

VISTA CHARTER SCHOOL
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORT OF
INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
June 30, 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

December 7, 2021

The Board of Directors
Vista Charter School

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Vista Charter School, a component unit of Montrose County School District No. RE 1-J as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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



Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, and each major fund, of the Vista Charter School, as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3-8, the budget to actual schedule on page 43, and the OPEB and Pension schedules on pages 44 - 47 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021

As management of the Vista Charter School, Colorado (the School), we offer readers of the School's Annual Financial Report this narrative and analysis of the financial activities of the School for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that can be found in the basic financial statements.

Financial Highlights

- The assets and deferred outflows of the School exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$3.97 million (net position).
- Governmental activities have unrestricted net position of (\$819 thousand).
- Fund balance of the School's governmental fund increased by \$237,762, resulting in an ending fund balance of \$2.81 million.

Management's Discussion and Analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the School's basic financial statements. Comparison to the prior year's activity is provided in this document. The basic financial statements presented on pages 9-42 are comprised of three components: 1) Government-wide financial statements, 2) Fund financial statements, and 3) Notes to the basic financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The *government-wide* financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the financial activities in a manner similar to a private sector business.

The *statement of net position* presents information about all the School's assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows. The difference is reported as net position. Over time, changes in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the School is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the net position of the School changed during the current fiscal year. Changes in net position are recorded in the statement of activities when the underlying event occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement even though the resulting cash flow may be recorded in a future period.

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the School that are supported from equalization revenue and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities).

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 9 and 10.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements are designed to demonstrate compliance with finance-related requirements. 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 School, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The School has only one governmental fund.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-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 the School's near-term financing requirements.

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

The School adopts an annual budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison schedule is included on page 42 in the financial statements to demonstrate compliance with the adopted budget.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 11 and 13 of this report.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes to the basic financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements. The notes can be found on pages 15-42 of this report.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

Government-wide Net Position

The assets of the School are classified as current assets and capital assets. Cash, investments, receivables, inventories and prepaid expenses are current assets. These assets are available to provide resources for the near-term operations of the School.

Capital assets are used in the operations of the School. These assets are land, improvements, buildings, and equipment. Capital assets are discussed in greater detail in the section titled, Capital Assets, elsewhere in this analysis.

Current and long-term liabilities are classified based on anticipated liquidation either in the near-term or in the future. Current liabilities include accounts payable, accrued salaries and benefits, and unearned revenues. The liquidation of current liabilities is anticipated to be either from currently available resources, current assets or new resources that become available during fiscal 2020-2021. Long-term liabilities such as net pension liability will be liquidated from resources that will become available after fiscal 2020-2021.

Deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources have been recorded due to the adoption of GASB 68. Refer to Note A and Note D for more information.

The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the primary government activities exceed liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$3.97 million with an unrestricted balance of (\$819 thousand).

A net investment of \$4.70 million in land, improvements, buildings, and equipment that provide the services to the School's 171 school students represents 118.24 percent of the School's net position. The legally required TABOR reserve of \$54,098 has been restricted. An additional \$40,000 has been restricted for capital renewal, as required by the BEST Grant program that provided funding for the existing school facilities.

Vista Charter School
Comparative Summary of Net Position
As of June 30, 2021 and 2020

		Governmental Activities	
		2021	2020
Current assets		\$ 3,243,638	\$ 2,979,725
Capital assets		4,698,711	4,841,668
	Total Assets	7,942,349	7,821,393
Deferred pension/OPEB outflows		429,156	352,407
	Total Deferred Outflows	429,156	352,407
		\$ 8,371,505	\$ 8,173,800
Current liabilities		\$ 431,548	\$ 405,397
Noncurrent liabilities		2,368,448	2,949,776
	Total Liabilities	2,799,996	3,355,173
Deferred pension/OPEB inflow		1,597,651	1,832,621
Net investment in capital assets		4,698,711	4,841,668
Restricted		94,098	94,098
Unrestricted		(818,951)	(1,949,760)
	Total Net Position	3,973,858	2,986,006
		\$ 8,371,505	\$ 8,173,800

Vista Charter School
Comparative Summary of Net Position
As of June 30, 2021 and 2020

	Governmental Activities	
	2021	2020
<u>Revenues:</u>		
Program Revenues:		
Tuition and scholarships	\$ 1,554	\$ 2,076
Operating grants	120,238	37,956
Capital Grants	2,287	21,145
General revenues;		
State equalization	1,381,473	1,797,275
Unrestricted investment earnings	9,224	38,808
Total Revenues	1,514,776	1,897,260
<u>Expenses:</u>		
Governmental activities:		
Instruction	(20,279)	1,556,293
Supporting services:		
Students	79,285	85,841
Instruction	97,043	190,756
School administration	283,102	186,118
General administration	1,847	-
Operation and Maintenance	65,140	63,735
Central Services	20,786	-
Total Expenses	526,924	2,082,743
Change in Net Position	987,852	(185,483)
Net position, beginning of year	2,986,006	3,171,489
Net Position - June 30	\$ 3,973,858	\$ 2,986,006

Key elements of the increase in net position for governmental activities are as follows:

- State equalization aid decreased by \$415,802 (23.14 percent) during the fiscal year. Per pupil funding decreased due to a decrease in student count compared to the prior year, which decreased Per Pupil Revenue (PPR) provided by the District.
- Operating Grants increased by \$82,282 or 217 percent, mainly due to the Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) the School received in 2020-21 for expenses pertaining to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).
- Total governmental activity expenses decreased by \$1,555,819 or 75 percent. Approximately, \$730 thousand of the decrease is due to savings of salaries and compensation from unfilled positions due to reduced student enrollment during 2020-21 related to COVID 19. The balance of the decrease is due to changes in assumptions in the pension and OPEB plans required by GASB 68 and 75 that require the School to show its proportionate share of PERA's net pension liability in the government wide financial statements.

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

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

Governmental Funds. The focus of the School's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the School's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the School's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

The general fund is the only governmental fund of Vista Charter School and is the core of operations for the School. As of June 30, 2021, the general fund shows an ending fund balance of \$2,812,090, an increase of \$237,762 from the fund balance of \$2,574,328 for the prior year.

