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Financial Statements and Federal Single Audit Report

North Beach School District No. 64 Grays Harbor County

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May 19, 2014

Superintendent and Board of Directors North Beach School District No. 64 Ocean Shores, Washington

Report on Financial Statements and Federal Single Audit

Please find attached our report on North Beach School District No. 64's financial statements and compliance with federal laws and regulations.

We are issuing this report in order to provide information on the District's financial condition.

Sincerely,

TROY KELLEY
STATE AUDITOR

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Federal Summary

North Beach School District No. 64 Grays Harbor County September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013

The results of our audit of North Beach School District No. 64 are summarized below in accordance with U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

An unmodified opinion was issued on the financial statements.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting:

- **Significant Deficiencies:** We reported no deficiencies in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies.
- *Material Weaknesses:* We identified no deficiencies that we consider to be material weaknesses.

We noted no instances of noncompliance that were material to the financial statements of the District

FEDERAL AWARDS

Internal Control Over Major Programs:

- Significant Deficiencies: We reported no deficiencies in the design or operation of internal control over major federal programs that we consider to be significant deficiencies.
- *Material Weaknesses:* We identified no deficiencies that we consider to be material weaknesses.

We issued an unmodified opinion on the District's compliance with requirements applicable to each of its major federal programs.

We reported no findings that are required to be disclosed under section 510(a) of OMB Circular A-133.

Identification of Major Programs:

The following were major programs during the period under audit:

<u>CFDA No</u> .	<u>Program Title</u>
10.553	Child Nutrition Cluster - School Breakfast Program
10.555	Child Nutrition Cluster - National School Lunch Program

The dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs, as prescribed by OMB Circular A-133, was \$300,000.

The District qualified as a low-risk auditee under OMB Circular A-133.

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

North Beach School District No. 64 Grays Harbor County September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013

Superintendent and Board of Directors North Beach School District No. 64 Ocean Shores, Washington

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of North Beach School District No. 64, Grays Harbor County, Washington, as of and for the year ended August 31, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 12, 2014.

We issued an unmodified opinion on the fair presentation of the District's financial statements in accordance with its regulatory basis of accounting. We issued an adverse opinion on the fair presentation with regard to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) because the financial statements are prepared by the District using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by Washington State statutes and the *Accounting Manual for Public School Districts in the State of Washington* (Accounting Manual) described in Note 1, which is a basis of accounting other than GAAP. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

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

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

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

COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of the District's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

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The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited. It also serves to disseminate information to the public as a reporting tool to help citizens assess government operations.

TROY KELLEY
STATE AUDITOR

May 12, 2014

Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and on Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133

North Beach School District No. 64 Grays Harbor County September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013

Superintendent and Board of Directors North Beach School District No. 64 Ocean Shores, Washington

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM

We have audited the compliance of North Beach School District No. 64, Grays Harbor County, Washington, with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended August 31, 2013. The District's major federal programs are identified in the accompanying Federal Summary.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the District's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the District's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended August 31, 2013.

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE

Management of the District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program in order to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited. It

also serves to disseminate information to the public as a reporting tool to help citizens assess government operations.

TROY KELLEY

STATE AUDITOR

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May 12, 2014

Independent Auditor's Report on Financial Statements

North Beach School District No. 64 Grays Harbor County September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013

Superintendent and Board of Directors North Beach School District No. 64 Ocean Shores, Washington

REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of North Beach School District No. 64, Grays Harbor County, Washington, for the year ended August 31, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's financial statements, as listed on page 11.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Washington State statutes and the *Accounting Manual for Public School Districts in the State of Washington* (Accounting Manual) described in Note 1. This includes determining that the basis of accounting is acceptable for the presentation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting (Accounting Manual)

As described in Note 1, North Beach School District No. 64 has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by Washington State statutes and the Accounting Manual. Those accounting practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The differences in these accounting practices are also described in Note 1.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and results of operations of North Beach School District No. 64, for the year ended August 31, 2013, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. GAAP

Auditing standards issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) require auditors to formally acknowledge when governments do not prepare their financial statements, intended for general use, in accordance with GAAP. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between GAAP and the accounting practices the District used, as described in Note 1, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material. As a result, we are required to issue an adverse opinion on whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. GAAP

The financial statements referred to above were not intended to, and in our opinion they do not, present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of North Beach School District No. 64, as of August 31, 2013, or the changes in financial position or cash flows for the year then ended, due to the significance of the matter discussed in the above "Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. GAAP" paragraph.

