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Financial Statements and Federal Single Audit Report

Meridian School District No. 505

For the period September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021

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Superintendent and Board of Directors
Meridian School District No. 505
Bellingham, Washington

Report on Financial Statements and Federal Single Audit

Please find attached our report on Meridian School District No. 505'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,

Pat McCarthy, State Auditor
Olympia, WA

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Meridian School District No. 505 September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021

SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR’S RESULTS

The results of our audit of Meridian School District No. 505 are summarized below in accordance with Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance).

Financial Statements

We issued an unmodified opinion on the fair presentation of the District’s financial statements in accordance with its regulatory basis of accounting. Separately, 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 using a basis of accounting other than GAAP.

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 in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a).

Identification of Major Federal Programs

The following programs were selected as major programs in our audit of compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.

<u>CFDA No.</u>	<u>Program or Cluster Title</u>
84.027	Special Education Cluster (IDEA) - Special Education Grants to States
84.173	Special Education Cluster (IDEA) - Special Education Preschool Grants

The dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs, as prescribed by the Uniform Guidance, was \$750,000.

The District qualified as a low-risk auditee under the Uniform Guidance.

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

None reported.

SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None reported.



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SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

Meridian School District No. 505

September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021

This schedule presents the status of findings reported in prior audit periods.

Audit Period: September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020	Report Ref. No.: 1028654	Finding Ref. No.: 2020-001	CFDA Number(s): 84.010
Federal Program Name and Granting Agency: Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies – Department of Education		Pass-Through Agency Name: Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)	
Finding Caption: <p>The District's internal controls were not adequate to ensure compliance with federal Title I grant requirements for standardized test security.</p>			
Background: <p>The District did not have controls in place, and did not prepare a written Test Security and Building Plans with all of the required elements, for the English Language Proficiency Assessment for the 21st Century (ELPA21) tests it administered. The District did complete the Test Security Assurance reports and required trainings.</p> <p>This internal control deficiency was considered to be a material weakness, which led to material noncompliance.</p>			
Status of Corrective Action: (check one) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fully Corrected <input type="checkbox"/> Partially Corrected <input type="checkbox"/> Not Corrected <input type="checkbox"/> Finding is considered no longer valid </div>			
Corrective Action Taken: <p><i>Meridian School District (MSD) has created a Google Shared Drive, with different folders for each state assessment, within those folders are the building test security plans for each building. MSD is utilizing the OSPI provided Test Security and Building Plan (TSBP). The district Data and Assessment Specialist begins the initial completion of the Test Security and Building Plan, then each school's test coordinator (typically building administration) finalizes the document. Once the document is completed the District Assessment Coordinator initials the document to demonstrate approval.</i></p>			

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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*

Meridian School District No. 505 September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021

Superintendent and Board of Directors
Meridian School District No. 505
Bellingham, 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 Meridian School District No. 505, as of and for the year ended August 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 23, 2022.

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, as described in Note 1, the *Accounting Manual for Public School Districts in the State of Washington* does not require the District to prepare the government-wide statements presenting the financial position and changes in financial position of its governmental activities as required by 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.

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, during the year ended August 31, 2021 the District adopted new accounting guidance for presentation and disclosure of fiduciary activities, as required by the Accounting Manual.

As discussed in Note 4 to the 2021 financial statements, the full extent of the COVID-19 pandemic's direct or indirect financial impact on the District is unknown.

INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

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

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

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.

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Pat McCarthy, State Auditor

Olympia, WA

March 23, 2022

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and Report on Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with the Uniform Guidance

Meridian School District No. 505 September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021

Superintendent and Board of Directors
Meridian School District No. 505
Bellingham, Washington

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM

We have audited the compliance of Meridian School District No. 505, with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. *Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended August 31, 2021. The District's major federal programs are identified in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Management's Responsibility

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for 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 the audit requirements of Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for 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, 2021.

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 the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *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 the Uniform Guidance. 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.

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Pat McCarthy, State Auditor

Olympia, WA

March 23, 2022

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on the Financial Statements

Meridian School District No. 505 September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021

Superintendent and Board of Directors
Meridian School District No. 505
Bellingham, Washington

REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Meridian School District No. 505, as of and for the year ended August 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's financial statements, as listed on page 17.

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 state law 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 opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 account 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, the District has prepared these financial statements to meet the financial reporting requirements of state law using accounting practices prescribed by the Accounting Manual. Those accounting practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The difference in these accounting practices is also described in Note 1.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Meridian School District No. 505, as of August 31, 2021, and the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with 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. GAAP requires presentation of government-wide financial statements to display the financial position and changes in financial position of its governmental activities.

As described in Note 1, the Accounting Manual does not require the District to prepare the government-wide financial statements, and consequently such amounts have not been determined or presented. We are therefore 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 Meridian School District No. 505, as of August 31, 2021, or the changes in financial position or cash flows thereof 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.

Matters of Emphasis

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, in 2021, the District adopted new accounting guidance for presentation and disclosure of Fiduciary Activities, as required by the Accounting Manual. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

As discussed in Note 4 to the 2021 financial statements, the full extent of the COVID-19 pandemic’s direct or indirect financial impact on the District is unknown. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Supplementary and Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). The 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 March 23, 2022 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 the 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.

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Pat McCarthy, State Auditor

Olympia, WA

March 23, 2022

FINANCIAL SECTION

Meridian School District No. 505 September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021

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Meridian School District No. 505
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

August 31, 2021

	General Fund	ASB Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Transportation Vehicle Fund	Permanent Fund	Total
Assets							
Cash and Cash Equivalents	402,185.72	40,310.11	2,338.24	694.30	0.00	0.00	445,528.37
Minus Warrants Outstanding	-393,409.75	-25,120.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-418,529.86
Taxes Receivable	1,839,464.45		574,059.97	293,220.50	0.00	0.00	2,706,744.92
Due From Other Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Due From Other Governmental Units	202,247.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	202,247.76
Accounts Receivable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interfund Loans Receivable	0.00						0.00
Accrued Interest Receivable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Inventory	0.00	0.00		0.00			0.00
Prepaid Items	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00
Investments	4,491,932.11	169,651.80	797,677.14	480,404.42	393,158.58	0.00	6,332,824.05
Investments/Cash With Trustee	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Investments-Deferred Compensation	0.00			0.00			0.00
Self-Insurance Security Deposit	0.00						0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	6,542,420.29	184,841.80	1,374,075.35	774,319.22	393,158.58	0.00	9,268,815.24
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:							
Deferred Outflows of Resources - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	6,542,420.29	184,841.80	1,374,075.35	774,319.22	393,158.58	0.00	9,268,815.24
LIABILITIES							
Accounts Payable	303,173.33	234.23	0.00	163.72	0.00	0.00	303,571.28
Contracts Payable Current	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Accrued Interest Payable			0.00				0.00

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

Meridian School District No. 505
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
August 31, 2021