- The unassigned fund balance for the School at the end of the fiscal year consists of the unassigned balance for the General Fund of \$2.72 million. The remainder of the fund balance is restricted for legally obligated funds. Fund balance is restricted for the TABOR amendment (\$54,098) and capital renewal (\$40,000).

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Vista Charter School began budget development for the 2020-2021 fiscal year in December 2019 with discussions with Board and staff.

After reviewing enrollment projections and the most current revenue assumptions, the Principal and staff prepared a preliminary budget plan by prioritizing the needs of the School.

The final phase of budget development was the review for possible modification of the June budget based on revenue adjustments due to the October count for pupil enrollment. This revised budget normally is submitted and approved by the Board at the December meeting. It was determined that an amended budget was required at that time.

The School's budget development process is consistent with current Colorado statutes that require a proposed budget be presented to Boards of Education by June 1, with budget adoption by June 30. The law provides for school boards to adjust revenues and expenditures through January 31 of each fiscal year.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets. The School's investment in capital assets as of June 30, 2021 amounts to \$4.70 million (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, improvements, equipment, and building projects in progress. The total change in the School's investment in capital assets for the current fiscal year was \$142,957, due to a decrease for depreciation.

Vista Charter School
 Comparative Summary of Net Position
 As of June 30, 2021 and 2020

	Governmental Activities	
	2021	2020
Land	\$ 595,320	\$ 595,320
Buildings	4,100,124	4,232,536
Equipment	3,267	13,812
Total Capital Assets	\$ 4,698,711	\$ 4,841,668

Additional information on the School’s capital assets can be found in Note C on page 21.

Long-term debt. At the end of the current fiscal year, the School had no long-term debt outstanding.

Economic Factors and Next Year’s Budget and Rates

For 2021-22, the inflation rate increased from 1.9 percent to 2.0 percent. The School is calculated to receive \$9,612 per pupil (FTE basis), which is an increase of \$350 per full time student from the 2020-2021 funding of \$9,262 per pupil. However, the state continues to establish a Negative Factor in the amount of 7.0 percent of total program funding, resulting in the District receiving only \$8,970 per full time student.

The School is committed to an ongoing review of its programs and services for both effectiveness and efficiency. To accomplish this, the School examines how to best provide essential services on a cost-effective basis and to re-direct resources to the schools. In addition, due to the State of Colorado’s continuing financial stress, with projected shortfalls directly impacting the School’s financial resources, the School has:

- Developed staffing patterns to facilitate cost savings while maintaining educational/student support programs.
- Acquired technologies in prior years which will be used to monitor energy costs and will be used to reduce costs. The facility housing Vista Charter School is LEED Gold certified.
- Strived to maintain salaries to meet state level averages.
- Budgeted for flat revenues as an increase in per-pupil revenue is not anticipated at this time due to the local job market and economy.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the School’s finances for all those with an interest in the School. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to:

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Vista Charter School

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

June 30, 2021

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 1,466,106
Investments	1,763,322
Due from primary government	14,210
Capital assets:	
Nondepreciable	595,320
Depreciable capital assets, net	4,103,391
Total assets	7,942,349
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	5,092
Deferred outflows related to pension	424,064
Total deferred outflows	429,156
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	8,371,505
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	96,694
Accrued salaries and benefits	115,308
Due to primary government	79,216
Unearned revenue	140,330
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Net OPEB liability	83,201
Net pension liability	2,285,247
Total liabilities	2,799,996
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	60,440
Deferred inflows related to pension	1,537,211
Total deferred inflows	1,597,651
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	4,397,647
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	4,698,711
Restricted for	
Emergencies	54,098
Capital renewal	40,000
Unrestricted	(818,951)
Total net position	\$ 3,973,858

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Vista Charter School
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year ended June 30, 2021

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position	Total
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	
Governmental activities:						
Instructional services	\$ (20,279)	\$ 1,554	\$ 90,938	\$ 2,287	\$ 115,058	\$ 115,058
Support services:						
Student services	79,285	-	-	-	(79,285)	(79,285)
Instructional staff services	97,043	-	-	-	(97,043)	(97,043)
School administration services	283,102	-	29,300	-	(253,802)	(253,802)
General administration	1,847	-	-	-	(1,847)	(1,847)
Operations and maintenance	65,140	-	-	-	(65,140)	(65,140)
Central services	20,786	-	-	-	(20,786)	(20,786)
Total support services	<u>547,203</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(517,903)</u>	<u>(517,903)</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 526,924</u>	<u>\$ 1,554</u>	<u>\$ 120,238</u>	<u>\$ 2,287</u>	<u>(402,845)</u>	<u>(402,845)</u>
General revenues:						
State equalization					1,381,473	1,381,473
Investment earnings					9,224	9,224
Total general revenues					<u>1,390,697</u>	<u>1,390,697</u>
Change in net position					987,852	987,852
Net position - beginning					2,986,006	2,986,006
Net position - ending					<u>\$ 3,973,858</u>	<u>\$ 3,973,858</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Vista Charter School

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUND

June 30, 2021

	<u>General</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,466,106
Investments	1,763,322
Due from primary government	<u>14,210</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 3,243,638</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 96,694
Due to primary government	79,216
Unearned revenue	140,330
Accrued salaries and benefits	<u>115,308</u>
Total liabilities	431,548
Fund Balance	
Restricted for TABOR	54,098
Restricted for capital renewal	40,000
Unassigned	<u>2,717,992</u>
Total fund balance	<u>2,812,090</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u><u>\$ 3,243,638</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Vista Charter School

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

June 30, 2021

Total governmental funds balance		\$ 2,812,090
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Cost of capital assets	\$ 5,918,630	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,219,919)</u>	4,698,711
Items related to pensions are considered to be long term items and are therefore not reported in the funds.		
Net pension liability	(2,285,247)	
Net OPEB liability	(83,201)	
Deferred outflows related to pension	424,064	
Deferred inflows related to pension	(1,537,211)	
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	5,092	
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	<u>(60,440)</u>	<u>(3,536,943)</u>
Net position of governmental activities		<u><u>\$ 3,973,858</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Vista Charter School