Other Matters

Supplementary and Other Information

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. The accompanying Schedule of Long-Term Liabilities is also presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the prescribed Accounting Manual. These schedules are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in

the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

OTHER REPORTING REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 12, 2014 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

TROY KELLEY
STATE AUDITOR

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May 12, 2014

Financial Section

North Beach School District No. 64 Grays Harbor County September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013

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North Beach School District No. 064

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended August 31, 2013

	General	ASB	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Transportation Vehicle	Permanent	
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Total
REVENUES:							
Local	1,783,931.78	86,466.21	1,253,743.19	347,372.55	92.88		3,471,606.61
State	4,177,654.04		00.00	00.00	61,844.14		4,239,498.18
Federal	679,805.40		00.0	00.00	00.0		679,805.40
Federal Stimulus	00.00						00.00
Other	17,660.62			00.00	00.0	00.00	17,660.62
TOTAL REVENUES	6,659,051.84	86,466.21	1,253,743.19	347,372.55	61,937.02	00.00	8,408,570.81
EXPENDITURES: CURRENT:							
Regular Instruction	3,228,841.29						3,228,841.29
Federal Stimulus	00.00						00.00
Special Education	740,186.99						740,186.99
Vocational Education	225,862.28						225,862.28
Skills Center	00.0						00.00
Compensatory Programs	372,998.13						372,998.13
Other Instructional Programs	8,122.12						8,122.12
Community Services	00.00						00.00
Support Services	1,992,455.09						1,992,455.09
Student Activities/Other		93,682.69				00.00	93,682.69
CAPITAL OUTLAY:							
Sites				00.00			00.00
Building				136,531.53			136,531.53
Equipment				118,819.97			118,819.97
Instructional Technology				00.00			00.00
Energy				00.00			00.00
Transportation Equipment					123,498.42		123,498.42
Sales and Lease				00.00			00.00
Other	18,467.48						18,467.48
DEBT SERVICE:							
Principal	00.0		635,000.00	00.00	00.0		635,000.00
Interest and Other Charges	00.00		327,932.18	00.00	00.0		327,932.18
Bond/Levy Issuance				00.00	00.00		00.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,586,933.38	93,682.69	962,932.18	255,351.50	123,498.42	00.0	8,022,398.17

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

North Beach School District No. 064

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended August 31, 2013

	General	ASB	Debt	Capital Projects	Transportation	Permanent	
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Total
DEBT SERVICE:							
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	72,118.46	-7,216.48	290,811.01	92,021.05	-61,561.40	00.00	386,172.64
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):							
Bond Sales & Refunding Bond Sales	00.00		00.00	00.00	00.00		00.00
Long-Term Financing	00.00			00.00	00.00		00.00
Transfers In	00.00		00.00	00.00	00.00		00.00
Transfers Out (GL 536)	00.00		00.0	00.00	00.00	00.0	00.00
Other Financing Uses (GL 535)	00.00		00.00	00.00	00.00		00.00
Other	00.00		00.00	00.00	00.00		00.00
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	00.0		00.0	00.00	00.0	00.0	00.0
EXCESS OF REVENUES/OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	72,118.46	-7,216.48	290,811.01	92,021.05	-61,561.40	0.00	386,172.64
BEGINNING TOTAL FUND BALANCE	461,147.49	130,410.16	849,676.85	139,418.59	134,782.58	00.0	1,715,435.67
Prior Year(s) Corrections or Restatements	00.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	00.00	0.00	00.0
ENDING TOTAL FUND BALANCE	533,265.95	123,193.68	1,140,487.86	231,439.64	73,221.18	00.00	2,101,608.31

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

NORTH BEACH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64

Notes to Financial Statements September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013

NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (SSAP)

Description of the government-wide financial statements.

The North Beach School District is a municipal corporation organized pursuant to Title 28A *Revised Code of Washington* (RCW) for the purpose of providing public school services to students in grades K-12. Oversight responsibility for the district's operations is vested with the independently elected board of directors. Management of the district is appointed by and is accountable to the board of directors. Fiscal responsibility, including budget authority and the power to set fees, levy property taxes, and issue debt consistent with provisions of state statutes, also rest with the board of directors.

The District presents governmental fund financial statements and related notes on the cash basis of accounting as prescribed by generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), except for the Debt Service Fund which is reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting, and as allowed by its regulatory agencies, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Auditor's Office. The District's accounting policies, as reflected in the accompanying financial statements, conform to the *Accounting Manual for Public School Districts in the State of Washington,* issued jointly by the State Auditor's Office and the Superintendent of Public Instruction by the authority of RCW 43.09.200, RCW 28A.505.140, RCW 28A.505.010(1), and RCW 28A.505.020. This manual allows for a practice that differs from generally accepted accounting principles in the following manner:

- 1. District wide statements are not presented.
- 2. The financial statements do not report capital assets.
- 3. Debt is not reported on the face of the financial statements. It is reported on the notes to the financial statements and on the Schedule of Long-Term Debt. The Schedule of Long-Term Debt is required supplemental information.
- 4. The original budget is not presented. This information is available through the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- 5. The Management Discussion and Analysis is not required.
- 6. The financial statements do not report a liability for Other Post-Employment Benefits (GASB Statement 45).
- 7. Other departures from GAAP that are material in nature are indicated throughout the Notes.