	General Fund	ASB Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Transportation Vehicle Fund	Permanent Fund	Total
Accrued Salaries	43,451.72						43,451.72
Anticipation Notes Payable	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
LIABILITIES:							
Payroll Deductions and Taxes Payable	11,611.02			0.00			11,611.02
Due To Other Governmental Units	194,033.93			0.00	0.00		194,033.93
Deferred Compensation Payable	0.00			0.00			0.00
Estimated Employee Benefits Payable	0.00						0.00
Due To Other Funds	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Interfund Loans Payable	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Deposits	0.00		0.00	0.00			0.00
Unearned Revenue	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Matured Bonds Payable			0.00				0.00
Matured Bond Interest Payable			0.00				0.00
Arbitrage Rebate Payable	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	552,270.00	234.23	0.00	163.72	0.00	0.00	552,667.95
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES							
Unavailable Revenue	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Unavailable Revenue - Taxes Receivable	1,839,464.45		574,059.97	293,220.50	0.00		2,706,744.92
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	1,839,464.45	0.00	574,059.97	293,220.50	0.00	0.00	2,706,744.92
FUND BALANCE:							
Nonspendable Fund Balance	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Restricted Fund Balance	98,766.54	184,607.57	800,015.38	0.00	393,158.58		1,476,548.07
Committed Fund Balance	1,020,000.00	0.00	0.00	192,563.33	0.00		1,212,563.33
Assigned Fund Balance	256,003.11	0.00	0.00	288,371.67	0.00		544,374.78

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

Meridian School District No. 505

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

August 31, 2021

	General Fund	ASB Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Transportation Vehicle Fund	Permanent Fund	Total
Unassigned Fund Balance	2,775,916.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,775,916.19
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	4,150,685.84	184,607.57	800,015.38	480,935.00	393,158.58	0.00	6,009,402.37
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCE	6,542,420.29	184,841.80	1,374,075.35	774,319.22	393,158.58	0.00	9,268,815.24

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

Meridian School District No. 505

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended August 31, 2021

	General Fund	ASB Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Transportation Vehicle Fund	Permanent Fund	Total
REVENUES:							
Local	3,960,547.02	109,944.23	1,286,143.82	392,206.14	2,828.12		5,751,669.33
State	20,185,252.14		0.00	0.00	165,626.02		20,350,878.16
Federal	1,871,742.18		0.00	0.00	0.00		1,871,742.18
Other	137,845.86			0.00	0.00	0.00	137,845.86
TOTAL REVENUES	26,155,387.20	109,944.23	1,286,143.82	392,206.14	168,454.14	0.00	28,112,135.53
EXPENDITURES:							
CURRENT:							
Regular Instruction	13,860,788.85						13,860,788.85
Special Education	3,055,238.75						3,055,238.75
Vocational Education	628,149.19						628,149.19
Skill Center	0.00						0.00
Compensatory Programs	1,187,229.36						1,187,229.36
Other Instructional Programs	191,117.30						191,117.30
Federal Stimulus COVID-19	0.00						0.00
Community Services	0.00						0.00
Support Services	5,636,768.99						5,636,768.99
Student Activities/Other		144,931.90				0.00	144,931.90
CAPITAL OUTLAY:							
Sites				-243.50			-243.50
Building				833.57			833.57
Equipment				0.00			0.00
Instructional Technology				0.00			0.00
Energy				0.00			0.00
Transportation Equipment					125,999.59		125,999.59
Sales and Lease				0.00			0.00
Other	399,964.38						399,964.38
DEBT SERVICE:							
Principal	0.00		790,000.00	0.00	0.00		790,000.00

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

Meridian School District No. 505

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended August 31, 2021

	General Fund	ASB Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Transportation Vehicle Fund	Permanent Fund	Total
Interest and Other Charges	0.00		459,957.11	0.00	0.00		459,957.11
Bond/Levy Issuance				0.00	0.00		0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	24,959,256.82	144,931.90	1,249,957.11	590.07	125,999.59	0.00	26,480,735.49
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	1,196,130.38	-34,987.67	36,186.71	391,616.07	42,454.55	0.00	1,631,400.04
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) :							
Bond Sales & Refunding Bond Sales	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Long-Term Financing	0.00			0.00	0.00		0.00
Transfers In	158,845.34		0.00	0.00	0.00		158,845.34
Transfers Out (GL 536)	0.00		0.00	-158,845.34	0.00	0.00	-158,845.34
Other Financing Uses (GL 535)	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Other	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	158,845.34		0.00	-158,845.34	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXCESS OF REVENUES/OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	1,354,975.72	-34,987.67	36,186.71	232,770.73	42,454.55	0.00	1,631,400.04
BEGINNING TOTAL FUND BALANCE	2,795,710.12	219,595.24	763,828.67	248,164.27	350,704.03	0.00	4,378,002.33
Prior Year(s) Corrections or Restatements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ENDING TOTAL FUND BALANCE	4,150,685.84	184,607.57	800,015.38	480,935.00	393,158.58	0.00	6,009,402.37

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

Meridian School District No. 505
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
August 31, 2021

	Custodial Funds	Private Purpose Trust
ASSETS:		
Imprest Cash	0.00	0.00
Cash On Hand	0.00	0.00
Cash On Deposit with Cty Treas	0.00	0.00
Minus Warrants Outstanding	0.00	0.00
Due From Other Funds	0.00	0.00
Accounts Receivable	0.00	0.00
Accrued Interest Receivable	0.00	0.00
Investments	0.00	16,623.82
Investments/Cash With Trustee	0.00	0.00
Other Assets	0.00	
Capital Assets, Land	0.00	
Capital Assets, Buildings	0.00	
Capital Assets, Equipment	0.00	0.00
Accum Depreciation, Buildings	0.00	
Accum Depreciation, Equipment	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	0.00	16,623.82
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00
Due To Other Funds	0.00	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0.00	0.00
NET POSITION:		
Held in trust for:		
Held In Trust For Intact Trust Principal	0.00	15,201.76
Held In Trust For Private Purposes	0.00	
Held In Trust For Pension Or Other Post-Employment Benefits		0.00
Held In Trust For Other Purposes	0.00	1,422.06
TOTAL NET POSITION	0.00	16,623.82

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

Meridian School District No. 505
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
For the Year Ended August 31, 2021

	Custodial Funds	Private Purpose Trust
ADDITIONS:		
Contributions:		
Private Donations	0.00	0.00
Employer		0.00
Members		0.00
Other	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	0.00	0.00
Investment Income:		
Net Appreciation (Depreciation) in Fair Value	0.00	0.00
Interest and Dividends	0.00	170.78
Less Investment Expenses	0.00	0.00
Net Investment Income	0.00	170.78
Other Additions:		
Rent or Lease Revenue	0.00	0.00
Total Other Additions	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONS	0.00	170.78
DEDUCTIONS:		
Benefits		0.00
Refund of Contributions	0.00	0.00
Administrative Expenses	0.00	0.00
Scholarships	0.00	
Other	0.00	0.00
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	0.00	0.00
Net Increase (Decrease)	0.00	170.78
Net Position--Prior Year August Beginning	0.00	16,453.04
Prior Year F-196 Manual Revision		
Net Position - Total	0.00	0.00
Prior Year(s) Corrections or Restatements	0.00	16,453.04
NET POSITION--ENDING	0.00	16,623.82

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

Meridian School District
Notes to the Financial Statements
September 1, 2020 Through August 31, 2021

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Meridian School District (District) is a municipal corporation organized pursuant to Title 28A of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) for the purposes 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 rests with the board of directors.