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND

Year ended June 30, 2021

	<u>General</u>
Revenues	
Local sources	
Tuition and scholarships	\$ 1,354
Other revenues	200
Investment income	9,224
State sources	
State equalization - direct pupil allocation	1,381,473
Grants	2,287
Federal sources	
Grants	120,238
Total revenues	<u>1,514,776</u>
Expenditures	
Instructional	727,196
Supporting services	
Student services	79,285
Instructional staff services	97,043
School administration services	283,102
General administration services	1,847
Operations and maintenance	65,140
Central services	20,786
Capital outlay	2,615
Total expenditures	<u>1,277,014</u>
Change in fund balance	237,762
Fund balance, beginning of year	2,574,328
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 2,812,090</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year ended June 30, 2021

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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 237,762
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Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the
statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated
useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation
exceeded capital outlays in the current period:

Capital outlay	\$ -	
Depreciation expense	<u>(142,957)</u>	(142,957)

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

Pension and other post-employment benefit income	<u>893,047</u>
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Change in net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 987,852</u></u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2021

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of Vista Charter School (the School) have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) applicable to local government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

The following is a summary of the School's significant accounting policies:

1. The Reporting Entity

Vista Charter School consists of an alternative high school and expulsion/ intervention/ prevention program. It is governed by a Board of Directors made up of volunteers from the interested community. The School is a component unit of Montrose County School District No. RE-1J (the District).

The Legislature of the State of Colorado enacted the "Charter School Act – Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS) Section 22-30.5-101" in 1993. This Act permits the District to contract with individuals and organizations for the operation of schools within the District. The statutes define these contracted schools as "Charter Schools." Charter schools are financed from a portion of the District's School Finance Act revenues and from revenues generated by the charter schools, within the limits established by the Charter School Act. Charter Schools have separate governing boards; however, the District's Board of Education must approve all Charter School applications and budgets. Vista Charter School, a 501(c)(3) organization, entered into a contract with the District in accordance with Colorado State statutes.

The School contracts with the District for payment of salaries, payroll costs, and other accounting services. The School and the District have entered into an agreement whereby the District funds 100 percent of the District's per pupil funding based on the School's enrollment.

2. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the activities of the School. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by grants and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. The School has no business-type activities.

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2021

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

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

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

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the School considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Intergovernmental revenue associated with the current fiscal period is all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so has been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the School.

The School reports one major governmental fund. The *General Fund* is the School's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the School.

4. Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity

Cash and Investments

The School's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Investments for the School are reported at fair value.

State statutes authorize the School to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, obligations unconditionally guaranteed by U.S. agencies, certain international agency securities, certain types of bonds of U.S. local government entities, banker's acceptances of certain banks, commercial paper, and written repurchase agreements collateralized by certain authorized securities, certain money market funds, and guaranteed investment contracts.

Receivables

The School considers all receivables to be fully realizable and does not maintain an allowance for doubtful accounts.

Vista Charter School

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2021

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the School as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The School has no reportable infrastructure.

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.

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

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Buildings	40
Improvements	10 – 20
Vehicles and Equipment	5 – 15

Compensated Absences

It is the School’s policy to pay employees for earned, but unused, vacation and sick pay benefits at the end of the fiscal year. Therefore, no compensated absences accrue at the end of the fiscal year.

Accrued Salaries

Salaries and benefits to teachers and certain other employees are paid over a 12-month period, but are earned over a school year of approximately nine months. The salaries earned, but unpaid, at June 30 are reflected in the financial statements as an accrued liability.

5. Stewardship, compliance and accountability

Budgetary Information

Prior to May 15, the Administrator/Principal submits to the Board of Directors a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The operating budget includes expenditures and the means of financing them. Public board meetings are conducted to obtain comments. Prior to June 30, the budget is adopted by the Board.

During the budget year, the Board of Directors has the option of changing and finalizing the budget for the fiscal year.

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Budgeted level of expenditures

Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the fund level. Administrative control is maintained through the use of detailed line-item budgets. Budgets must be amended at the fund level by the Board of Directors. At year-end, all appropriations lapse in accordance with Colorado statutes.

Budgetary basis of accounting

Appropriated budgets are adopted by the Board of Directors for the General Fund on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

6. Fund Balances

GASB Statement No. 54, "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions" provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a School's fund balances more transparent. In the fund financial statements the following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints.

- *Non-spendable fund balance* - The portion of fund balance that cannot be spent because it is either not in spendable form (such as inventory) or is legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- *Restricted fund balance* - The portion of fund balance constrained to being used for a specific purpose by external parties (such as grantors or bondholders), constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- *Committed fund balance* - The portion of fund balance constrained for specific purposes according to limitations imposed by the School's highest level of decision making authority, the Board of Directors, prior to the end of the current fiscal year. The constraint may be removed or changed only through formal action of the Board, through approval of motions.
- *Assigned fund balance* - The portion of fund balance set aside for planned or intended purposes. The intended use may be expressed by the Board or other individuals authorized to assign funds to be used for a specific purpose.
- *Unassigned fund balance* - The residual portion of fund balance that does not meet any of the above criteria. The School will only report a positive unassigned fund balance in the General Fund.

If both restricted and unrestricted amounts of fund balance are available for use when an expenditure is incurred, it is School policy to use restricted amounts first. Unrestricted fund balance will be used in the following order: committed, assigned, and unassigned.

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Net position represents the difference between assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources. Net position invested in capital assets, net of related debt, consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition or construction of improvements on those assets, excluding unspent bond proceeds. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use, through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, laws or regulations of other governments.

7. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance 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 statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

8. Pensions

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

The Colorado General Assembly passed significant pension reform through Senate Bill (SB) 18-200: *Concerning Modifications to the Public Employees' Retirements Association Hybrid Defined Benefit Plan Necessary to Eliminate with a High Probability the Unfunded Liability of the Plan within the Next Thirty Years*. The bill was signed into law by Governor Hickenlooper on June 4, 2018. Some, but not all, of these changes were in effect as of June 30, 2021. A full copy of the bill can be found online at www.leg.colorado.gov.

9. Other Post-Employment Benefits

OPEB. Vista Charter School participates in the Health Care Trust Fund (HCTF), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB fund administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado ("PERA"). The net OPEB liability, deferred outflow of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position and additions to/deductions from the fiduciary net position of the HCTF have been determined using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. For this

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purpose, benefits paid on behalf of health care participants are recognized when due and/or payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

NOTE B – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and investments consist of the following:

Demand accounts	\$ 1,466,106
Investment in COLOTRUST	797,432
Cash and cash equivalents in investment fund	99
Certificates of deposit	<u>965,791</u>
Total cash and investments	<u>\$ 3,229,428</u>

As of June 30, 2021, the carrying amount of the School's deposits and CDs was \$2,431,996 and the bank balance was \$2,475,894. Of that balance \$1,215,890 was covered by FDIC insurance.