Description of the activities accounted for in each of the following columns – major funds, internal service funds, and fiduciary fund types – presented in the basic financial statements.

The District presents financial information on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The regulatory agencies require all funds be presented as major funds. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures (or expenses) as appropriate. The various funds in the report are grouped into governmental (and fiduciary) funds as follows:

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

General Fund

This fund is used to account for all expendable financial resources, except for those that are required to be accounted for in another fund. In keeping with the principle of having as few funds as are necessary, activities such as food services, maintenance, data processing, printing, and student transportation are included in the General Fund.

Capital Projects Funds

These funds account for financial resources that are to be used for the construction or acquisition of major capital assets. There are two funds that are considered to be of the capital projects fund type: the Capital Projects Fund and the Transportation Vehicle Fund.

<u>Capital Projects Fund</u> - This fund is used to account for resources set aside for the acquisition and construction of major capital assets such as land and buildings.

<u>Transportation Vehicle Fund</u> - This fund is used to account for the purchase, major repair, rebuilding, and debt service expenditures related to pupil transportation equipment.

Debt Service Fund

This fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for and the payment of matured general long-term debt principle and interest.

Special Revenue Fund

In Washington State, the only allowable special revenue fund for school districts is the Associated Student Body (ASB) Fund. This fund is accounted for in the District's financial statements as the financial resources legally belong to the District. As a special revenue fund, amounts within the ASB Fund may only be used for those purposed that relate to the operation of Associated Student Body of the District

Proprietary Funds

School districts in the State of Washington are not allowed to utilize proprietary fund types, which is a departure from GAAP.

The measurement focus and basis of accounting used in the government-wide statements.

The District's accounting policies conform to the *Accounting Manual for Public School Districts in the State of Washington*, issued jointly by the State Auditor and the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The District's financial statements are presented in conformity with the publication.

The measurement focus for the District's funds is the cash basis, except for the Debt Service Fund, which is measured on the modified accrual basis, and the current financial resources focus. This basis of accounting focuses primarily on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources and often has a budgetary orientation. This means that only current assets and current liabilities are included on their balance sheets.

Revenues are recognized when they are received in cash, rather than when measureable and available.

Expenditures are recognized when warrants are issued to pay for goods or services received, rather than when the expenditures are incurred.

BUDGETARY DATA

General Budgetary Policies

Chapter 28A.505 RCW and Chapter 392-123 *Washington Administrative Code* (WAC) mandate school district budget policies and procedures. The board adopts the budget after a public hearing. An appropriation is a prerequisite to expenditure. Appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal period.

Budgetary Basis of Accounting

For budget and accounting purposes, revenues and expenditures are accounted for on a cash basis as allowed in law for all governmental funds, except Debt Service Fund which is accounted for on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Fund balance is budgeted as available resources and, under statute, may not be negative, unless the District enters into binding conditions with state oversight pursuant to RCW 28A.505.110.

The government's policy regarding whether to first apply restricted or unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

The District receives state funding for specific categorical education-related programs. Amounts that are received for these programs that are not used in the current fiscal year may be carried forward into the subsequent fiscal year, where they may be used only for the same purpose as they were originally received. When the District has such carryover, those funds are expended before any amounts received in the current year are expended.

The government's fund balance classifications policies and procedures.

The District classifies ending fund balance for its governmental funds into five categories.

Nonspendable Fund Balance. The amounts reported as Nonspendable are resources of the District that are not in spendable format. They are either non-liquid resources such as inventory or prepaid items, or the resources are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted Fund Balance. Amounts that are reported as Restricted are those resources of the District that have had a legal restriction placed on their use either from statute, WAC, or other legal requirements that are beyond the control of the board of directors. Restricted fund balance includes anticipated recovery of revenues that have been received but are restricted as to their usage.

<u>Committed Fund Balance.</u> Amounts that are reported as Committed are those resources of the District that have had a limitation placed upon their usage by formal action of the District's board of directors. Commitments are made either through a formal adopted board resolution or are related to an established policy of the board. Commitments may only be changed when the resources are used for the intended purpose or the limitation is removed by a subsequent formal action of the board of directors.

