, as Dissemination Agent
on behalf of the Board

cc: Board

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Tab 33

The Depository Trust Company

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BLANKET ISSUER LETTER OF REPRESENTATIONS

(To be completed by Issuer and Co-Issuer(s), if applicable)

The Board of Education of the County of Putnam

(Name of Issuer and Co-Issuer(s), if applicable)

07/17/2025

(Date)

The Depository Trust Company
18301 Bermuda Green Drive
Tampa, FL 33647
Attention: Underwriting Department

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter sets forth our understanding with respect to all issues (the "Securities") that Issuer shall request to be made eligible for deposit by The Depository Trust Company ("DTC").

Issuer is: **(Note: Issuer shall represent one and cross out the other.)**

~~[incorporated in]~~ [formed under the laws of] West Virginia.

To induce DTC to accept the Securities as eligible for deposit at DTC, and to act in accordance with DTC's Rules with respect to the Securities, Issuer represents to DTC that issuer will comply with the requirements stated in DTC's Operational Arrangements, as they may be amended from time to time.

Very truly yours,

Note:
Schedule A contains statements that DTC believes accurately describe DTC, the method of effecting book-entry transfers of securities distributed through DTC, and certain related matters.

The Board of Education of the County of Putnam
(Issuer)

By: John G. Hudson
(Authorized Officer's Signature)

John G. Hudson, Superintendent
(Print Name)

77 Courthouse Drive
(Street Address)

Winfield, WV, Putnam County 25213
(City) (State) (Country) (Zip Code)

304-586-0500
(Phone Number)

jghudson@k12.wv.us
(E-mail Address)

DTCC

SCHEDULE A
(To Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations)

SAMPLE OFFERING DOCUMENT LANGUAGE DESCRIBING BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY ISSUANCE

(Prepared by DTC--bracketed material may be applicable only to certain issues)

1. The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), will act as securities depository for the securities (the "Securities"). The Securities will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered Security certificate will be issued for [each issue of] the Securities, [each] in the aggregate principal amount of such issue, and will be deposited with DTC. [If, however, the aggregate principal amount of [any] issue exceeds $500 million, one certificate will be issued with respect to each $500 million of principal amount, and an additional certificate will be issued with respect to any remaining principal amount of such issue.]

2. DTC, the world's largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has a Standard & Poor's rating of AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at **www.dtcc.com**.

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

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

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

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

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

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

[9. A Beneficial Owner shall give notice to elect to have its Securities purchased or tendered, through its Participant, to [Tender/Remarketing] Agent, and shall effect delivery of such Securities by causing the Direct Participant to transfer the Participant's interest in the Securities, on DTC's records, to [Tender/Remarketing] Agent. The requirement for physical delivery of Securities in connection with an optional tender or a mandatory purchase will be deemed satisfied when the ownership rights in the Securities are transferred by Direct Participants on DTC's records and followed by a book-entry credit of tendered Securities to [Tender/Remarketing] Agent's DTC account.]

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

11. Issuer may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Security certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.

12. The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that Issuer believes to be reliable, but Issuer takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

Tab 36

$49,870,000

The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (West Virginia)
Public School Bonds, Series 2025

Sources & Uses

Dated 07/17/2025 | Delivered 07/17/2025

Sources Of Funds

Par Amount of Bonds	$49,870,000.00
Reoffering Premium	2,841,345.15
Total Sources	**$52,711,345.15**

Uses Of Funds

Deposit to Project Construction Fund	52,063,500.00
Total Underwriter's Discount (0.698%)	347,845.15
Costs of Issuance	300,000.00
Total Uses	**$52,711,345.15**

Crews&Associates
Investment Bankers

$49,870,000

The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (West Virginia)
Public School Bonds, Series 2025