Deposits

The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) requires that all units of local government deposit cash in eligible public depositories; eligibility is determined by state regulators. Amounts on deposit in excess of federal insurance levels must be collateralized.

The eligible collateral is determined by the PDPA. PDPA allows the institution to create a single collateral pool for all public funds. The pool is to be maintained by another institution or held in trust for all the uninsured public deposits as a group. The market value of the collateral must be at least 102% of the aggregate uninsured deposits. The School participates in the PDPA program through its relationship with Montrose County School District RE-1J.

Investments

The School has invested \$797,432 in the Colorado Government Liquid Asset Trust (COLOTRUST), an investment vehicle established for local government entities in Colorado to pool surplus funds. Investments of COLOTRUST consist of U.S. Treasury bills, notes and note strips, and repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities. A designated custodial bank provides safekeeping and depository services to this trust in connection with their direct investment and withdrawal functions. Substantially all securities owned by COLOTRUST are held by the Federal Reserve Bank in the account maintained for the custodial bank. The custodian's internal records identify the investments owned by COLOTRUST. COLOTRUST funds carry a AAAM rating.

The School categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles and GASB Statement No. 72. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. COLOTRUST operates like a 2a-7 external investment pool and

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investments in the pool are valued at \$1 net asset value (NAV) per share. The underlying investments held by COLOTRUST are valued at fair market value.

Interest rate risk – The School does not have a formal policy limiting investment maturities other than that established by state statute of five years, which would help manage its exposure to fair value losses from increasing interest rates.

NOTE C – CAPITAL ASSETS

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Land	\$ 595,320	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 595,320
Total Nondepreciable	595,320	—	—	595,320
Building	5,208,038	—	—	5,208,038
Equipment & Vehicles	<u>115,272</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>115,272</u>
Total Depreciable Assets	5,323,310	—	—	5,323,310
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,076,962)</u>	<u>(142,957)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(1,219,919)</u>
Net Depreciable Assets	<u>4,246,348</u>	<u>(142,957)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>4,103,391</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 4,841,668</u>	<u>\$(142,957)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 4,698,711</u>

Depreciation expense was charged for functions/programs of the School as follows:

Governmental activities:	
Instructional services	<u>\$142,957</u>

NOTE D – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

General Information about the Pension Plan

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

Benefits provided as of December 31, 2020. PERA provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined by the amount of service credit earned and/or purchased, highest average salary, the benefit structure(s) under which the member retires, the benefit option selected at

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retirement, and age at retirement. Retirement eligibility is specified in tables set forth at C.R.S. § 24-51-602, 604, 1713, and 1714.

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

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

The lifetime retirement benefit for all eligible retiring employees under the Denver Public Schools (DPS) Benefit Structure is the greater of the:

- Highest average salary multiplied by 2.5 percent and then multiplied by years of service credit.
- \$15 times the first 10 years of service credit plus \$20 times service credit over 10 years plus a monthly amount equal to the annuitized member contribution account balance based on life expectancy and other actuarial factors.

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

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

As of December 31, 2020, benefit recipients who elect to receive a lifetime retirement benefit are generally eligible to receive post-retirement cost-of-living adjustments, referred to as annual increases in the C.R.S., once certain criteria are met. Pursuant to SB 18-200, eligible benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began eligible employment before January 1, 2007, and all benefit recipients of the DPS benefit structure will receive an annual increase of 1.25 percent unless adjusted by the automatic adjustment provision (AAP) pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-51-413. Benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began eligible employment on or after January 1, 2007, will receive the lesser of an annual increase of 1.25 percent or the average of the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for the prior calendar year, not to exceed 10 percent of PERA's Annual Increase Reserve (AIR) for the SCHDTF. The AAP may raise or lower the aforementioned annual increase by up to 0.25 percent based on the parameters specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-413.

Disability benefits are available for eligible employees once they reach five years of earned service credit and are determined to meet the definition of disability. The disability benefit amount is based on the

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retirement benefit formula(s) shown above considering a minimum 20 years of service credit, if deemed disabled.

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

Contributions provisions as of June 30, 2021: Eligible employees of the School and the State are required to contribute to the SCHDTF at a rate set by Colorado statute. The contribution requirements for the SCHDTF are established under C.R.S. § 24-51-401, *et seq.* and § 24-51-413. Eligible employees are required to contribute 8.75 percent of their PERA-includable salary during the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Employer contribution requirements are summarized in the table below:

	July 1, 2020 Through June 30, 2021
Employer contribution rate	10.90%
Amount of employer contribution apportioned to the Health Care Trust Fund as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-208(1)(f)	(1.02)%
Amount apportioned to the SCHDTF	9.88%
Amortization Equalization Disbursement (AED) as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411	4.50%
Supplemental Amortization Equalization Disbursement (SAED) as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411	5.50%
Total employer contribution rate to the SCHDTF	19.88%

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

As specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-414, the State is required to contribute \$225 million (actual dollars) each year to PERA starting on July 1, 2018. A portion of the direct distribution payment is allocated to the SCHDTF based on the proportionate amount of annual payroll of the SCHDTF to the total annual payroll of the SCHDTF, State Division Trust Fund, Judicial Division Trust Fund, and Denver Public Districts Division Trust Fund. House Bill (HB) 20-1379 suspended the \$225 million (actual dollars) direct distribution payable on July 1, 2020 for the State’s 2020-21 fiscal year.

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Employer contributions are recognized by the SCHDTF in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the School is statutorily committed to pay the contributions to the SCHDTF. Employer contributions recognized by the SCHDTF from the School were \$158,876 for the year ended June 30, 2021.

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

The net pension liability for the SCHDTF was measured as of December 31, 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2019. Standard update procedures were used to roll-forward the total pension liability to December 31, 2020. The School’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on the School’s contributions to the SCHDTF for the calendar year 2020 relative to the total contributions of participating employers and the State as a nonemployer contributing entity.

Due to the aforementioned suspension of the July 1, 2020, direct distribution payment, the nonemployer contributing entity's proportion is zero percent. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-51-414, the direct distribution payment from the State of Colorado is to recommence annually starting on July 1, 2021. For purposes of GASB 68 paragraph 15, a circumstance exists in which a nonemployer contributing entity is legally responsible for making contributions to the SCHDTF and is considered to meet the definition of a special funding situation.