<u>Assigned Fund Balance.</u> In the General Fund, amounts that are reported as Assigned are those resources that the District has set aside for specific purposes. These accounts reflect tentative management plans for future financial resource use such as the replacement of equipment or the assignment of resources for contingencies. Assignments reduce the amount reported as Unassigned Fund Balance, but may not reduce that balance below zero.

In other governmental funds, Assigned fund balance represents a positive ending spendable fund balance once all restrictions and commitments are considered. These resources are only available for expenditure in that fund and may not be used in any other fund without formal action by the District's board of directors and as allowed by statute.

<u>Unassigned Fund Balance.</u> In the General Fund, amounts that are reported as Unassigned are those net spendable resources of the District that are not otherwise Restricted, Committed, or Assigned, and may be used for any purpose within the General Fund.

In other governmental funds, Unassigned fund balance represents a deficit ending spendable fund balance once all restrictions and commitments are considered.

A negative Unassigned fund balance means that the legal restrictions and formal commitments of the District exceed its currently available resources.

ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND EQUITY

All of the District'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 acquisition.

Inventory

Inventory is valued at cost using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method (*or weighted average*). The consumption method of inventory is used, which charges inventory as an expenditure when it is consumed. A portion of fund balance, representing inventory, is considered Nonspendable. USDA commodity inventory consists of food donated by the United States Department of Agriculture. It is valued at the prices paid by the USDA for the commodities.

NOTE 2: CASH DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

The Grays Harbor County Treasurer is the ex officio treasurer for the District and holds all accounts of the District. The District directs the County Treasurer to invest those financial resources of the District that the District has determined are not needed to meet the current financial obligations of the District.

All of the District's investments during the year and at year-end were insured or registered and held by the District or its agent in the District's name.

The District's investments as of August 31, 2013, are as follows:

County Treasurer's Investment Pool

\$1,447,605.98

NOTE 3: SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Litigation

The District has no known legal obligations that would materially impact the financial position of the District.

NOTE 4: SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS OF SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There were no events after the balance sheet date that would have a material impact on the next or future years.

NOTE 5: ANNUAL PENSION COST AND NET PENSION OBLIGATIONS

General Information

Substantially all North Beach School District full-time and qualifying part-time employees participate in one of the following three contributory, multi-employer, cost-sharing statewide retirement systems managed by the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems (DRS): Teachers' Retirement System (TRS), Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and School Employees' Retirement System (SERS). Participation in the programs was as follows:

Membership by retirement system program as of June 30, 2011:

Program	Active Members	Inactive Vested Members	Retired Members	
TRS	66,203	9,204	41,709	
PERS	152,417	29,925	79,363	
SERS	52,332	10,262	6,428	

Membership by retirement system program as of June 30, 2012:

Program	Active Members	Inactive Vested Members	Retired Members
TRS	65,357	9,545	42,918
PERS	150,590	30,515	82,242
SERS	51,558	10,920	7,651

Certificated public employees are members of TRS. Non-certificated public employees are members of PERS (if Plan 1) or SERS.

Plan 1 under the TRS and PERS programs are defined benefit pension plans whose members joined the system on or before September 30, 1977. Plan 1 members are eligible to retire with full benefits after five years of credited service and attainment of age 60, after 25 years of credited service and attainment of age 55, or after 30 years of credited service.

Plan 2 under the TRS or SERS programs are defined benefit pension plans whose members joined on or after October 1, 1977, but before June 30, 1996, or August 31, 2000, for TRS or SERS programs, respectively. Members of TRS and SERS are eligible to retire with full benefits after five years of credited service and attainment of age 65 or after 20 years of credited service and attainment of age 55 with the benefit actuarially reduced from age 65, or 30 years of credited service and receive either a reduced benefit or stricter return-to-work rules.

Plan 3 under the TRS and SERS programs are defined benefit, defined contribution pension plans whose members joined on or after July 1, 1996, or September 1, 2000, for TRS and SERS, respectively. Members are eligible to retire with full benefits at age 65, or they may retire at age 55 with at least ten service years with a reduced benefit amount, or they may retire at age 55 with at least 30 service years and receive either a reduced benefit or stricter return-to-work rules.

Average Final Compensation (AFC) of Plan 1 TRS and PERS members is the highest average salary during any two consecutive years. For Plan 2 and Plan 3 TRS and SERS members, it is the highest average during any five consecutive years.

The retirement allowance of Plan 1 TRS and PERS members is the AFC multiplied by 2 percent per year of service capped at 60 percent with a cost-of-living adjustment. For Plan 2 TRS and SERS members, it is the AFC multiplied by 2 percent per year of service with provision for a cost-of-living adjustment. For the defined benefit portion of Plan 3 TRS and SERS it is the AFC multiplied by 1 percent per year of service with a cost-of-living adjustment.