The District presents governmental fund financial statements and related notes on the modified accrual basis of accounting in accordance with 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 prescribes a financial reporting framework that differs from generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the following manner:

- (1) Districtwide statements, as defined in GAAP, are not presented.
- (2) A Schedule of Long-Term Liabilities is presented as supplementary information.
- (3) Supplementary information required by GAAP is not presented.
- (4) Property Taxes collected after the end of the fiscal period are not considered available for revenue accrual as described below.

Fund Accounting

Financial transactions of the District are reported in individual funds. Each fund uses a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures (or expenses) as appropriate. All funds are considered major funds. 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.

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

Transportation Vehicle Fund. This fund is used to account for the purchase, major repair, rebuilding, and debt service expenditures that relate 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 principal 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 purposes that relate to the operation of the Associated Student Body of the District.

Permanent Funds

These funds are used to report resources that are legally restricted such that only earnings, and not principal, may be expended. Amounts in the Permanent Fund may only be spent in support of the District's programs and may not be used to the benefit of any individual.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds include pension and other employee benefit trust funds, private-purpose trust funds, and custodial funds, and are used to account for assets that are held by the District in a fiduciary capacity.

Private-Purpose Trust Fund

This fund is used to account for resources that are legally held in trust by the District. The trust agreement details whether principal and interest may both be spent, or whether only interest may be spent. Money from a Private-Purpose Trust Fund may not be used to support the District's programs, and may be used to benefit individuals, private organizations, or other governments.

Custodial Funds

These funds are used to account for assets that the District holds on behalf of others in a purely custodial capacity.

Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and fund financial statement presentation

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 measurable and available. Revenues are considered "measurable" if the amount of the transaction can be readily determined. Revenues are considered "available" when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days after year-end. Categorical program claims and interdistrict billings are measurable and available and are accrued. Property taxes not collected by the fiscal year end are measurable and recorded as a receivable, however the receivable is not considered available revenue and is recorded as a deferred inflow of resources.

Expenditures are recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred, except for unmatured principal and interest on long-term debt which are recorded when due. Purchases of capital assets are expensed during the year of acquisition. For federal grants, the recognition of expenditures is dependent on the obligation date. (Obligation means a purchase order has been issued, contracts have been awarded, or goods and/or services have been received.)

Budgets

Chapter 28A.505 RCW and Chapter 392-123 Washington Administrative Code (WAC) mandate school district budget policies and procedures. The board adopts annual appropriated budgets for all governmental funds. These budgets are appropriated at the fund level. The budget constitutes the legal authority for expenditures at that level. Appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal period.

Budgets are adopted on the same modified accrual basis as used for financial reporting. 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.

Additionally, the District has other restrictions placed on its financial resources. When expenditures are recorded for purposes for which a restriction or commitment of fund balance is available, those funds that are restricted or committed to that purpose are considered first before any unrestricted or unassigned amounts 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.

Committed Fund Balance. 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 a school board policy. 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.

Assigned Fund Balance. 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.

The Superintendent and Director of Business and Finance are the only persons who have the authority to create Assignments of fund balance.

Unassigned Fund Balance. 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.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

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 of acquisition.

Receivables and Payables

The District does not hold any receivables not expected to be collected within one year for any fund.

Inventory

Inventory is valued at cost using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method. 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.

Fiduciary Activities

During the year ended August 31, 2021, the District implemented the provisions of GASB Statement No. 84, Fiduciary Activities, which establishes criteria for identifying and reporting fiduciary activities. The implementation of this statement has resulted in changing the presentation of the financial statements. The title Agency Funds is replaced with Custodial Funds and ending net position is presented for custodial funds which was not previously required. Beginning net position has been restated to reflect this change.

NOTE 2: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

All of the District's bank balances are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or by collateral held in a multiple financial institution collateral pool administered by the Washington Public Deposit Protection Commission (PDPC).

Statutes authorize the District to invest in (1) securities, certificates, notes, bonds, short-term securities, or other obligations of the United States, and (2) deposits in any state bank or trust company, national banking association, stock savings bank, mutual savings bank, savings and loan association, and any branch bank engaged in banking in the state in accordance with RCW 30.04.300 if the institution has been approved by the Public Deposit Protection Commission to hold public deposits and has segregated eligible collateral having a value of not less than its maximum liability.

The Whatcom 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.

The district's deposits and certificates of deposit are mostly covered by federal depository insurance (FDIC) or by collateral held in a multiple financial institution collateral pool administered by the Washington Public Deposit Protection Commission (PDPC).

The district's participation in the Whatcom County investment pool is voluntary and the pool does not have a credit rating. The district reports its investment in the pool at the fair value amount, which is the same as the value of the pool per share. The fair value of the district's investment in the pool is measured using a net asset value (NAV) as determined by the pool. The pool maintains a weighted average maturity of 661 days.

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.

Washington State statutes authorize the district to invest in the following types of securities:

- Certificates, notes, or bonds of the United States, its agencies, or any corporation wholly owned by the government of the United States,
- Obligations of government-sponsored corporations which are eligible as collateral for advances to member banks as determined by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System,
- Bankers' acceptances purchased on the secondary market,
- Repurchase agreements for securities listed in the three items above, provided that the transaction is structured so that the public treasurer obtains control over the underlying securities,
- Investment deposits with qualified public depositories,
- Washington State Local Government Investment Pool, and
- County Treasurer Investment Pools.

The District's investments as of August 31, 2021, are as follows:

Type of Investment	(District's) own investments	Investments held by (district) as an agent for other organizations	Total
County Treasurer's Investment Pool	\$6,332,824	\$16,624	\$6,349,448
Total	\$6,332,824	\$16,624	\$6,349,448

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

COVID-19 Pandemic

In February 2020, Governor Inslee declared a state of emergency in response to the spread of a deadly new virus. In the weeks following the declaration, precautionary measures to slow the spread of the virus were ordered. These measures included closing schools, canceling public events, limiting gathering sizes, and requiring people to stay home unless they were leaving for an essential function. On April 6, 2020, the Governor closed all public and private K–12 school buildings throughout the remainder of the 2019–20 school year. The school district, however, continued to operate, educating students using continuous learning models.

Many of the precautionary measures put in place during the 2019–20 school year remain in effect; and are affecting the district for the 2021–22 school year in new ways.

Students are back in school with the use of masks and social distancing. As well as covid testing.

Transportation

For the 2021/22 school year, the district is transporting students as normal but with lower ridership due to parents transporting their student.

Food Service

Temporary regulations allow all students to eat for free. The total amount of meals served has increased for 2021/22. As we plan for the increased number of meals served, we are increasing our food service department to meet the need.

The district's overall enrollment has decreased during 2021-22. As of December 2021, the core program enrollment is up 139 FTE. The district alternative learning program enrollment is down 150 FTE. As of December 2021, the overall enrollment of the district is down approximately 11 FTE.