At June 30, 2021, the School reported a liability of \$2,285,247 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability that reflected a reduction for support from the State as a nonemployer contributing entity. The amount recognized by the School as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the related support from the State as a nonemployer contributing entity, and the total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the School were as follows:

The School proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$2,285,247
The State’s proportionate share of the net pension liability as a nonemployer contributing entity associated with the School	\$0
Total	\$2,285,247

At December 31, 2020, the School’s proportion was 0.01514 percent, which was a decrease of 0.00365 percent from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2019.

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the School recognized a pension expense of (\$716,599). At June 30, 2021, the School reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 125,563	\$ –
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	219,834	384,131
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	–	503,035
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	–	650,045
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	78,667	–
Total	<u>\$ 424,064</u>	<u>\$ 1,537,211</u>

\$78,667 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions, resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Fiscal-Year Ending June 30,	
2022	\$ (690,915)
2023	(184,385)
2024	(237,158)
2025	(79,356)
2026	–
Thereafter	–

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2019 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial cost method, actuarial assumptions and other inputs:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Price inflation	2.40 percent
Real wage growth	1.10 percent
Wage inflation	3.50 percent
Salary increases, including wage inflation	3.50 – 9.70 percent
Long-term investment rate of return, net of pension plan investment expenses, including price inflation	7.25 percent
Discount rate	7.25 percent
Post-retirement benefit increases:	
PERA benefit structure hired prior to 1/1/07; and DPS benefit structure (automatic) ¹	1.25 percent compounded annually
PERA benefit structure hired after 12/31/06 (ad hoc, substantively automatic) ¹	Financed by the AIR

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

Healthy mortality assumptions for active members reflect the RP-2014 White Collar Employee Mortality Table, a table specifically developed for actively working people. To allow for an appropriate margin of improved mortality prospectively, the mortality rates incorporate a 70 percent factor applied to male rates and a 55 percent factor applied to female rates.

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions were based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted as follows:

- **Males:** Mortality improvement projected to 2018 using the MP-2015 projection scale, a 93 percent factor applied to rates for ages less than 80, a 113 percent factor applied to rates for ages 80 and above, and further adjustments for credibility.
- **Females:** Mortality improvement projected to 2020 using the MP-2015 projection scale, a 68 percent factor applied to rates for ages less than 80, a 106 percent factor applied to rates for ages 80 and above, and further adjustments for credibility.

For disabled retirees, the mortality assumption was based on 90 percent of the RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2019, valuation were based on the results of the 2016 experience analysis for the periods January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2015, as well as, the October 28, 2016, actuarial assumptions workshop and were adopted by the PERA Board during the November 18, 2016, Board meeting.

Based on the 2020 experience analysis, dated October 28, 2020, for the period January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2019, revised economic and demographic assumptions were adopted by PERA's Board on November 20, 2020, and were effective as of December 31, 2020. The assumptions shown below were reflected in the roll forward calculation of the total pension liability from December 31, 2019, to December 31, 2020.

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Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Price inflation	2.30%
Real wage growth	0.70%
Wage inflation	3.00%
Salary increases, including wage inflation:	3.40%-11.00%
Long-term investment rate of return, net of pension plan investment expenses, including price inflation	7.25%
Discount rate	7.25%
Post-retirement benefit increases:	
PERA benefit structure hired prior to 1/1/07 and DPS benefit structure (compounded annually)	1.25%
PERA benefit structure hired after 12/31/06 ¹	Financed by the AIR

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

Salary scale assumptions were revised to align with revised economic assumptions and to more closely reflect actual experience.

Rates of termination/withdrawal, retirement, and disability were revised to more closely reflect actual experience.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The long-term expected return on plan assets is reviewed as part of regular experience studies prepared every four to five years for PERA. Recently this assumption has been reviewed more frequently. The most recent analyses were outlined in the Experience Study report dated October 28, 2020. As a result of the November 20, 2020, PERA Board meeting, the following economic assumptions were changed, effective December 31, 2020:

- Price inflation assumption decreased from 2.40 percent per year to 2.30 percent per year.
- Real rate of investment return assumption increased from 4.85 percent per year, net of investment expenses to 4.95 percent per year, net of investment expenses.
- Wage inflation assumption decreased from 3.50 percent per year to 3.00 percent per year.

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

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

Asset Class	Target Allocation	30 Year Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return
Global Equity	54.00%	5.60%
Fixed Income	23.00%	1.30%
Private Equity	8.50%	7.10%
Real Estate	8.50%	4.40%
Alternative ¹	6.00%	4.70%
Total	100.00%	

¹ The Opportunity Fund's name changed to Alternatives effective January 1, 2020.

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

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

- Total covered payroll for the initial projection year consists of the covered payroll of the active membership present on the valuation date and the covered payroll of future plan members assumed to be hired during the year. In subsequent projection years, total covered payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 3.00 percent.
- Employee contributions were assumed to be made at the member contribution rates in effect for each year, including the scheduled increases in SB 18-200. Employee contributions for future plan members were used to reduce the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members.
- Employer contributions were assumed to be made at rates equal to the fixed statutory rates specified in law for each year, including the scheduled increase in SB 18-200. Employer contributions also include current and estimated future AED and SAED, until the actuarial value funding ratio reaches 103 percent, at which point the AED and SAED will each drop 0.50 percent every year until they are zero. Additionally, estimated employer contributions reflect reductions for the funding of the AIR and retiree health care benefits. For future plan members, employer contributions were further reduced by the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members not financed by their member contributions.
- As specified in law, the State, as a nonemployer contributing entity, will provide an annual direct distribution of \$225 million (actual dollars), commencing July 1, 2018, that is proportioned between the State, School, Judicial, and DPS Division Trust Funds based upon the covered payroll of each Division. The annual direct distribution ceases when all Division Trust Funds are fully funded. HB 20-1379 suspended the \$225 million (actual dollars) direct distribution payable on July 1, 2020, for the State's 2020-21 fiscal year.
- Employer contributions and the amount of total service costs for future plan members were based upon a process to estimate future actuarially determined contributions assuming an analogous future plan member growth rate.
- The AIR balance was excluded from the initial FNP, as, per statute, AIR amounts cannot be used to pay benefits until transferred to either the retirement benefits reserve or the survivor benefits reserve, as appropriate. AIR transfers to the FNP position and the subsequent AIR benefit payments were estimated and included in the projections.