The employer contribution rates for PERS, TRS, and SERS (Plans 1, 2, and 3) and the TRS and SERS Plan 2, employee contribution rates are established by the Pension Funding Council based upon the rates set by the Legislature. The employee contribution rate for Plan 1 in PERS and TRS is set by statute at 6 percent and does not vary from year to year. The employer rate is the same for all plans in a system. The methods used to determine the contribution requirements are established under Chapters 41.40, 41.32, and 41.35 RCW for PERS, TRS, and SERS respectively.

The district contribution represents its full liability under both systems, except that future rates may be adjusted to meet the system needs.

Contributions

Employee contribution rates effective September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013:

Plan 1 TRS 6.00% Plan 1 PERS 6.00% Plan 2 TRS 4.69%% Plan 2 SERS 4.09% Plan 3 TRS and SERS 5.00% (minimum) 15.00% (maximum).

For Plan 3 TRS and SERS, rates adjusted based upon age may be chosen. The optional rates range begins at 5 percent and increase to a maximum of 15 percent.

Employer contribution rates effective September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013:

9/1/12	2-8/31/13	9/1/12-6/30/13	7/1/13-8/31/13
Plan 1 TRS	8.05%	Plan 1 PERS 7.21%	9.19%
Plan 2 TRS	8.05%	Plan 2 SERS 7.59%	7.59%
Plan 3 TRS	8.05%	Plan 3 SERS 7.59%	7.59%

Under current law the employer must contribute 100 percent of the employer-required contribution. Employer required contributions in dollars as of August, 2013:

<u>13</u>
96
91
98
28
26
14

Historical trend information showing TRS, PERS and SERS progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is presented in the State of Washington's June 30, 2013, comprehensive annual financial report. Refer to this report for detailed trend information. It is available from:

State of Washington
Office of Financial Management
300 Insurance Building
PO Box 43113
Olympia, WA 98504-3113

NOTE 6: ANNUAL OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT COST AND NET OPEB OBLIGATIONS

The State, through the Health Care Authority (HCA), administers an agent multi-employer Other Post-Employment Benefit plan. The Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB), created within the HCA, is authorized to design benefits and determine the terms and conditions of employee

and retired employee participation and coverage, including establishment of eligibility criteria for both active and retired employees. Programs include medical, dental, life insurance and long-term disability insurance.

Employers participating in the plan include the State of Washington (which includes general government agencies and higher education institutions), 57 of the state's K-12 school districts and educational service districts (ESDs), and 206 political subdivisions and tribal governments. Additionally, the PEBB plan is available to the retirees of the remaining 247 K-12 school districts and ESDs. The district's retirees are eligible to participate in the PEBB plan under this arrangement.

According to state law, the Washington State Treasurer collects a fee from all school district entities which have employees that are no current active members of the state Health Care Authority but participate in the state retirement system. The purpose of this fee is to cover the impact of the subsidized rate of health care benefits for school retirees that elect to purchase their health care benefits through the state Health Care Authority. For the fiscal year 2012-2013, the District was required to pay the HCA \$768.00 per month per full-time equivalent employee to support the program, for a total payment of \$59,272.25 . This assessment to the District is set forth in the State's operating budget and is subject to change on an annual basis. This amount is not actuarially determined and is not placed in a trust to pay the obligations for post-employment health care benefits.

The District has no control over the benefits offered to retirees, the rates charged to retirees, nor the fee paid to the Health Care Authority. The District does not determine its annual Required Contribution nor the Net Other Post-Employment Benefit obligation associated with this plan. Accordingly, these amounts are not shown on the financial statements. This is a departure from GAAP.

NOTE 7: COMMITMENTS UNDER NONCAPITALIZED (OPERATING) LEASES

The District had no lease obligations and conditional sales contract obligations during the 2012-13 fiscal year.

NOTE 8: CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENTS, INCLUDING ENCUMBRANCES, IF APPROPRIATE

Encumbrances

The District does not use encumbrance accounting.

NOTE 9: REQUIRED DISCLOSURES ABOUT CAPITAL ASSETS

The district's capital assets are insured in the amount of \$37,587,816 for the fiscal year 2012-13. In the opinion of the District's insurance consultant, this amount is sufficient to adequately fund replacement of the District's assets.

NOTE 10: REQUIRED DISCLOSURES ABOUT LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Bonds payable at August 31, 2013, are comprised of the following individual issues:

Issue Name	Amount Authorized	Annual Installments	Final Maturity	Interest Rate	Amount Outstanding
General Oblig	gation Bonds				
	1,170,000	555,000 -			-
2003 NC		615,000	12/01/2012	3.750%	
	8,445,000	130,000 -			8,295,000
2011 R		1,030,000	12/01/2022	2% – 4%	
Total Genera 8,295,000	l Obligation Be	onds			

The following is a summary of general obligation long-term debt transactions of the District for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2013.