The length of time these measures will be in place, and the full extent of the financial impact on the school district, is unknown at this time.

NOTE 5: PENSION PLANS

General Information

The Washington State Department of Retirement Systems (DRS), a department within the primary government of the state of Washington, prepares a stand-alone annual comprehensive financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for each pension plan. The pension plan's basic financial statement is accounted for using the

accrual basis of accounting. The measurement date of the pension plans is June 30. 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 school district is reporting the net pension liability in the notes and on the Schedule of Long-term Liabilities calculated as the district's proportionate allocation percentage multiplied by the total plan collective net pension liability. The DRS total collective net pension liabilities for the pension plans school districts participate in are shown here.

The Collective Net Pension Liability (Asset)

The collective net pension liability or asset for the pension plans districts participated in are reported in the following tables

The Collective Net Pension Liability or (Asset) as of June 30, 2021				
	Total Pension Liability	Plan fiduciary net position	Participating employers' net pension liability_or (Asset)	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability
PERS 1	10,847,066,000	9,625,832,000	1,221,234,000	88.74%
SERS 2/3	7,586,243,000	8,659,940,000	(1,073,697,000)	114.15%
TRS 1	7,850,211,000	7,176,913,000	673,298,000	91.42%
TRS 2/3	20,032,702,000	22,781,509,000	(2,748,807,000)	113.72%

Detailed information about the pension plans' fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued DRS report. Copies of the report may be obtained by contacting the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems, P.O. Box 48380, Olympia, WA 98504-8380; or online at [Annual Financial Reports](#) or <http://www.drs.wa.gov/administrations/annual-report>.

Membership Participation

Substantially all 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 DRS: Teachers' Retirement System (TRS), Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and School Employees' Retirement System (SERS).

Membership participation by retirement plan as of June 30, 2021, was as follows:

Plan	Retirees and Beneficiaries Receiving Benefits	Inactive Plan Members Entitled to but not yet Receiving Benefits	Active Plan Members
PERS 1	42,886	241	875
SERS 2	12,235	6,634	28,835
SERS 3	12,348	9,363	33,615
TRS 1	30,762	84	162
TRS 2	6,594	3,016	24,269
TRS 3	16,963	8,400	55,328

Membership & Plan Benefits

Certificated employees are members of TRS. Classified 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. TRS 1 and PERS 1 are closed to new entrants.

TRS Plan Information

TRS was established in 1938, and its retirement provisions are contained in RCW Chapters 41.34 and 41.32. TRS is a cost-sharing multi-employer retirement system comprised of three separate plans for membership purposes: Plans 1 and 2 are defined benefit plans and Plan 3 is a defined benefit plan with a defined contribution component. TRS eligibility for membership requires service as a certificated, public school employee working in an instructional, administrative or supervisory capacity.

TRS is comprised of three separate plans for accounting purposes: Plan 1, Plan 2/3, and Plan 3. Plan 1 accounts for the defined benefits of Plan 1 members. Plan 2/3 accounts for the defined benefits of Plan 2 members and the defined benefit portion of benefits for Plan 3 members. Plan 3 accounts for the defined contribution portion of benefits for Plan 3 members. Although members can only be a member of either Plan 2 or Plan 3, the defined benefit portions of Plan 2 and Plan 3 are accounted for in the same pension trust fund. All assets of this Plan 2/3 defined benefit plan may legally be used to pay the defined benefits of any of the Plan 2 or Plan 3 members or beneficiaries, as defined by the terms of the plan. Therefore, Plan 2/3 is considered to be a single plan for accounting purposes.

TRS Plan 1 provides retirement, disability and death benefits. TRS 1 members were vested after the completion of five years of eligible service. Retirement benefits are determined as two percent of the average final compensation (AFC), for each year of service credit, up to a maximum of 60 percent, divided by twelve. The AFC is the total earnable compensation for the two consecutive highest-paid fiscal years, divided by two. Members are eligible for retirement at any age after 30 years of service, or at the age of 60 with five years of service, or at the age of 55 with 25 years of service. Other benefits include temporary and permanent

disability payments, an optional cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), and a one-time duty-related death benefit, if found eligible by the Department of Labor and Industries.

TRS Plan 2/3 provides retirement, disability and death benefits. Retirement benefits are determined as two percent of the average final compensation (AFC) per year of service for Plan 2 members and one percent of AFC for Plan 3 members. The AFC is the monthly average of the 60 consecutive highest-paid service credit months. There is no cap on years of service credit. Members are eligible for normal retirement at the age of 65 with at least five years of service credit. Retirement before age 65 is considered an early retirement. TRS Plan 2/3 members, who have at least 20 years of service credit and are 55 years of age or older, are eligible for early retirement with a reduced benefit.

The benefit is reduced by a factor that varies according to age, for each year before age 65. TRS Plan 2/3 members who have 30 or more years of service credit, were hired prior to May 1, 2013, and are at least 55 years old, can retire under one of two provisions: With a benefit that is reduced by three percent for each year before age 65; or with a benefit that has a smaller (or no) reduction (depending on age) that imposes stricter return-to-work rules. TRS Plan 2/3 members hired on or after May 1, 2013, have the option to retire early by accepting a reduction of five percent for each year of retirement before age 65. This option is available only to those who are age 55 or older and have at least 30 years of service. TRS Plan 2/3 retirement benefits are also actuarially reduced to reflect the choice of a survivor benefit. Other benefits include duty and non-duty disability payments, a cost-of-living allowance (based on the Consumer Price Index), capped at three percent annually and a one-time duty-related death benefit, if found eligible by the Department of Labor and Industries.

PERS Plan Information

PERS was established in 1947, and its retirement benefit provisions are contained in RCW Chapters 41.34 and 41.40. PERS is a cost-sharing, multi-employer retirement system. PERS Plan 1 provides retirement, disability and death benefits. PERS 1 members were vested after the completion of five years of eligible service. Retirement benefits are determined as two percent of the member's average final compensation (AFC) times the member's years of service. The AFC is the average of the member's 24 highest consecutive service months. Members are eligible for retirement from active status at any age with at least 30 years of service, at age 55 with at least 25 years of service, or at age 60 with at least five years of service.

Members retiring from inactive status prior to the age of 65 may receive actuarially reduced benefits. PERS Plan 1 retirement benefits are actuarially reduced to reflect the choice of a survivor benefit. Other benefits include duty and non-duty disability payments, an optional cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), and a one-time duty-related death benefit, if found eligible by the Department of Labor and Industries.

SERS Plan Information

SERS was established by the legislature in 1998, and the plan became effective in 2000. SERS retirement benefit provisions are established in RCW Chapters 41.34 and 41.35. SERS is a cost-sharing, multiemployer retirement system comprised of two separate plans for membership purposes. SERS Plan 2 is a defined benefit plan and SERS Plan 3 is a defined benefit plan with a defined contribution component. SERS members include classified employees of school districts and educational service districts.