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- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the middle of the year.

Based on the above assumptions and methods, the projection test indicates the SCHDTF’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return of 7.25 percent on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability. The discount rate determination does not use the municipal bond rate, and therefore, the discount rate is 7.25 percent. There was no change in the discount rate from the prior measurement date.

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

	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$3,117,264	\$2,285,247	\$1,591,902

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the SCHDTF’s fiduciary net position is available in PERA’s Annual Report which can be obtained at www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports.

Voluntary Investment Program

Plan Description - Employees of the School that are also members of the SCHDTF may voluntarily contribute to the Voluntary Investment Program, an Internal Revenue Code Section 401(k) defined contribution plan administered by PERA. Title 24, Article 51, Part 14 of the C.R.S, as amended, assigns the authority to establish the Plan provisions to the PERA Board of Trustees. PERA issues a publicly available Annual Report which includes additional information on the Voluntary Investment Program. That report can be obtained at www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports.

Funding Policy – The Voluntary Investment Program is funded by voluntary member contributions up to the maximum limits set by the Internal Revenue Service, as established under Title 24, Article 51, Section 1402 of the C.R.S., as amended. In addition, the School has agreed to match employee contributions up to 0% percent of covered salary as determined by the Internal Revenue Service. Employees are immediately vested in their own contributions, employer contributions and investment earnings. For the year ended June 30, 2021 program members contributed \$25,800.

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NOTE E – DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) PLAN

General Information about the OPEB Plan

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

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

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

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

PERA Benefit Structure

The maximum service-based premium subsidy is \$230 per month for benefit recipients who are under 65 years of age and who are not entitled to Medicare; the maximum service-based subsidy is \$115 per month for benefit recipients who are 65 years of age or older or who are under 65 years of age and entitled to Medicare. The basis for the maximum service-based subsidy, in each case, is for benefit recipients with retirement benefits based on 20 or more years of service credit. There is a 5 percent reduction in the

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subsidy for each year less than 20. The benefit recipient pays the remaining portion of the premium to the extent the subsidy does not cover the entire amount.

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

DPS Benefit Structure

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

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

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

Employer contributions are recognized by the HCTF in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the School is statutorily committed to pay the contributions. Employer contributions recognized by the HCTF from the School were \$10,986 for the year ended June 30, 2021.

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

At June 30, 2021, the School reported a liability of \$83,201 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability for the HCTF was measured as of December 31, 2020, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of

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December 31, 2019. Standard update procedures were used to roll-forward the total OPEB liability to December 31, 2020. The School proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on School contributions to the HCTF for the calendar year 2020 relative to the total contributions of participating employers to the HCTF.

At December 31, 2020, the School proportion was .00875 percent, which was a decrease of .00352 percent from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2019.

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the School recognized OPEB expense of \$(9,240). At June 30, 2021, the School reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$221	\$18,292
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	622	3,400
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	–	5,102
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	206	33,646
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	4,043	–
Total	\$5,092	\$60,440

\$4,043 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB, resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ended June 30, 2020:	
2022	\$(12,879)
2023	(12,403)
2024	(12,769)
2025	(11,979)
2026	(9,222)
Thereafter	(139)

Actuarial assumptions. The total OPEB liability in the December 31, 2019 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial cost method, actuarial assumptions and other inputs:

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Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Price inflation	2.40 percent
Real wage growth	1.10 percent
Wage inflation	3.50 percent
Salary increases, including wage inflation	3.50 percent in aggregate
Long-term investment rate of return, net of OPEB plan investment expenses, including price inflation	7.25 percent
Discount rate	7.25 percent
Health care cost trend rates	
PERA benefit structure:	
Service-based premium subsidy	0.00 percent
PERACare Medicare plans	8.10 percent in 2020, gradually decreasing to 4.50 percent in 2029
Medicare Part A premiums	3.50 percent in 2020, gradually increasing to 4.50 percent in 2029
DPS benefit structure:	
Service-based premium subsidy	0.00 percent
PERACare Medicare plans	N/A
Medicare Part A premiums	N/A

In determining the additional liability for PERACare enrollees who are age 65 or older and who are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A in the December 31, 2019, valuation, the following monthly costs/premiums (actual dollars) are assumed for 2020 for the PERA Benefit Structure:

Medicare Plan	Initial Costs for Members without Medicare Part A		
	Monthly Cost	Monthly Premium	Monthly Cost Adjusted to Age 65
Medicare Advantage/Self-Insured Rx	\$588	\$227	\$550
Kaiser Permanente Medicare Advantage HMO	621	232	586

The 2020 Medicare Part A premium is \$458 (actual dollars) per month.

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

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

Health care cost trend rates for the PERA benefit structure are based on published annual health care inflation surveys in conjunction with actual plan experience (if credible), building block models and industry methods developed by health plan actuaries and administrators. In addition, projected trends for the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund (Medicare Part A premiums) provided by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services are referenced in the development of these rates. Effective December 31, 2018, the health care cost trend rates for Medicare Part A premiums were revised to reflect the current expectation of future increases in rates of inflation applicable to Medicare Part A premiums.

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

Year	PERACare Medicare Plans	Medicare Part A Premiums
2020	8.10%	3.50%
2021	6.40%	3.75%
2022	6.00%	3.75%
2023	5.70%	3.75%
2024	5.50%	4.00%
2025	5.30%	4.00%
2026	5.10%	4.00%
2027	4.90%	4.25%
2028	4.70%	4.25%
2029+	4.50%	4.50%

Mortality assumptions used in the December 31, 2019 valuation for the determination of the total pension liability for each of the Division Trust Funds as shown below were applied, as applicable, in the determination of the total OPEB liability for the HCTF. Affiliated employers of the State, School, Local Government, and Judicial Divisions participate in the HCTF.

Healthy mortality assumptions for active members were based on the RP-2014 White Collar Employee Mortality Table, a table specifically developed for actively working people. To allow for an appropriate margin of improved mortality prospectively, the mortality rates incorporate a 70 percent factor applied to male rates and a 55 percent factor applied to female rates.

