Financial Statements and Federal Single Audit Report

Kelso School District No. 458

For the period September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022

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Office of the Washington State Auditor Pat McCarthy

April 6, 2023

Board of Directors Kelso School District No. 458 Kelso, Washington

Report on Financial Statements and Federal Single Audit

Please find attached our report on Kelso School District No. 458'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

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Olympia, WA

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Kelso School District No. 458 September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022

SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

The results of our audit of Kelso School District No. 458 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 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 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.

ALN Program or Cluster Title

84.010 Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies

84.425 COVID-19 – Education Stabilization Fund

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

See Finding 2022-001.

SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND OUESTIONED COSTS

Kelso School District No. 458 September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022

The District did not have adequate internal controls for ensuring compliance with wage rate requirements.

Assistance Listing Number and Title: 84.425, COVID-19 – Education

Stabilization Fund

Federal Grantor Name: U.S. Department of Education

Federal Award/Contract Number: N/A

Pass-through Entity Name: Office of Superintendent of Public

Instruction

Pass-through Award/Contract COVID-19, 84.425D-0120470

Number: COVID-19, 84.425D-0142210

COVID-19, 84.425D-0142210

COVID-19, 84.425U-0138039

COVID-19, 84.425U-0137029 COVID-19, 84.425U-0142353

COVID-19, 84.425U-0712170

COVID-19, 84.425W-0459016

Known Questioned Cost Amount: \$0

Background

The objectives of the Education Stabilization Fund (ESF) program are to prevent, prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. In fiscal year 2022, the District expended a total of \$4,765,771 in federal funding under its ESF awards. This included \$1,899,568 in the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER II) subprogram (84.425D), \$2,862,426 in the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER/ESSER III) subprogram (84.425U), and \$3,777 in the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief – Homeless Children and Youth (ARP HCY I & II) subprogram (84.425W).

Under federal wage rate requirements, also known as the Davis-Bacon Act, contractors and subcontractors that work on projects financed with more than \$2,000 of federal money must pay laborers and mechanics wage rates that the

U.S. Department of Labor considers being similar to what local workers have been paid for similar projects.

For construction contracts subject to these wage rate requirements, the District must include a provision that the contractor and subcontractor comply with those requirements and the Department of Labor's regulations. This includes a requirement for the contractor or subcontractor to submit to the District weekly, for each week in which any contract work is performed, certified payroll reports. These reports must include a copy of the payroll and a signed statement of compliance.

The District may use a contracted project manager to collect certified payroll reports from contractors and subcontractors, but ultimately, it is the District's responsibility to ensure compliance and maintain the documents in accordance with records retention requirements.

Description of Condition

The District hired a project manager to supervise an upgrade project for the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system for Huntington Middle School. This project was part of the District's school facility capital improvement efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and enable school operations by facilitating greater air flow and filtration. During the 2021-2022 school year, the District expended \$750,000 from its ARP ESSER/ESSER III ESF award for work performed on the project.

Our audit found the District did not have an adequate process in place to ensure its contracted project manager collected all weekly certified payroll reports from each subcontractor working on the project.

We consider this internal control deficiency to be a material weakness that led to material noncompliance.

The issue was not reported as a finding in the prior audit.

Cause of Condition

The District does not normally use federal funds on public works projects, and management did not dedicate the necessary resources to ensure staff understood the requirements.

Effect of Condition

Without adequate internal controls, the District cannot demonstrate it complied with federal wage rate requirements. This could place the District at risk for paying any additional wages if the contractor did not pay prevailing wage rates to laborers.

Recommendation

We recommend the District develop internal controls to ensure compliance with federal wage rate requirements. This should include implementing effective monitoring processes to ensure project managers collect all certified payroll reports from contractors and subcontractors.

District's Response

The Kelso School District appreciates the State Auditor's Office review of the Davis-Bacon Act requirements in our use of federal funding for the Huntington Middle School construction project. The Kelso School District agrees with the auditor's finding that more frequent monitoring of wage and payroll certifications is necessary to conform to Davis-Bacon Act. We realize that our reliance on the State of Washington's Labor and Industries prevailing wage and payroll certifications site (where wage and certification data is submitted and stored) will require weekly review of submitted contractor payrolls and certifications. As we move forward into two additional construction projects utilizing federal funds, we will ensure our project management team provides weekly oversight of contractor compliance, collects weekly certifications and payrolls, and provides Kelso School District with required documentation.