SERS is reported as two separate plans for accounting purposes: Plan 2/3 and Plan 3. Plan 2/3 accounts for the defined benefits of Plan 2 members and the defined benefit portion of benefits for Plan 3 members. Plan 3 accounts for the defined contribution portion of benefits for Plan 3 members. Although members can only be a member of either Plan 2 or Plan 3, the defined benefit portions of Plan 2 and Plan 3 are accounted for in the same pension trust fund. All assets of this Plan 2/3 defined benefit plan may legally be used to pay the defined benefits of any of the Plan 2 or Plan 3 members or beneficiaries. Therefore, Plan 2/3 is considered to be a single plan for accounting purposes.

SERS provides retirement, disability and death benefits. Retirement benefits are determined as two percent of the member's average final compensation (AFC) times the member's years of service for Plan 2 and one percent of AFC for Plan 3. The AFC is the monthly average of the member's 60 highest-paid consecutive service months before retirement, termination or death. There is no cap on years of service credit. Members are eligible for retirement with a full benefit at 65 with at least five years of service credit. Retirement before age 65 is considered an early retirement. SERS members, who have at least 20 years of service credit and are 55 years of age or older, are eligible for early retirement with a reduced benefit.

The benefit is reduced by a factor that varies according to age, for each year before age 65. SERS members who have 30 or more years of service credit and are at least 55 years old can retire under one of two provisions, if hired prior to May 2, 2013: With a benefit that is reduced by three percent for each year before age 65; or with a benefit that has a smaller (or no) reduction (depending on age) that imposes stricter return-to-work rules. SERS members hired on or after May 1, 2013, have the option to retire early by accepting a reduction of five percent for each year of retirement before age 65. This option is available only to those who are age 55 or older and have at least 30 years of service. SERS retirement benefits are also actuarially reduced to reflect the choice of a survivor benefit. Other benefits include duty and non-duty disability payments, a cost-of-living allowance (based on the Consumer Price Index), capped at three percent annually and a one-time duty-related death benefit, if found eligible by the Department of Labor and Industries.

Plan Contributions

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 methods used to determine the contribution

requirements are established under chapters 41.34 and 41.40 RCW for PERS, 41.34 and 41.35 RCW for SERS, and 41.32 and 41.34 RCW for TRS. Employers do not contribute to the defined contribution portions of TRS Plan 3 or SERS Plan 3. Under current law the employer must contribute 100 percent of the employer-required contribution. The employee contribution rate for Plan 1 in PERS and TRS is set by statute at six percent and does not vary from year to year.

The employer and employee contribution rates for all plans were effective as of September 1, 2020. PERS contribution rates changed on July 1, 2021. TRS and SERS plans will not have a contribution rate change until September 1, 2021. The pension plan contribution rates (expressed as a percentage of covered payroll) for fiscal year 2021 are listed below:

Pension Contribution Rates from September 01, 2020 to June 30, 2021			
	Employer	Employee	
PERS Plan 1	12.97%	6.00%	
Pension Contribution Rates from July 01, 2021 to August 31, 2021			
	Employer	Employee	
PERS Plan 1	10.252%	6.00%	
Pension Contribution Rates from September 01, 2020 to August 31, 2021			
	Employer	Employee	
TRS Plan 1	15.74%	6.00%	
TRS Plan 2/3	15.74%	7.77%	*/**
SERS Plan 2/3	13.30%	8.25%	*/**
<i>Note: The Employer rates include .0018 DRS administrative expense.</i>			
* – TRS and SERS Plan 3 Employee Contribution Variable from 5% to 15% based on rate selected by the employee member.			
** – TRS and SERS Plan 2/3 Employer Contributions for defined benefit portion only.			

The School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)

At June 30, 2021, the school district reported a total liability of \$1,217,002 for its proportionate shares of the individual plans' collective net pension liability and \$5,341,582 for its proportionate shares of net pension assets. Proportions of net pension amounts are based on annual contributions for each of the employers participating in the DRS administered plans. At June 30, 2021 the district's proportionate share of each plan's net pension liability is reported below:

June 30, 2021	PERS 1	SERS 2/3	TRS 1	TRS 2/3
District's Annual Contributions	179,726	305,829	752,915	832,632
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	294,659	(1,559,564)	922,342	(3,782,018)

At June 30, 2021, the school district's percentage of the proportionate share of the collective net pension amount was as follows and the change in the allocation percentage from the prior period is illustrated below.

Change in Proportionate Shares	PERS 1	SERS 2/3	TRS 1	TRS 2/3
Current year proportionate share	0.024128%	0.145252%	0.136989%	0.137588%
Prior year proportionate share	0.028174%	0.160803%	0.146317%	0.147470%
Net difference percentage	-0.004046%	-0.015551%	-.009328%	-0.009882%

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liabilities for TRS 1, TRS 2/3, PERS 1 and SERS 2/3 were determined by actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2020, with the results rolled forward to June 30, 2021, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all prior periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.75% total economic inflation, 3.50% salary inflation
Salary increases	In addition to the base 3.50% salary inflation assumption, salaries are also expected to grow by promotions and longevity.
Investment rate of return	7.40%

Mortality Rates

Mortality rates used in the plans were developed using the Society of Actuaries' Pub.H-2010 Mortality rates, which vary by member status as the base table. OSA applies age offsets for each system to better tailor the mortality rates to the demographics of each plan. OSA applied the long-term MP-2017 generational improvement scale to project mortality rates for every year after the 2010 base table. The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2020, valuation were based on the results of the *2013–2018 Demographic Experience Study Report and the 2019 Economic Experience Study*. Additional assumptions for subsequent events and law changes are current as of the 2019 actuarial valuation report.

Long-term Expected Rate of Return

OSA selected a 7.40% long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments using a building-block method. In selecting the assumptions, OSA reviewed the historical experience

data, considered the historical conditions that produced past annual investment returns, and considered Capital Market Assumptions (CMAs) and simulated expected investment returns the Washington State Investment Board (WSIB) provided.

The CMAs contain three pieces of information for each class of assets the WSIB currently invest in:

- Expected annual return
- Standard deviation of the annual return
- Correlations between the annual returns of each asset class with every other asset class

WSIB uses the CMAs and their target asset allocation to simulate future investment returns over various time horizons.

The expected future rates of return are developed by the WSIB for each major asset class.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plans' target asset allocation as of June 30, 2021, are summarized in the following table:

TRS 1, TRS 2/3, PERS 1, and SERS 2/3		
Asset Class	Target Allocation	% Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
Fixed Income	20.00%	2.20%
Tangible Assets	7.00%	5.10%
Real Estate	18.00%	5.80%
Global Equity	32.00%	6.30%
Private Equity	23.00%	9.30%

The inflation component used to create the above table is 2.20% and represents WSIB's most recent long-term estimate of broad economic inflation.

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.40%. To determine the discount rate, an asset sufficiency test was completed to test whether the pension plan's fiduciary net position was sufficient to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Based on the assumptions described in the DRS Certification Letter, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return, a 7.40% on pension plan investments was applied to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)

The following table presents the Meridian School District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability or asset calculated using the discount rate of 7.40%, as well as what the net

pension liability or asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower (6.40%) or one percentage-point higher (8.40%) than the current rate. Amounts are calculated using the school district's specific allocation percentage, by plan, to determine the proportionate share of the collective net pension liability or asset.