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Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions for the State and Local Government Divisions were based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted as follows:

- Males: Mortality improvement projected to 2018 using the MP-2015 projection scale, a 73 percent factor applied to rates for ages less than 80, a 108 percent factor applied to rates for ages 80 and above, and further adjustments for credibility.
- Females: Mortality improvement projected to 2020 using the MP-2015 projection scale, a 78 percent factor applied to rates for ages less than 80, a 109 percent factor applied to rates for ages 80 and above, and further adjustments for credibility.

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions for the School and Judicial Divisions were based on the RP-2014 White Collar Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted as follows:

- Males: Mortality improvement projected to 2018 using the MP-2015 projection scale, a 93 percent factor applied to rates for ages less than 80, a 113 percent factor applied to rates for ages 80 and above, and further adjustments for credibility.
- Females: Mortality improvement projected to 2020 using the MP-2015 projection scale, a 68 percent factor applied to rates for ages less than 80, a 106 percent factor applied to rates for ages 80 and above, and further adjustments for credibility.

For disabled retirees, the mortality assumption was based on 90 percent of the RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2019, valuation were based on the results of the 2016 experience analysis for the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2015, as well as the October 28, 2016, actuarial assumptions workshop and were adopted by PERA's Board during the November 18, 2016, Board meeting.

Based on the 2020 experience analysis, dated October 28, 2020, and November 4, 2020, for the period of January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2019, revised economic and demographic assumptions were adopted by PERA's Board on November 20, 2020, and were effective as of December 31, 2020. The assumptions shown below were reflected in the roll forward calculation of the total OPEB liability from December 31, 2019, to December 31, 2020.

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	Trust Fund			
	State Division	School Division	Local Government Division	Judicial Division
Actuarial cost method	Entry age	Entry age	Entry age	Entry age
Price inflation	2.30%	2.30%	2.30%	2.30%
Real wage growth	0.70%	0.70%	0.70%	0.70%
Wage inflation	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%
Salary increases, including wage inflation:				
Members other than State Troopers	3.30%-10.90%	3.40%-11.00%	3.20%-11.30%	2.80%-5.30%
State Troopers	3.20%-12.40%	N/A	3.20%-12.40% ¹	N/A

¹ C.R.S. § 24-51-101 (46), as amended, expanded the definition of “State Troopers” to include certain employees within the Local Government Division, effective January 1, 2020. See Note 4 of the Notes to the Financial Statements in PERA's 2020 Annual Report for more information.

The long-term rate of return, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including price inflation and discount rate assumptions were 7.25 percent.

Rates of termination/withdrawal, retirement, and disability were revised to more closely reflect actual experience.

Mortality assumptions used in the roll forward calculations for the determination of the total pension liability for each of the Division Trust Funds as shown below were applied, as applicable in the roll forward calculation for the HCTF, using a headcount-weighted basis.

Pre-retirement mortality assumptions for the State and Local Government Divisions (Members other than State Troopers) were based upon the PubG-2010 Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

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

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

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

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

The mortality tables described above are generational mortality tables on a head-count weighted basis

The following health care costs assumptions were updated and used in the measurement of the obligations for the HCTF:

- Initial per capita health care costs for those PERACare enrollees under the PERA benefit structure who are expected to attain age 65 and older ages and are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A benefits were updated to reflect the change in costs for the 2020 plan year.
- The health care cost trend rates for Medicare Part A premiums were revised to reflect the then-current expectation of future increases in rates of inflation applicable to Medicare Part A premiums.

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

The long-term expected return on plan assets is reviewed as part of regular experience studies prepared every four or five years for PERA. Recently, this assumption has been reviewed more frequently. The most recent analyses were outlined in the Experience Study report dated October 28, 2020. As a result of the November 20, 2020, PERA Board meeting, the following economic assumptions were changed, effective December 31, 2020:

- Price inflation assumption decreased from 2.40 percent per year to 2.30 percent per year.
- Real rate of investment return assumption increased from 4.85 percent per year, net of investment expenses to 4.95 percent per year, net of investment expenses.
- Wage inflation assumption decreased from 3.50 percent per year to 3.00 percent per year.

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

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term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rate of return by the target asset allocation percentage and then adding expected inflation.

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

Asset Class	Target Allocation	30 Year Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return
Global Equity	54.00%	5.60%
Fixed Income	23.00%	1.30%
Private Equity	8.50%	7.10%
Real Estate	8.50%	4.40%
Alternatives ¹	6.00%	4.70%
Total	100.00%	

¹ The Opportunity Fund's name changed to Alternatives, effective January 1, 2020.

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

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

	1% Decrease in Trend Rates	Current Trend Rates	1% Increase in Trend Rates
Initial PERACare Medicare trend rate	7.10%	8.10%	9.10%
Ultimate PERACare Medicare trend rate	3.50%	4.50%	5.50%
Initial Medicare Part A trend rate	2.50%	3.50%	4.50%
Ultimate Medicare Part A trend rate	3.50%	4.50%	5.50%
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 113,721	\$ 116,739	\$ 120,251

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

- Updated health care cost trend rates for Medicare Part A premiums as of the December 31, 2020, measurement date.
- Total covered payroll for the initial projection year consists of the covered payroll of the active membership present on the valuation date and the covered payroll of future plan members assumed to be hired during the year. In subsequent projection years, total covered payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 3.00 percent.
- Employer contributions were assumed to be made at rates equal to the fixed statutory rates specified in law and effective as of the measurement date.
- Employer contributions and the amount of total service costs for future plan members were based upon a process to estimate future actuarially determined contributions assuming an analogous future plan member growth rate.
- Estimated transfers of dollars into the HCTF representing a portion of purchase service agreements intended to cover the costs associated with OPEB benefits.
- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the middle of the year.

Based on the above assumptions and methods, the projection test indicates the HCTF’s fiduciary net position was projected to make all projected future benefit payments of current members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return of 7.25 percent on OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability. The discount rate determination does not use the municipal bond index rate, and therefore, the discount rate is 7.25 percent.

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

	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$95,308	\$83,201	\$72,856

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OPEB plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the HCTF's fiduciary net position is available in PERA's comprehensive annual financial report which can be obtained at www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports.

NOTE F – RISK MANAGEMENT

The School insures against loss or damage to property; pays premiums on loss insurances; and pays judgments, administrative and legal claims. This activity occurs in the General Fund. The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; errors and omissions; violation of civil rights; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by the School's participation as a member of the Colorado School District Self-Insurance Pool, which operates as a risk sharing public entity risk pool comprised of various school districts and other related public educational entities within the State of Colorado.