Pricing Summary

Maturity	Type of Bond	Coupon	Yield	Maturity Value	Price		YTM	Call Date	Call Price	Dollar Price
06/01/2026	Serial Coupon	5.000%	2.860%	1,920,000.00	101.827%		-	-	-	1,955,078.40
06/01/2027	Serial Coupon	5.000%	2.870%	2,280,000.00	103.852%		-	-	-	2,367,825.60
06/01/2028	Serial Coupon	5.000%	2.900%	2,420,000.00	105.744%		-	-	-	2,559,004.80
06/01/2029	Serial Coupon	5.000%	2.920%	2,565,000.00	107.560%		-	-	-	2,758,914.00
06/01/2030	Serial Coupon	5.000%	3.020%	2,720,000.00	108.904%		-	-	-	2,962,188.80
06/01/2031	Serial Coupon	5.000%	3.130%	2,880,000.00	109.956%		-	-	-	3,166,732.80
06/01/2032	Serial Coupon	5.000%	3.230%	3,055,000.00	110.826%		-	-	-	3,385,734.30
06/01/2033	Serial Coupon	4.000%	3.450%	3,235,000.00	103.760%		-	-	-	3,356,636.00
06/01/2034	Serial Coupon	5.000%	3.480%	3,430,000.00	111.513%		-	-	-	3,824,895.90
06/01/2035	Serial Coupon	5.000%	3.640%	3,635,000.00	111.189%		-	-	-	4,041,720.15
06/01/2036	Serial Coupon	5.000%	3.850%	3,855,000.00	109.366%	c	3.932%	06/01/2035	100.000%	4,216,059.30
06/01/2037	Serial Coupon	5.000%	3.950%	4,085,000.00	108.510%	c	4.088%	06/01/2035	100.000%	4,432,633.50
06/01/2038	Serial Coupon	4.000%	4.100%	4,330,000.00	99.003%		-	-	-	4,286,829.90
06/01/2039	Serial Coupon	4.125%	4.200%	4,590,000.00	99.213%		-	-	-	4,553,876.70
06/01/2040	Serial Coupon	4.250%	4.300%	4,870,000.00	99.450%		-	-	-	4,843,215.00
Total		**-**	**-**	**-**	**$49,870,000.00**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**$52,711,345.15**

Bid Information

Par Amount of Bonds	$49,870,000.00
Reoffering Premium or (Discount)	2,841,345.15
Gross Production	$52,711,345.15
Total Underwriter's Discount (0.698%)	$(347,845.15)
Bid (105.000%)	52,363,500.00
Total Purchase Price	$52,363,500.00
Bond Year Dollars	$448,017.72
Average Life	8.984 Years
Average Coupon	4.5731453%
Net Interest Cost (NIC)	4.0165825%
True Interest Cost (TIC)	3.8981097%

Crews&Associates
Investment Bankers

$49,870,000

The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (West Virginia)
Public School Bonds, Series 2025

Debt Service Schedule - Annual

Date	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total P+I
06/01/2026	1,920,000.00	5.000%	2,042,013.96	3,962,013.96
06/01/2027	2,280,000.00	5.000%	2,245,162.50	4,525,162.50
06/01/2028	2,420,000.00	5.000%	2,131,162.50	4,551,162.50
06/01/2029	2,565,000.00	5.000%	2,010,162.50	4,575,162.50
06/01/2030	2,720,000.00	5.000%	1,881,912.50	4,601,912.50
06/01/2031	2,880,000.00	5.000%	1,745,912.50	4,625,912.50
06/01/2032	3,055,000.00	5.000%	1,601,912.50	4,656,912.50
06/01/2033	3,235,000.00	4.000%	1,449,162.50	4,684,162.50
06/01/2034	3,430,000.00	5.000%	1,319,762.50	4,749,762.50
06/01/2035	3,635,000.00	5.000%	1,148,262.50	4,783,262.50
06/01/2036	3,855,000.00	5.000%	966,512.50	4,821,512.50
06/01/2037	4,085,000.00	5.000%	773,762.50	4,858,762.50
06/01/2038	4,330,000.00	4.000%	569,512.50	4,899,512.50
06/01/2039	4,590,000.00	4.125%	396,312.50	4,986,312.50
06/01/2040	4,870,000.00	4.250%	206,975.00	5,076,975.00
Total	**$49,870,000.00**	**-**	**$20,488,501.46**	**$70,358,501.46**

Yield Statistics

Bond Year Dollars	$448,017.72
Average Life	8.984 Years
Average Coupon	4.5731453%
Net Interest Cost (NIC)	4.0165825%
True Interest Cost (TIC)	3.8981097%
Bond Yield for Arbitrage Purposes	3.7799467%
All Inclusive Cost (AIC)	3.9785436%

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Net Interest Cost	3.7581249%
Weighted Average Maturity	8.908 Years

Crews&Associates
Investment Bankers

$49,870,000

The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (West Virginia)
Public School Bonds, Series 2025