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability or Asset to Changes in the Discount Rate			
	1% Decrease (6.40%)	Current Discount Rate (7.40%)	1% Increase (8.40%)
PERS 1	\$2,080,441,000	\$1,221,234,000	\$471,917,000
Allocation Percentage	0.024128%	0.024128%	0.024128%
Proportionate Share	\$501,969	\$294,659	\$113,864
SERS 2/3	(\$11,793,000)	(\$1,073,697,000)	(\$1,952,101,000)
Allocation Percentage	0.145252%	0.145252%	0.145252%
Proportionate Share	(\$17,130)	(\$1,559,564)	(\$2,835,462)
TRS 1	\$1,290,542,000	\$673,298,000	\$134,647,000
Allocation Percentage	0.136989%	0.136989%	0.136989%
Proportionate Share	\$1,767,897	\$922,342	\$184,451
TRS 2/3	\$479,331,000	(\$2,748,807,000)	(\$5,382,150,000)
Allocation Percentage	0.137588%	0.137588%	0.137588%
Proportionate Share	\$659,500	(\$3,782,018)	(\$7,405,172)

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

The state, through the Health Care Authority (HCA), administers a defined benefit other post-employment benefit (OPEB) plan that is not administered through a qualifying trust. 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. Benefits purchased by PEBB include medical, dental, life insurance and long-term disability insurance.

The relationship between the PEBB OPEB plan and its member employers and their employees and retirees is not formalized in a contract or plan document. Rather, the benefits are provided in accordance with a substantive plan. A substantive plan is one, which the employers and plan members understand the plan terms. This understanding is based on communications between the HCA, employers and plan members, and historical pattern of practice with regards to sharing of benefit costs.

Employers participating in the plan include the state of Washington (which includes general government agencies and higher education institutions), political subdivisions and tribal governments. Additionally, the PEBB plan is available to the retirees of the K–12 school districts and ESDs. The District's retirees are eligible (approximately 20) to participate in the PEBB plan under this arrangement.

Eligibility

District members are eligible for retiree medical benefits after becoming eligible for service retirement pension benefits (either reduced or full pension benefits) Under PERS 1, 2, 3; TRS 1, 2, or 3; or SERS 2 and 3 plans.

Former members who are entitled to a deferred vested pension benefit are not eligible to receive medical and life insurance benefits after pension benefit commencement. Survivors of covered members who die are eligible for medical benefits.

Medical Benefits

Upon retirement, members are permitted to receive medical benefits. Retirees pay the following monthly rates for pre-65 medical coverage for 2021.

Members not eligible for Medicare (or enrolled in Part A only)			
Descriptions	Type of Coverage		
	Employee	Employee & Spouse	Full Family

Kaiser Permanente NW Classic	\$745.66	\$1,485.75	\$2,040.82
Kaiser Permanente NW CDHP	\$618.76	\$1,226.30	\$1,638.21
Kaiser Permanente WA Classic	\$775.39	\$1,545.22	\$2,122.58
Kaiser Permanente WA CDHP	\$619.29	\$1,227.86	\$1,640.54
Kaiser Permanente WA Sound Choice	\$641.43	\$1,277.28	\$1,754.17
Kaiser Permanente WA Value	\$698.96	\$1,392.34	\$1,912.38
UMP Classic	\$691.72	\$1,377.86	\$1,892.47
UMP Select	\$623.50	\$1,241.43	\$1,704.88
UMP CDHP	\$618.52	\$1,226.31	\$1,638.41
UMP Plus-Puget Sound High Value Network	\$658.79	\$1,312.02	\$1,801.93
UMP Plus-UW Medicine Accountable Care Network	\$658.79	\$1,312.02	\$1,801.93

Retirees enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B receive an explicit subsidy in the form of reduced premiums on Medicare supplemental plans. Retirees pay the following monthly rates.

Members enrolled in Part A and B of Medicare	Type of Coverage		
	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Employee & Spouse¹</u>	<u>Full Family¹</u>
Kaiser Permanente NW Senior Advantage	\$174.41	\$343.27	\$898.34
Kaiser Permanente WA Medicare Plan	\$177.10	\$348.64	N/A
Kaiser Permanente WA Classic	N/A	N/A	\$926.01
Kaiser Permanente WA Sound Choice	N/A	N/A	\$825.54
Kaiser Permanente WA Value	N/A	N/A	\$868.68
UMP Classic	\$336.30	\$667.04	\$1,181.65
Note 1: Employee-Spouse and Full Family with two Medicare eligible subscribers.			

Funding Policy

The School Employees Benefits Board (SEBB) Program administers health insurance and other benefits to all employees in school districts and charter schools, and union-represented employees of educational service districts in Washington. The SEBB studies, designs, and approves comprehensive and cost-effective insurance benefit plans for school employees and establishes eligibility criteria for participation in these plans. The SEB Board is separate and independent from the Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB).

The funding policy is based upon pay-as-you go financing.

The SEBB collects benefit premiums from all school district entities for covered employees. The premium includes a fee, established in state law. The purpose of this fee is to cover the impact of the subsidized rate of health care benefits for school retirees who elect to purchase their health care benefits through the state Health Care Authority PEBB plan. The amount collected 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.

For the fiscal year 2020-21, the Meridian School District paid \$2,742,671 in total to HCA-SEBB.

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. These amounts are not shown on the financial statements.

For further information on the results of the actuarial valuation of the employer provided subsidies associated with the state's PEBB plan, refer to the [Office of the State Actuary](#). The plan does not issue a separate report; however, additional information is included in the State of Washington Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, which is available on the [OFM](#) website

NOTE 7: COMMITMENTS UNDER LEASES

During School year 2019-20, the District entered into lease agreements for technology devices to provide each student with a device to support online learning. The lease agreements were made with Insight Investments, LLC and are capital leases in which the District has the option to purchase the equipment at the end of the lease term. The base term of both leases is 48 months billed Semi-Annually.

For the fiscal year ended August 31, 2021, the District had incurred additional long-term debt as follows:

Capital Leases							
	Equipment Cost	Lease Payment Obligation Amount	2021 Lease Payments	2022 Lease Payments	2023 Lease Payments	2024 Lease Payments	Imputed interest and other costs
Chrome-books	\$599,650	\$622,504	\$88,929	\$177,858	\$177,858	\$177,858	\$10,595
Laptops	\$159,348	\$164,380	\$41,095	\$41,095	\$41,095	\$41,095	\$2,519
Total	\$758,998	\$786,884	\$130,024	\$218,953	\$218,953	\$218,953	\$13,114

The District has no future minimum non-cancelable subleases. There were no contingent rentals actually incurred during the year.

NOTE 8: REQUIRED DISCLOSURES ABOUT CAPITAL ASSETS

The District's capital assets are insured in the amount of \$80,652,878 for fiscal year 2021. In the opinion of the District's insurance consultant, the amount is sufficient to adequately fund replacement of the District's assets.