Auditor's Remarks

We appreciate the District's response and commitment to resolving this finding. We thank it for its cooperation and assistance during the audit. We will review the corrective action taken during our next regular audit.

Applicable Laws and Regulations

Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), section 516, Audit findings, establishes reporting requirements for audit findings.

Title 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Guidance, section 303, Internal controls, describes the requirements for auditees to maintain internal controls over federal programs and comply with federal program requirements.

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants defines significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in its *Codification of Statements on Auditing Standards*, section 935, Compliance Audits, paragraph 11.

Title 29 CFR, Subtitle A Part 5, Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction (Also Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Nonconstruction Contracts Subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act), section 5.5, Contract provisions and related matters, establishes the requirements for the contracting officer to insert in full in any contract in excess of \$2,000 which is entered into for the actual construction, alteration and/or repair, including painting and decorating, of a public building or public work, or building or work financed in whole or in part with federal funds the clauses listed, which includes but is not limited to the minimum wages to be paid and payrolls and basic records to be maintained (submission of weekly certified payrolls).

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*

Kelso School District No. 458 September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022

Board of Directors Kelso School District No. 458 Kelso, 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 Kelso School District No. 458, as of and for the year ended August 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 31, 2023.

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.

REPORT ON 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) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of 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 above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

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

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

PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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.

Pat McCarthy, State Auditor

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Olympia, WA

March 31, 2023

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

Kelso School District No. 458 September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022

Board of Directors Kelso School District No. 458 Kelso, Washington

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the compliance of Kelso School District No. 458, with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit 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, 2022. The District's major federal programs are identified in the auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Ouestioned Costs.

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, 2022.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); 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)* are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the District's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance will always detect a material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

Performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance includes the following responsibilities:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit;
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and
 design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include
 examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the District's compliance with the
 compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we
 considered necessary in the circumstances;
- Obtain an understanding of the District's internal control over compliance relevant to the
 audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to
 test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform
 Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the
 District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed; and

 We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of noncompliance which is required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs as Finding 2022-001. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to these matters.

District's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's response to the noncompliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying Schedule of Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs. The District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE

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

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed. Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

However, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs as Finding 2022-001, that we consider to be a material weakness.

District's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our audit described in the accompanying Schedule of Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs. The District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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.

Pat McCarthy, State Auditor

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Olympia, WA

March 31, 2023

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Kelso School District No. 458 September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022

Board of Directors Kelso School District No. 458 Kelso, Washington

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Unmodified and Adverse Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of Kelso School District No. 458, as of and for the year ended August 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements as listed in the financial section of our report.

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 and the accounting practices prescribed by the *Accounting Manual for Public School Districts in the State of Washington* (Accounting Manual). Those accounting practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The differences in these accounting practices are also described in Note 1.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the regulatory basis financial position of Kelso School District No. 458, as of the year ended August 31, 2022, and the regulatory basis of changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended, on the basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

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 Kelso School District No. 458, as of August 31, 2022, or the changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended, because of the significance of the matter discussed below.

Basis for Unmodified and Adverse Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and *Governmental Auditing Standards*. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our unmodified and adverse audit opinions.

Matter Giving Rise to 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. As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the government-wide financial statements are prepared by the District in accordance with state law using accounting practices prescribed by the Accounting Manual, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory 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 and pervasive.

Matters of Emphasis

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, in 2022, the District adopted new accounting guidance for financial reporting for leases as required by the Accounting Manual. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of state law and the 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.

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

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

Performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* includes the following responsibilities:

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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by 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 as a whole.

OTHER REPORTING REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 31, 2023 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 effectiveness of 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.