Debt Service Schedule - Semiannual

Date	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total P+I
12/01/2025	-	-	-	-
06/01/2026	1,920,000.00	5.000%	2,042,013.96	3,962,013.96
12/01/2026	-	-	1,122,581.25	1,122,581.25
06/01/2027	2,280,000.00	5.000%	1,122,581.25	3,402,581.25
12/01/2027	-	-	1,065,581.25	1,065,581.25
06/01/2028	2,420,000.00	5.000%	1,065,581.25	3,485,581.25
12/01/2028	-	-	1,005,081.25	1,005,081.25
06/01/2029	2,565,000.00	5.000%	1,005,081.25	3,570,081.25
12/01/2029	-	-	940,956.25	940,956.25
06/01/2030	2,720,000.00	5.000%	940,956.25	3,660,956.25
12/01/2030	-	-	872,956.25	872,956.25
06/01/2031	2,880,000.00	5.000%	872,956.25	3,752,956.25
12/01/2031	-	-	800,956.25	800,956.25
06/01/2032	3,055,000.00	5.000%	800,956.25	3,855,956.25
12/01/2032	-	-	724,581.25	724,581.25
06/01/2033	3,235,000.00	4.000%	724,581.25	3,959,581.25
12/01/2033	-	-	659,881.25	659,881.25
06/01/2034	3,430,000.00	5.000%	659,881.25	4,089,881.25
12/01/2034	-	-	574,131.25	574,131.25
06/01/2035	3,635,000.00	5.000%	574,131.25	4,209,131.25
12/01/2035	-	-	483,256.25	483,256.25
06/01/2036	3,855,000.00	5.000%	483,256.25	4,338,256.25
12/01/2036	-	-	386,881.25	386,881.25
06/01/2037	4,085,000.00	5.000%	386,881.25	4,471,881.25
12/01/2037	-	-	284,756.25	284,756.25
06/01/2038	4,330,000.00	4.000%	284,756.25	4,614,756.25
12/01/2038	-	-	198,156.25	198,156.25
06/01/2039	4,590,000.00	4.125%	198,156.25	4,788,156.25
12/01/2039	-	-	103,487.50	103,487.50
06/01/2040	4,870,000.00	4.250%	103,487.50	4,973,487.50
Total	**$49,870,000.00**	**-**	**$20,488,501.46**	**$70,358,501.46**

Yield Statistics

Bond Year Dollars	$448,017.72
Average Life	8.984 Years
Average Coupon	4.5731453%
Net Interest Cost (NIC)	4.0165825%
True Interest Cost (TIC)	3.8981097%
Bond Yield for Arbitrage Purposes	3.7799467%
All Inclusive Cost (AIC)	3.9785436%

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Net Interest Cost	3.7581249%
Weighted Average Maturity	8.908 Years

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$49,870,000

The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (West Virginia)
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Proof of D/S for Arbitrage Purposes

Date	Principal	Interest	Total
07/17/2025	-	-	-
06/01/2026	1,920,000.00	2,042,013.96	3,962,013.96
12/01/2026	-	1,122,581.25	1,122,581.25
06/01/2027	2,280,000.00	1,122,581.25	3,402,581.25
12/01/2027	-	1,065,581.25	1,065,581.25
06/01/2028	2,420,000.00	1,065,581.25	3,485,581.25
12/01/2028	-	1,005,081.25	1,005,081.25
06/01/2029	2,565,000.00	1,005,081.25	3,570,081.25
12/01/2029	-	940,956.25	940,956.25
06/01/2030	2,720,000.00	940,956.25	3,660,956.25
12/01/2030	-	872,956.25	872,956.25
06/01/2031	2,880,000.00	872,956.25	3,752,956.25
12/01/2031	-	800,956.25	800,956.25
06/01/2032	3,055,000.00	800,956.25	3,855,956.25
12/01/2032	-	724,581.25	724,581.25
06/01/2033	3,235,000.00	724,581.25	3,959,581.25
12/01/2033	-	659,881.25	659,881.25
06/01/2034	3,430,000.00	659,881.25	4,089,881.25
12/01/2034	-	574,131.25	574,131.25
06/01/2035	11,575,000.00	574,131.25	12,149,131.25
12/01/2035	-	284,756.25	284,756.25
06/01/2036	-	284,756.25	284,756.25
12/01/2036	-	284,756.25	284,756.25
06/01/2037	-	284,756.25	284,756.25
12/01/2037	-	284,756.25	284,756.25
06/01/2038	4,330,000.00	284,756.25	4,614,756.25
12/01/2038	-	198,156.25	198,156.25
06/01/2039	4,590,000.00	198,156.25	4,788,156.25
12/01/2039	-	103,487.50	103,487.50
06/01/2040	4,870,000.00	103,487.50	4,973,487.50
Total	**$49,870,000.00**	**$19,887,251.46**	**$69,757,251.46**

$49,870,000

The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (West Virginia)
Public School Bonds, Series 2025