NOTE 9: LONG-TERM DEBT

Bonds payable at August 31, 2021, are comprised of the following individual issues:

Issue Name	Amount Authorized	Annual Installments	Final Maturity	Interest Rate(s)	Amount Outstanding
General Obligation Bonds					
UTGO Ref Bonds, 2016	17,000,000	355,000-1,590,000	12/1/30	4.00%	8,350,000
UTGO Ref Bonds, 2020		595,000-920,000	12/1/24	3.00-5.00%	3,165,000
Total General Obligation Bonds	17,000,000				11,515,000

The following is a summary of general obligation long-term debt transactions of the District for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2021:

Long-Term Debt Payable at 9/1/2020	12,305,000
New Issues	0
Debt Retired	790,000
Long-Term Debt Payable at 8/31/2021	11,515,000

The following is a schedule of annual requirements to amortize debt at August 31, 2021:

Years Ending August 31	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	795,000	435,375	1,230,375
2023	855,000	410,625	1,265,625
2024	920,000	377,800	1,297,800
2025	950,000	338,800	1,288,800
2026	1,095,000	297,900	1,392,900
2027-31	6,900,000	730,400	7,630,400
Total	11,515,000	2,590,900	14,105,900

At August 31, 2021, the District had \$800,015 available in the Debt Service Fund to service the general obligation bonds.

Refunded Debt

On March 10, 2020, the District issued \$3.955 million in general obligation bonds with an average interest rate of .93 percent to advance refund \$4.085 million of outstanding 2010 series bonds with an average interest rate of 4.69 percent. The net proceeds of \$4,168,062.17 after payment of \$73,085.83 in underwriting fees and other issuance costs were used to purchase U.S. Government securities. Those securities were deposited in an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide for future debt service payments on the 2010 series bonds. As a result, the 2010 series bonds are considered defeased.

The District advance refunded the 2010 series bonds to reduce its total debt service payments over the next 14 years by \$316,850 and to obtain an economic gain (difference between the present values of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) of \$313,888.76.)

Cash Flows Difference	
Old Debt Service Cash Flows	4,661,525.00
New Debt Service Cash Flows	4,344,675.00
Total	316,850.00
Economic Gain	
Present Value of Old Debt Service Cash Flows	4,550,218.43
Present Value of New Debt Service Cash Flows	4,236,329.67
Total	313,888.76

Prior-Year Defeasance of Debt

In prior years, the District defeased certain general obligation and other bonds by placing the proceeds of new bonds in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the old bonds. Accordingly, the trust account assets and the liability for the defeased bonds are not included in the District's financial statements. At August 31, 2020, \$0 of bonds outstanding were considered defeased.

NOTE 10: INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS

The following table depicts interfund transfer activity:

Transferred From (Fund) 535 or 536	Transferred To (Fund) 965 9900 or 9901	Amount	Description
Capital Projects Fund	General Fund	\$158,845	Technology Levy Expenditures

NOTE 11: ENTITY RISK MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

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

The district is a member of the Washington Schools Risk Management Pool (WSRMP). 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. WSRMP was formed in 1986 when educational service districts and school districts in the state of Washington joined by signing the Cooperative Risk Management Pool Account Agreement (Account Agreement) to pool their self-insured losses and jointly purchase insurance and administrative services. Over 90 school and educational service districts have joined WSRMP.

WSRMP allows members to jointly purchase insurance coverage, establish a plan of self-insurance, and provide related services, such as risk management. WSRMP provides the following coverages for its members: property, liability, vehicle, school board liability, crime, employment practices, errors and omissions, equipment breakdown, cyber security, terrorism, and stop gap liability.

Members make an annual contribution to fund WSRMP. WSRMP purchases reinsurance and excess insurance from unrelated carriers subject to a per-occurrence self-insured retention of \$1 million risk shared by WSRMP. Reinsurance or Excess carriers cover losses over \$1 million to the maximum limits of each policy. Members are responsible for varied deductibles for auto and property claims. Since WSRMP is a cooperative program, there is a joint liability among the participating members.

Members contract to remain in WSRMP for a minimum of three years and must give notice three years before terminating participation. The Account Agreement is renewed automatically each year after the initial three-year period. Even after termination, a member is still responsible for their share of contributions to WSRMP for any unresolved, unreported, and in-process claims for the period in which they were a signatory to the Account Agreement.

WSRMP is fully funded by its member participants and is governed by a board of directors that consists of one designated representative from each participating member. An executive board is elected at the annual meeting and is responsible for overseeing the business affairs of WSRMP.

NOTE 12: 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 tax collections occurring after the end of the fiscal period are unavailable for revenue accrual. Therefore, the fall portion of property taxes is not accrued as revenue. Instead, the property taxes due after the end of the fiscal period are recorded as a deferred inflow of resources.

Tax Abatements

The Whatcom County Assessor independently has entered into agreements that affect the levy rate assessed by the District:

Tax Abatement Program	Total Amount of Taxes Abated
Future nonprofit churches, parsonages, and convents (84.36.020(2))	\$37,907
Property used for character building, benevolent, protective or rehabilitative social services—Camp facilities—Veteran or relief organization owned property—Property of nonprofit organizations that issue debt for student loans or that are guarantee agencies. (84.36.030)	\$5,380
Schools and colleges – Art, scientific and historical collections and property used to maintain, etc. (84.36.250-260)	\$2,221
Total	\$45,508

NOTE 13: 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 District's current equity of \$24,265 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 14: 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
Nonspendable Fund Balance					
Restricted Fund Balance					
For Fund Purpose		\$184,608			\$393,159
For Carryover of Restricted Revenues					
For Carryover of Food Service Revenue	\$98,767				
For Debt Service				\$800,015	
Committed Fund Balance					
Other Commitments	\$1,020,000		192,563		
Assigned Fund Balance					
Contingencies	\$200,000				
Other Purposes	\$56,003				
Fund Purposes			\$288,372		
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$2,775,916				

On May 23, 2012, the board of directors took an action to commit a portion of the District's ending balance (\$20,000) towards payment of sick leave buy back for the Meridian Parent Partnership Program (MP3). The amount of fund balance that has been set aside may only be used for that purpose. It cannot be used for any other purpose of the District.

In 2020, the board of directors took an action to commit a portion of the District's ending balance (\$1,000,000) towards the district's financial stability plan. The amount of fund balance that has been set aside may only be used for that purpose. It cannot be used for any other purpose of the District.

The board of directors has established a minimum fund balance policy for the general fund to provide for financial stability and contingencies within the District. The policy is that the District shall maintain at a minimum of four percent (4%) and within a range of four (4) to five and a half (5.5) percent of budgeted General Fund expenditures. Portions of fund balance that are set

aside for the purpose of meeting this policy are recorded on the financial statements as a part of Unassigned Fund Balance.

NOTE 15: DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION AND OPEB PLANS

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, or the District. The District does not make employer contributions to the plan.

See below for additional required disclosures if the district makes employer contributions to the plan.