Pat McCarthy, State Auditor

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Olympia, WA

March 31, 2023

FINANCIAL SECTION

Kelso School District No. 458 September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Kelso School District No. 458

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

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	General Fund	ASB Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Transportation Vehicle Fund	Permanent Fund	Total
Assets							
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,271,120.54	30,122.13	13,477.46	3,237,820.81	0.78	00.00	6,552,541.72
Minus Warrants Outstanding	-3,152,377.39	-23,917.95	00.00	-2,909,720.21	00.00	00.00	-6,086,015.55
Taxes Receivable	2,879,638.52		3,100,261.41	00.00	00.00		5,979,899.93
Due From Other Funds	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
Due From Other	1,619,349.54	00.00	00.0	3,521,489.78	00.0	00.0	5,140,839.32
Governmental Units Accounts Receivable	51,254.13	00.00	00.0	00.0	00.0	00.0	51,254.13
Interfund Loans Receivable	00.0			00.0			00.00
Accrued Interest Receivable	00.00	00.0	00.00	00.00	0.00	00.0	00.00
Inventory	14,518.21	00.00		00.00			14,518.21
Prepaid Items	369,160.68	34,324.89			00.00	00.00	403,485.57
Investments	5,726,672.75	415,643.82	2,919,527.23	3,833,420.79	268,287.38	00.00	13,163,551.97
Investments/Cash With Trustee	00.0		00.0	00.0	00.0	00.0	00.0
Investments-Deferred Compensation	00.0			00.00			00.00
Self-Insurance Security Deposit	00.0						00.00
TOTAL ASSETS	10,779,336.98	456,172.89	6,033,266.10	7,683,011.17	268,288.16	00.00	25,220,075.30
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:							
Deferred Outflows of Resources - Other	00.0	00.0	00.00	00.0	00.0	00.0	00.0
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	00.00	00.00	0.00	0.00	00.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES LIABILITIES	10,779,336.98	456,172.89	6,033,266.10	7,683,011.17	268,288.16	0.00	25,220,075.30
Accounts Payable	735,478.82	33,778.61	00.00	2,085,954.18	00.00	00.00	2,855,211.61
Contracts Payable Current	00.0	00.0		00.0	00.00	00.00	00.00
Accrued Interest Payable			00.0				00.00

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

Kelso School District No. 458

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

August 31, 2022

	General Fund	ASB Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Transportation Vehicle Fund	Permanent Fund	Total
Accrued Salaries	00.0	00.00		00.0			00.0
Anticipation Notes Payable	00.00		00.0	00.00	00.0		00.0
LIABILITIES:							
Payroll Deductions and Taxes Payable	59,258.95	00.0		00.00			59,258.95
Due To Other Governmental Units	00.0	00.0		00.0	00.0	00.0	00.0
Deferred Compensation Payable	00.0			00.00			00.0
Estimated Employee Benefits Payable	00.00						00.0
Due To Other Funds	00.00	00.0	00.0	00.00	00.0	00.00	00.00
Interfund Loans Payable	00.00		00.00	00.00	00.0		00.00
Deposits	00.00	00.0		00.00			00.00
Unearned Revenue	172.00	27,775.01	00.0	00.00	00.0		27,947.01
Matured Bonds Payable			00.0				00.00
Matured Bond Interest Payable			00.0				00.0
Arbitrage Rebate Payable	00.00		00.0	00.00	00.0		00.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	794,909.77	61,553.62	0.00	2,085,954.18	00.00	00.00	2,942,417.57
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES							
Unavailable Revenue	00.00	00.0	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
Unavailable Revenue - Taxes Receivable	2,879,638.52		3,100,261.41	00.0	00.0		5,979,899.93
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	2,879,638.52	0.00	3,100,261.41	0.00	0.00	00.00	5,979,899.93
FUND BALANCE:							
Nonspendable Fund Balance	383,678.89	34,324.89	00.0	00.00	00.0	00.00	418,003.78
Restricted Fund Balance	925,430.53	360,294.38	2,933,004.69	1,643,510.71	268,288.16	00.00	6,130,528.47
Committed Fund Balance	00.00	00.00	00.0	00.00	00.0	00.00	00.0
Assigned Fund Balance	277,111.88	00.00	0.00	3,953,546.28	00.0	00.0	4,230,658.16