The Pool provides the School with general, property and vehicle liability insurance. During the year ended June 30, 2021, the School paid \$7,350 in premiums to the Pool. In the event of the impairment or insolvency of the Pool the School may be assessed such amounts as may be necessary to ensure the solvency of the Pool. The likelihood of an event of this type occurring is remote. The Colorado Compensation Insurance Authority provides worker's compensation insurance coverage. Commercial insurance companies are used to provide coverage for life and other insurance programs maintained by the School.

NOTE G – TAX, SPENDING AND DEBT LIMITATIONS

Colorado voters passed an amendment to the State Constitution, Article X, Section 20, which has several limitations including revenue raising, spending abilities and other specific requirements of state and local governments. The Amendment is complex and subject to judicial interpretation. The School believes it is in compliance with the requirements of the Amendment. However, the School has made certain interpretations of the Amendment's language in order to determine its compliance.

NOTE H – RELATED PARTY

The School contracts with Montrose County School District RE-1J to provide payroll and other services. During fiscal year 2021, the School incurred costs of \$79,216 to be paid to the District for those services, and reimbursed the District \$984,829 for payroll, postage, and insurance costs. As of June 30, 2021, the District owed the School the net amount of \$14,210.

NOTE I – SUBLEASE

The School constructed its new facility through the Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) grant program. Under the terms of this grant agreement, the School together with Montrose County School District RE-1J entered into a sub-lease agreement with the State of Colorado for the real and constructed property acquired by Vista Charter School through the grant program. Title to the property is held by the Trustee until the State has paid all principal and interest on its lease agreement used to fund the grant

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program. Once the State has fulfilled the terms of the lease, title to the property will be conveyed to the State and then conveyed to Vista Charter School. The School does not owe additional rents or lease payments in association with this lease agreement and is only required to use the facilities for the purposes intended in the grant agreement. The lease renews annually in compliance with Section 20 Article X of the State constitution.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GOVERNMENTAL FUND

Year ended June 30, 2021

	Budget		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final		Final Budget
				Favorable
				(Unfavorable)
Revenues				
Local sources	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 10,778	\$ (39,222)
State sources	1,647,118	1,422,121	1,383,760	(38,361)
Federal sources	120,238	120,238	120,238	-
Total revenues	<u>1,817,356</u>	<u>1,592,359</u>	<u>1,514,776</u>	<u>(77,583)</u>
Expenditures				
Instructional services	946,726	787,487	727,196	60,291
Supporting services	517,571	555,109	461,276	93,833
Operations and maintenance	92,496	91,004	65,140	25,864
Central services	39,300	15,000	20,786	(5,786)
Capital outlay	20,000	20,000	2,615	17,385
Contingency	153,049	75,545	-	75,545
Total expenditures	<u>1,769,142</u>	<u>1,544,145</u>	<u>1,277,013</u>	<u>267,132</u>
Excess of Revenues				
Over (Under) Expenditures	48,214	48,214	237,763	189,549
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>2,574,328</u>	<u>2,574,328</u>	<u>2,574,328</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 2,622,542</u>	<u>\$ 2,622,542</u>	<u>\$ 2,812,091</u>	<u>\$ 189,549</u>

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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITY - NET PENSION LIABILITY

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<u>Measurement date:</u>	<u>Employer proportion of NPL</u>	<u>Employer proportionate share of NPL</u>	<u>Nonemployer contributing entity proportionate share of NPL associated with employer</u>	<u>Covered payroll</u>	<u>Employer proportionate share of NPL as a percentage of covered payroll</u>	<u>Pension plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability</u>
December 31, 2014	0.01273%	\$ 1,725,979	\$ -	\$ 533,502	324%	63%
December 31, 2015	0.01405%	2,148,279	-	598,720	359%	59%
December 31, 2016	0.01328%	3,958,607	-	584,307	677%	43%
December 31, 2017	0.01658%	5,353,218	-	764,262	700%	44%
December 31, 2018	0.01643%	2,909,876	350,024	903,771	322%	57%
December 31, 2019	0.01882%	2,811,689	316,485	1,057,657	266%	65%
December 31, 2020	0.01514%	2,285,247	-	946,711	241%	67%

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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITY - EMPLOYER PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

June 30, 2021

	Required employer contribution	Employer contributions recognized by the plan	Difference	Employer covered payroll	Contributions as a percentage of employer covered payroll
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
June 30, 2015	\$ 98,450	\$ 98,450	\$ -	\$ 549,783	17.91%
June 30, 2016	106,083	106,083	-	586,986	18.07%
June 30, 2017	108,078	108,078	-	583,859	18.51%
June 30, 2018	142,489	142,489	-	764,262	18.64%
June 30, 2019	189,476	189,476	-	940,327	20.15%
June 30, 2020	193,648	193,648	-	1,117,073	17.34%
June 30, 2021	167,027	167,027	-	799,173	20.90%

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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITY - NET OPEB LIABILITY

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Measurement date	Employer proportion of Net OPEB Liability	Employer proportionate share of Net OPEB Liability	Covered payroll	Employer proportionate share of Net OPEB Liability as a percentage of covered payroll	OPEB plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of total OPEB liability
December 31, 2017	0.0094%	\$ 122,440	\$ 764,262	16.0207%	17.53%
December 31, 2018	0.0107%	145,332	903,771	16.0806%	17.03%
December 31, 2019	0.0123%	138,087	1,057,657	13.0559%	24.49%
December 31, 2020	0.0088%	83,201	946,711	8.7884%	32.78%

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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITY - EMPLOYER OPEB CONTRIBUTIONS

June 30, 2021

	Required employer contributon	Employer contributions recognized by the plan	Difference	Employer covered payroll	Contributions as a percentage of employer covered payroll
June 30, 2018	\$ 7,802	\$ 7,802	\$ -	\$ 764,262	1.02%
June 30, 2019	\$ 9,591	\$ 9,591	\$ -	\$ 940,327	1.02%
June 30, 2020	\$ 11,549	\$ 11,549	\$ -	\$ 1,117,073	1.03%
June 30, 2021	\$ 8,152	\$ 8,152	\$ -	\$ 799,173	1.02%