NOTE 16: TERMINATION BENEFITS

Compensated Absences

Employees earn sick leave at a rate of 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 buyout 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.

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.

No unrecorded liability exists for other employee benefits.

NOTE 17: OTHER DISCLOSURES

The District operates a Satellite Campus of the Northwest Career & Technical Academy Skill Center, hosted by the Mount Vernon School District. A Skill Center is a regional cooperative program, designed to enhance the availability and offering of career and technical education programs by avoiding unnecessary duplication of course offerings and allowing for participation from multiple districts.

The Northwest Career & Technical Academy Skill Center was created by an agreement of Seven member districts. In the agreement, the Mount Vernon School District is designated as the host district and fiscal agent for the Skill Center, responsible for accounting and fiscal matters relating to the Skill Center. The Skill Center is governed by an Administrative Council, comprised of the superintendents of all participating districts, or their assigned representative. Administration of the Skill Center is handled through a director, who is an employee of the Mount Vernon School District.

A Satellite Campus is considered an extension of the Skill Center Core Campus. Satellite campuses do not report enrollment apart from the Core Campus, and so do not receive apportionment funding directly from the state. The District is responsible for hiring the teachers who will work on the Satellite Campus programs but as the District does not receive direct state funding, it requires that the Core Campus reimburse the District for the cost of the instructors.

Meridian School District No. 505

Schedule of Long-Term Liabilities

For the Year Ended August 31, 2021

Description	Beginning Outstanding Debt September 1, 2020	Amount Issued / Increased	Amount Redeemed / Decreased	Ending Outstanding Debt August 31, 2021	Amount Due Within One Year
Voted Debt					
Voted Bonds	12,305,000.00	0.00	790,000.00	11,515,000.00	795,000.00
LOCAL Program Proceeds Issued in Lieu of Bonds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-Voted Debt and Liabilities					
Non-Voted Bonds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LOCAL Program Proceeds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Leases	773,769.94	164,022.00	170,632.78	767,159.16	257,480.09
Contracts Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-Cancellable Operating Leases	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Claims & Judgements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Compensated Absences	834,546.54	0.00	122,540.70	712,005.84	95,529.00
Long-Term Notes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Anticipation Notes Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lines of Credit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Non-Voted Debt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Liabilities					
Non-Voted Notes Not Recorded as Debt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Pension Liabilities:					
Net Pension Liabilities TRS 1	3,524,459.00	0.00	2,602,116.00	922,343.00	
Net Pension Liabilities TRS 2/3	2,265,112.00	0.00	2,265,112.00	0.00	
Net Pension Liabilities SERS 2/3	855,413.00	0.00	855,413.00	0.00	
Net Pension Liabilities PERS 1	994,683.00	0.00	700,024.00	294,659.00	
Total Long-Term Liabilities	21,552,983.48	164,022.00	7,505,838.48	14,211,167.00	1,148,009.09

Other postemployment benefits other than pensions (OPEB) liabilities are not presented in the Schedule of Long Term Liabilities.

Meridian School District No. 505
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended August 31, 2021

Federal Agency (Pass-Through Agency)	Federal Program	Expenditures					Passed through to Subrecipients	Note
		CFDA Number	Other Award Number	From Pass- Through Awards	From Direct Awards	Total		
Child Nutrition Cluster								
FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE, AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF (via OSPI)	COVID-19 - National School Lunch Program	10.555	N/A	1,364	-	1,364	-	
	National School Lunch Program	10.555	N/A	26,704	-	26,704	-	3
		Total CFDA 10.555:		28,068	-	28,068	-	
FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE, AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF (via OSPI)	Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	N/A	496,707	-	496,707	-	
		Total Child Nutrition Cluster:		524,775	-	524,775	-	
Forest Service Schools and Roads Cluster								
FOREST SERVICE, AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF (via Office of the State Treasurer)	Schools and Roads - Grants to States	10.665	N/A	20,612	-	20,612	-	
		Total Forest Service Schools and Roads Cluster:		20,612	-	20,612	-	
OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via OSPI)	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	203667	286,053	-	286,053	-	4, 5
Special Education Cluster (IDEA)								
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via OSPI)	Special Education Grants to States	84.027	307067	309,383	-	309,383	-	5

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

Meridian School District No. 505
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended August 31, 2021

Federal Agency (Pass-Through Agency)	Federal Program	CFDA Number	Other Award Number	Expenditures			Passed through to Subrecipients	Note
				From Pass- Through Awards	From Direct Awards	Total		
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via OSPI)	Special Education Grants to States	84.027	338365	17,184	-	17,184	-	6
			Total CFDA 84.027:	326,567	-	326,567	-	
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via OSPI)	Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	366461	9,257	-	9,257	-	5
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via OSPI)	Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	381115	5,827	-	5,827	-	5
			Total CFDA 84.173:	15,084	-	15,084	-	
			Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA):	341,651	-	341,651	-	
Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via OSPI)	Career and Technical Education -- Basic Grants to States	84.048	174803	8,790	-	8,790	-	5
OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via Mount Baker School District)	Education for Homeless Children and Youth	84.196	1211920082	3,305	-	3,305	-	
OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via OSPI)	English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365	402897	4,204	-	4,204	-	5

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Meridian School District No. 505
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended August 31, 2021

Federal Agency (Pass-Through Agency)	Federal Program	CFDA Number	Other Award Number	Expenditures			Passed through to Subrecipients	Note
				From Pass- Through Awards	From Direct Awards	Total		
OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via OSPI)	Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants (formerly Improving Teacher Quality State Grants)	84.367	525239	72,216	-	72,216	-	5
EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via OSPI)	Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	430793	9,926	-	9,926	-	5
EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via OSPI)	COVID 19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425	84.425D - 120471	63,317	-	63,317	-	7
EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via OSPI)	COVID 19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425	84.425D - 120074	84,174	-	84,174	-	7
Total CFDA 84.425:				147,491	-	147,491	-	
Total Federal Awards Expended:				1,419,023	-	1,419,023	-	

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

NOTE 1—BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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 *modified accrual* basis of accounting.

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

NOTE 2—PROGRAM COSTS/MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS

The amounts shown as current year expenses represent only the federal grant portion of the program costs. Entire program costs, including the District's local matching share, may be more than shown. Such expenditures are recognized following, as applicable, either the cost principles in the OMB Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments, or the cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE 3—NONCASH AWARDS

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 USDA/OSPI.

NOTE 4—SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAMS

The *District* operates a "schoolwide program" in one elementary building. Using federal funding, schoolwide programs are designed to upgrade an entire educational program within a school for all students, rather than limit services to certain targeted students. The following federal program amounts were expended by the *District* in its schoolwide program. Title I (84.010) (\$286,053).

NOTE 5—FEDERAL INDIRECT RATE

The *District* used the federal *restricted* rate of 5.09 percent for this program.

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

NOTE 6—FEDERAL INDIRECT RATE

The *District* used the federal *restricted* rate of 5.62 percent for this program.

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

NOTE 7—FEDERAL INDIRECT RATE

The *District* used the federal *unrestricted* rate of 19.48 percent for this program.

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

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