Proof of Bond Yield @ 3.7799467%

Date	Cashflow	PV Factor	Present Value	Cumulative PV
07/17/2025	-	1.0000000x	-	-
06/01/2026	3,962,013.96	0.9678658x	3,834,697.77	3,834,697.77
12/01/2026	1,122,581.25	0.9499127x	1,066,354.18	4,901,051.95
06/01/2027	3,402,581.25	0.9322926x	3,172,201.36	8,073,253.31
12/01/2027	1,065,581.25	0.9149994x	975,006.17	9,048,259.48
06/01/2028	3,485,581.25	0.8980269x	3,130,145.72	12,178,405.19
12/01/2028	1,005,081.25	0.8813693x	885,847.71	13,064,252.91
06/01/2029	3,570,081.25	0.8650206x	3,088,193.81	16,152,446.71
12/01/2029	940,956.25	0.8489752x	798,848.51	16,951,295.22
06/01/2030	3,660,956.25	0.8332274x	3,050,409.11	20,001,704.33
12/01/2030	872,956.25	0.8177717x	713,878.96	20,715,583.29
06/01/2031	3,752,956.25	0.8026028x	3,012,133.07	23,727,716.36
12/01/2031	800,956.25	0.7877152x	630,925.38	24,358,641.75
06/01/2032	3,855,956.25	0.7731037x	2,981,054.07	27,339,695.82
12/01/2032	724,581.25	0.7587633x	549,785.65	27,889,481.46
06/01/2033	3,959,581.25	0.7446889x	2,948,656.06	30,838,137.52
12/01/2033	659,881.25	0.7308755x	482,291.04	31,320,428.56
06/01/2034	4,089,881.25	0.7173184x	2,933,747.01	34,254,175.57
12/01/2034	574,131.25	0.7040127x	404,195.71	34,658,371.28
06/01/2035	12,149,131.25	0.6909539x	8,394,489.45	43,052,860.73
12/01/2035	284,756.25	0.6781373x	193,103.83	43,245,964.56
06/01/2036	284,756.25	0.6655584x	189,521.91	43,435,486.47
12/01/2036	284,756.25	0.6532128x	186,006.44	43,621,492.91
06/01/2037	284,756.25	0.6410963x	182,556.18	43,804,049.09
12/01/2037	284,756.25	0.6292045x	179,169.91	43,983,219.00
06/01/2038	4,614,756.25	0.6175333x	2,849,765.59	46,832,984.60
12/01/2038	198,156.25	0.6060786x	120,098.26	46,953,082.85
06/01/2039	4,788,156.25	0.5948363x	2,848,169.22	49,801,252.07
12/01/2039	103,487.50	0.5838026x	60,416.27	49,861,668.34
06/01/2040	4,973,487.50	0.5729736x	2,849,676.81	52,711,345.15
Total	**$69,757,251.46**	**-**	**$52,711,345.15**	**-**

Derivation Of Target Amount

Par Amount of Bonds	$49,870,000.00
Reoffering Premium or (Discount)	2,841,345.15
Original Issue Proceeds	$52,711,345.15

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$49,870,000

The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (West Virginia)
Public School Bonds, Series 2025

Derivation Of Form 8038 Yield Statistics

Maturity	Issuance Value	Coupon	Price	Issuance Price	Exponent	Bond Years
06/01/2026	1,920,000.00	5.000%	101.827%	1,955,078.40	0.8722222x	1,705,262.83
06/01/2027	2,280,000.00	5.000%	103.852%	2,367,825.60	1.8722222x	4,433,095.71
06/01/2028	2,420,000.00	5.000%	105.744%	2,559,004.80	2.8722222x	7,350,030.45
06/01/2029	2,565,000.00	5.000%	107.560%	2,758,914.00	3.8722222x	10,683,128.10
06/01/2030	2,720,000.00	5.000%	108.904%	2,962,188.80	4.8722222x	14,432,442.10
06/01/2031	2,880,000.00	5.000%	109.956%	3,166,732.80	5.8722222x	18,595,758.72
06/01/2032	3,055,000.00	5.000%	110.826%	3,385,734.30	6.8722222x	23,267,518.50
06/01/2033	3,235,000.00	4.000%	103.760%	3,356,636.00	7.8722222x	26,424,184.51
06/01/2034	3,430,000.00	5.000%	111.513%	3,824,895.90	8.8722222x	33,935,326.40
06/01/2035	3,635,000.00	5.000%	111.189%	4,041,720.15	9.8722222x	39,900,759.48
06/01/2036	3,855,000.00	5.000%	109.366%	4,216,059.30	10.8722222x	45,837,933.61
06/01/2037	4,085,000.00	5.000%	108.510%	4,432,633.50	11.8722222x	52,625,209.94
06/01/2038	4,330,000.00	4.000%	99.003%	4,286,829.90	12.8722222x	55,181,027.10
06/01/2039	4,590,000.00	4.125%	99.213%	4,553,876.70	13.8722222x	63,172,389.56
06/01/2040	4,870,000.00	4.250%	99.450%	4,843,215.00	14.8722222x	72,029,369.75
Total	**$49,870,000.00**	**-**	**-**	**$52,711,345.15**	**-**	**$469,573,436.75**