Long- Term Debt Payable at 9/1/2012	8,930,000
New Issues	
Debt Retired	635,000
Long -Term Debt Payable at 8/31/2013	8,295,000

The following is a schedule of annual requirements to amortize debt at August 31, 2013:

Years Ending	Principal	Interest	Total
August 31			
2014	660,000	306,000	966,000
2015	680,000	285,900	965,900
2016	705,000	261,600	966,600
2017	775,000	232,000	1,007,000
2018	805,000	200,400	1,005,400
2019 - 2023	4,670,000	476,150	5,146,150
Total	8,295,000	1,762,050	10,057,050

At August 31, 2013, the District has \$1,113,587.16 available in the Debt Service Fund to service the general obligation bonds.

NOTE 11: INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS

There were no interfund loans or transfers for the 2012-13 school year.

NOTE 12: ENTITY RISK MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

ESD 113 Insurance Cooperative

In September, 1986, the District joined the ESD 113 Insurance Cooperative, a public entity risk pool for property and casualty insurance.

On August 20, 2003, the ESD 113 Insurance Cooperative (EIC) Advisory board voted to cease operation of the EIC. The EIC continues to be responsible for the resolution of all open claims and other liabilities arising from the time of operation of the EIC up to August 31, 2003. The EIC allowed districts to combine their purchasing power to obtain favorable and steady insurance rates for property and liability coverage. The EIC provided coverage for up to \$25,000 for each covered loss. Losses above \$25,000 were covered by traditional insurance policy purchased for members through the EIC. Provisions of the EIC agreement, Chapter 48.62 RCW, and Chapter 236-22 WAC require that only the remaining assets be distributed after all financial and legal obligations of the EIC have been resolved.

At August 31, 2013 there were no open claims against the EIC and EIC records \$78,000 as a liability for future potential (IBNR) claims.

Workers Compensation

In July, 1983, the District joined the Educational Service District 113 Workers' Compensation Trust (Trust), a public entity pool.

The Trust is organized pursuant to Title 51.14 RCW for the purpose of managing workers' compensation payroll taxes, employee claims, and safety programs. Membership is established by execution of an agreement between the ESD and each local school district.

The Trust provides industrial injury accident insurance coverage for its membership. The Trust is fully funded by its member participants. Member contributions are calculated based on the members' hours worked and the members experience rated contribution factor. The Trust retains responsibility for the payment of claims within specified self-insured retention limits prior to the application of coverage provided by its excess insurance contracts the Trust acquires insurance from unrelated underwriters. The Trust's per-occurrence retention limit is \$350,000 and the annual aggregate retention is \$5,526,769 minimum.

Unemployment Insurance

In January, 1978, the District joined together with the Unemployment Compensation Pool (Pool). The Pool is organized pursuant to Title 50.44 RCW for the purpose of managing unemployment compensation payroll taxes and employee claims. Membership is established by execution f an agreement between the ESD and each local school district.

The Pool provides unemployment compensation coverage for members of the Pool arising from previous employees. The Pool is fully funded by its member participants. Member districts pay a percentage of their employee's wages. These contributions plus investment earnings pays for

unemployment claims and for the administration of the Pool. The agreement provides that members may be additionally assessed if the pool needs additional funding.

Effective September 1, 2012 the Pool began "pooling" the unemployment risks among members. This was a change from the historical "banking model" program whereby each member was essentially responsible for its own claims. This change to a pooling system required that the Pool had to develop an overall base rate, make individual adjustments to the base rate based upon member experience, and transition the prior bank balances to the capital position in the pooled system.

United Schools Insurance Program

The North Beach School District is a member of the United Schools Insurance Program. Chapter 48.62 RCW authorizes the governing body of any one or more governmental entities to form together into or join a pool or organization for the joint purchasing of insurance, and/or joint self-insuring, and/or joint hiring or contracting for risk management services to the same extent that they may individually purchase insurance, self-insure, or hire or contract for risk management services. An agreement to form a pooling arrangement was made pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 39.34 RCW, the Interlocal Cooperation Act. The pool was formed on September 1, 1985 when 29 school districts in the State of Washington joined together by signing a Joint Purchasing Agreement to pool their self-insured losses and jointly purchase insurance and administrative services. Current membership includes 154 full member school districts.

The program allows members to jointly purchase insurance coverage and provide related services, such as administration, risk management, claims administration, etc. Sexual abuse and school board legal liability coverage is on a "claims made basis". All other coverage's are on an "occurrence basis". The program provides the following forms of group purchased insurance coverage for its members: property, general liability, automobile liability, school board legal liability, and crime.

Liability Insurance is subject to a self insured retention of \$100,000. Members are responsible for \$1,000 deductible amount for each claim, while the program is responsible for the remaining \$100,000 self-insured retention. Insurance carriers cover insured losses over \$101,000 to the limits of each policy. Since the program is a cooperative program, there is a joint liability among the participating members towards the sharing of the \$100,000 of the self-insured retention. The program also purchases a stop loss policy with an attachment point of \$941,250 as an additional layer of protection for its members.

Property insurance is subject to a per-occurrence deductible of \$100,000. Members are responsible for the first \$1,000 of the deductible amount of each claim, while the program is responsible for the \$100,000 self-insured retention.

Boiler and machinery insurance is subject to a per-occurrence deductible of \$10,000. Members are responsible for the deductible amount of each claim.

Each new member now pays the program an admittance fee. This amount covers the member's share of unrestricted reserves. Members contract to remain in the pool for a minimum of one year, and must give notice before August 31 before terminating participation the following September 1. The Interlocal Agreement is renewed automatically each year. Even after termination, a member is still responsible for contributions to the pool for any unresolved.

unreported, and in-process claims for the period they were a signatory to the Joint Purchasing Agreement.

The program is fully funded by its member participants. Claims are filed by members with Canfield, which has been contracted to perform program administration, claims adjustment and loss prevention for the program. Fees paid to the third party administrator under this arrangement for the year ending August 31, 2013, were \$1,667,756.04.

A Board of Directors of nine members is selected by the membership from six areas of the state on a staggered term basis and is responsible for conducting the business affairs of the program. The Board of Directors has contracted with Canfield to perform day-to-day administration of the program. This program has no employees.

NOTE 13: PROPERTY TAXES

Property tax revenues are collected as the result of special levies passed by the voters in the District. Taxes are levied on January 1. The taxpayer has the obligation of paying all taxes on April 30 or one-half then and one-half on October 31. Typically, slightly more than half of the collections are made on the April 30 date. The October 31 collection of property taxes will be recorded as revenue in the 2013-14 school year, consistent with the cash basis of accounting

NOTE 14: JOINT VENTURES AND JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

The District is a member of the King County Director's Association (KCDA). KCDA is a purchasing cooperative designed to pool the member districts' purchasing power. The board authorized joining the association by passing an Interlocal Agreement dated May, 2009 and has remained in the joint venture ever since. The District's current equity of \$9,676.53 is the accumulation of the annual assignment of KCDA's operating surplus based upon the percentage derived from KCDA's total sales to the District compared to all other districts applied against paid administrative fees. The District may withdraw from the joint venture and will receive its equity in ten annual allocations of merchandise or 15 annual payments.

NOTE 15: FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATION DETAILS

The District's financial statements include the following amounts presented in the aggregate.

	General Fund	ASB Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Debt Service Fund	Transportation Vehicle Fund
Restricted Fund Balance			-	-	
Carryover of Restricted Revenues	\$48,709.85				
Other Items		\$123,193.68		\$1,140,487.86	
Committed Fund Balance	-				
Other Commitments	\$2,500.00				
Assigned Fund Balance	•	-			
Fund Purposes			\$231,439.64	_	\$73,221.18
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$482,056.10				

NOTE 16: POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS OTHER THAN PENSION PLANS – BOTH IN SEPARATELY ISSUED PLAN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EMPLOYER STATEMENTS

457 Plan – Deferred Compensation Plan

District employees have the option of participating in a deferred compensation plan as defined in 457 of the Internal Revenue Code that is administered by the state deferred compensation plan.

403(b) Plan – Tax Sheltered Annuity (TSA)

The District offers a tax deferred annuity plan for its employees. The plan permits participants to defer a portion of their salary until future years under one type of deferral: elective deferral (employee contribution).

The District complies with IRS regulation that require school districts to have a written plan to include participating investment companies, types of investments, loans, transfers, and various requirements. The plan is administered by TSA Consulting Group, Inc., a third party administrator. The plan assets are assets of the District employees, not the school district, and are therefore not reflected on these financial statements.

NOTE 17: TERMINATION BENEFITS

Compensated Absences

Employees earn sick leave at a rate of up to 12 days per year up to a maximum of one contract year.

Under the provisions of RCW 28A.400.210, sick leave accumulated by District employees is reimbursed at death or retirement at the rate of one day for each four days of accrued leave, limited to 180 accrued days. This chapter also provides for an annual buy out of an amount up to the maximum annual accumulation of 12 days. For buyout purposes, employees may accumulate such leave to a maximum of 192 days, including the annual accumulation, as of December 31 of each year.