Description of Bonds

Final Maturity Date	6/01/2040
Issue price of entire issue	52,711,345.15
Stated Redemption at Maturity	49,870,000.00
Weighted Average Maturity = Bond Years/Issue Price	8.908 Years
Bond Yield for Arbitrage Purposes	3.7799467%

Uses of Proceeds of Issue

Proceeds used for accrued interest	-
Proceeds used for bond issuance costs (including underwriters' discount)	647,845.15
Proceeds used for credit enhancement	-
Proceeds allocated to reasonably required reserve or replacement fund	-

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Public School Bonds, Series 2025

Detail Costs Of Issuance

Dated 07/17/2025 | Delivered 07/17/2025

COSTS OF ISSUANCE DETAIL

Financial Advisor	$74,870.00
Bond Counsel	$65,950.00
Disclosure Counsel	$25,000.00
Rating Agency Fee - S&P	$38,050.00
Rating Agency Fee - Moody's	$44,531.25
Printing & Posting	$2,000.00
Advertising	$500.00
Registrar	$900.00
Miscellaneous	$48,198.75
TOTAL	**$300,000.00**

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THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM (WEST VIRGINIA)
PUBLIC SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2025

CERTIFICATE OF FINANCIAL ADVISOR

The undersigned, Robert Steptoe, Managing Director, of Crews & Associates, Inc. (the "Financial Advisor"), as financial advisor for bonds identified above (the "Bonds"), hereby certifies that:

1. The yield on the Bonds is 3.7799%.

2. The weighted average maturity of the Bonds is 8.908 years.

3. The undersigned is only certifying as to facts in existence on the date hereof.

The undersigned is an officer of the Financial Advisor and is duly authorized to execute and deliver this Certificate of Financial Advisor. The Financial Advisor understands that the certifications contained herein will be relied on by the Issuer in making certain of their representations in the Tax and Non-Arbitrage Certificate and in completing and filing the Form 8038-G Information Return for the Bonds, and by Bowles Rice LLP, as Bond Counsel, in rendering certain of its legal opinions in connection with the issuance of the Bonds; provided, however, that nothing herein represents any interpretation by the Financial Advisor of any rules or regulations under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and in particular, regulations under Section 148 of the Code.

[*Signature page follows this page.*]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Crews & Associates, Inc., has caused this Certificate of Financial Advisor to be executed by its duly authorized officer, as of July 17, 2025.

CREWS & ASSOCIATES, INC.

By: _____

Name: Robert Steptoe

Title: Managing Director

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THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM (WEST VIRGINIA)
PUBLIC SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2025

CERTIFICATE OF ENGINEER

On this 17th day of July, 2025, David E. Ferguson, AIA, REFP, a registered professional engineer, West Virginia License No. 2893, of ZMM Architects & Engineers, with corporate offices located in Charleston, West Virginia, hereby certifies as follows:

1. My firm is retained as the engineer for certain capital projects involving school and related facilities of The Board of Education of the County of Putnam (the "Issuer"), in Putnam County, West Virginia, including a portion of the "Projects" defined and described in that certain Bond Election Order adopted by the Issuer on August 5, 2024 (collectively, the "Projects"). The costs of such Projects are being financed, in part, by the proceeds of the above-captioned bonds (the "Bonds").

2. The Projects are capital projects that involve a substantial amount of construction expenditures. Given the number, timing, scope and complexity of the Projects, as well as other information known to us, (i) in our opinion it would not be practical or efficient to issue separate series of obligations each time a construction contract is entered for the Projects and (ii) one or more of the Projects will take more than three years to complete and be placed into service. Accordingly, a longer five-year period is in our opinion necessary to complete the Projects.

3. This Certificate may be relied upon by the Issuer and its bond counsel in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds, and shall be included as an exhibit to the Tax and Non-Arbitrage Certificate of the Issuer.

4. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the statements expressed herein are professional opinions only. The signatory makes no warranties or guarantees of any kind or nature whatsoever.

WITNESS my signature and seal as of the date and year first above written.

ZMM ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS



By: _____
Name: David E. Ferguson
Title: Principal

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