District obligation for vested sick leave for employees eligible to retire at August 31, 2013 amounts to \$219,743.83.

These expenditures are recorded when paid, except termination sick leave that is accrued upon death, retirement, or upon termination provided the employee is at least 55 years of age and has sufficient years of service. Vested sick leave was computed using the termination payment method.

Vacation pay, including benefits, that is expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as expenditures and a fund liability of the governmental fund that will pay it. Unpaid vacation leave liability at August 31, 2013 amounts to \$33,557.39

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Schedule of Long-Term Liabilities

For the Year Ended August 31, 2013

Description	Beginning Outstanding Debt September 1, 2012	Amount Issued/Increased	Amount Redeemed/Decreased	Ending Outstanding Debt August 31, 2013
Total Voted Bonds	8,930,000.00	00.0	635,000.00	8,295,000.00
Total Non-Voted Notes/Bonds	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB)	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
Qualified School Construction Bonds(QSCB)	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
Other Long-Term Debt				
Capital Leases	0.00	0.00	0.00	00.00
Contracts Payable (GL 603)	00.00	00.00	00.0	00.00
NonCancellable Operating Leases	00.00	0.00	0.00	00.00
Claims & Judgments	0.00	00.00	0.00	00.00
Compensated Absences	211,061.31	42,239.92	00.00	253,301.23
Other Long-Term Liabilities	00.00	0.00	00.00	0.00
Total Other Long-Term Liabilities	211,061.31	42,239.92	0.00	253,301.23
TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	9,141,061.31	42,239.92	635,000.00	8,548,301.23

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS North Beach School District #64

For the year ending August 31, 2013

1	2	3	4	5	9	7	8	6
						Expe	Expenditures	
Federal Agency Name	Pass Through Agency	Federal Program Title	CFDA Number	Other Identification Number	From Direct Awards	From Pass Through Awards	Total	Footnote
Dept of Education	WA OSPI	Career and Technical Education Basic Grants to States	84.048	172611	0	5,030	\$5,030.00	2,4
Dept of Education	WA OSPI	Title 1 Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	201034	0	156,418	\$156,418.00	2,4
Dept of Education	WA OSPI		84.010A	228529	0	25,000	\$25,000.00	2,4
Dept of Education	WA OSPI	Special Education_Grants to State	84.027a	304476	0	127,013	\$127,013.00	2,4
Dept of Education	WA OSPI	Special Education_Grants to States	84.027a	329035	0	15,000	\$15,000.00	2,4
Dept of Education	WA OSPI	WA OSPI Special Education_Preschool Grants	84.173A	364473	0	3,618	\$3,618.00	2,4
Dept of Education	WA OSPI	Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	523156	0	38,700	\$38,700.00	2,4
		Dept of Education Subtotal				370,779	\$370,779.00	
Dept of Health	HCA	Medical Assistance Program						
		Match	93.778	N/A		42,894.09	\$42,894.09	
		Reimbursement	93.778	N/A		345.24	\$345.24	
		Dept of Health & Human Services Subtotal				43,239.33	\$43,239.33	
Dept of Agriculture	WA OSPI	WA OSPI National School Lunch Program						
		Cash Assistance - Meal Pattern Reimbursement	10.555	N/A		3,928.14	\$3,928.14	
Dept of Agriculture	WA OSPI	National School Breakfast Program						
		Cash Assistance	10.553	N/A		52,901.98	52,901.98	
Dept of Agriculture	WA OSPI	National School Lunch Program						
		Cash Assistance	10.555	N/A		174,157.76	\$174,157.76	
		National School Lunch Program						
		Non-cash Assistance	10.555	N/A		21,958.49	\$21,958.49	3
	WA OSPI	Schools and RoadsGrants to States	10.665	N/A		11,912.61	\$11,912.61	
		Dept of Agriculture Subtotal				264,858.98	\$264,858.98	
		Total Federal Awards Expended				678,877.31	\$678,877.31	

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Note 1

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is prepared on the same basis of accounting as the district's financial statements.

The district uses the cash basis of accounting. Expenditures represent only the federally funded portions of the program. District records should be consulted to determine amounts of expended or matched from non-federal sources.

PROGRAM COSTS/MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS

Note 2

The amounts shown as current year expenses represent only the federal grant portion of the program costs. Entire program costs,

including the district's portion, may be more than shown.

NONCASH AWARDS

Note 3

The amount of commodities reported on the schedule is the value of commodities distributed by the district during the current year and priced as prescribed by OSPI.

Note 4

The district used the federal unrestricted rate of 1.07 percent for this program.



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