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

Kelso School District No. 458

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

August 31, 2022

Total	5,518,567.39	16,297,757.80	25,220,075.30
Permanent Fund	00.00	00.00	0.00
Transportation Vehicle Fund	00.0	268,288.16	268,288.16
Capital Projects Fund	00.00	5,597,056.99	7,683,011.17
Debt Service Fund	00.00	2,933,004.69	6,033,266.10
ASB Fund	00.00	394,619.27	456,172.89
General Fund	5,518,567.39	7,104,788.69	10,779,336.98
	Unassigned Fund Balance	TOTAL FUND BALANCE	TOTAL LIABILLITIES, DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCE

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Kelso School District No. 458

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

For the Year Ended August 31, 2022

	General	ASB	Debt Service	ts ts	Transportation Vehicle	Permanent	
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Total
REVENUES:							
Local	6,895,280.74	437,498.93	6,980,506.93	26,195.65	364.88		14,339,847.13
State	58,410,538.12		00.0	15,802,661.44	246,435.32		74,459,634.88
Federal	12,595,513.16		00.00	750,000.00	00.00		13,345,513.16
Other	90,667.86			00.00	00.00	00.00	90,667.86
TOTAL REVENUES	77,991,999.88	437,498.93	6,980,506.93	16,578,857.09	246,800.20	00.00	102,235,663.03
EXPENDITURES:							
CURRENT:							
Regular Instruction	33,966,954.76						33,966,954.76
Special Education	10,098,291.96						10,098,291.96
Vocational Education	3,683,739.35						3,683,739.35
Skill Center	00.0						00.00
Compensatory Programs	5,576,117.15						5,576,117.15
Other Instructional Programs	226,541.79						226,541.79
Federal Stimulus COVID-19	6,132,079.03						6,132,079.03
Community Services	150,254.52						150,254.52
Support Services	16,502,107.02						16,502,107.02
Student Activities/Other		382,079.79				00.00	382,079.79
CAPITAL OUTLAY:							
Sites				92,417.49			92,417.49
Building				26,477,562.38			26,477,562.38
Equipment				924,068.49			924,068.49
Instructional Technology				00.00			00.00
Energy				00.00			00.00
Transportation Equipment					00.00		00.00
Sales and Lease				00.00			00.00
Other	375,948.99						375,948.99
DEBT SERVICE:							
Principal	53,035.70		3,181,521.95	00.00	00.00		3,234,557.65

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Kelso School District No. 458

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

For the Year Ended August 31, 2022

	General	ASB	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Transportation Vehicle	Permanent	
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Total
Interest and Other Charges	3,858.56		4,051,532.02	00.00	00.0		4,055,390.58
Bond/Levy Issuance				00.00	00.0		00.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	76,768,928.83	382,079.79	7,233,053.97	27,494,048.36	00.00	00.00	111,878,110.95
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	1,223,071.05	55,419.14	-252,547.04	-10,915,191.27	246,800.20	00.00	-9,642,447.92
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):							
Bond Sales & Refunding Bond Sales	00.0		00.0	00.00	00.0		00.0
Long-Term Financing	8,643.39			00.00	00.0		8,643.39
Transfers In	00.0		395,853.97	890,000.00	45,000.00		1,330,853.97
Transfers Out (GL 536)	-935,000.00		00.0	-139,540.73	-256,313.24	00.00	-1,330,853.97
Other Financing Uses (GL 535)	00.0		00.0	00.00	00.00		00.0
Other	3,192.00		00.00	00.00	00.00		3,192.00
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-923,164.61		395,853.97	750,459.27	-211,313.24	00.00	11,835.39
EXCESS OF REVENUES/OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	299,906.44	55,419.14	143,306.93	-10,164,732.00	35,486.96	00.00	-9,630,612.53
BEGINNING TOTAL FUND BALANCE	6,804,882.25	339,200.13	2,789,697.76	15,761,788.99	232,801.20	00.00	25,928,370.33
Prior Year(s) Corrections or Restatements	00.00	00.0	00.0	00.00	00.0	00.0	00.00
ENDING TOTAL FUND BALANCE	7,104,788.69	394,619.27	2,933,004.69	5,597,056.99	268,288.16	00.00	16,297,757.80

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

KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT #458

Notes to the Financial Statements

September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Kelso School 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.

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

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

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 inter district 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.

<u>Nonspendable Fund Balance</u>. 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.

<u>Restricted Fund Balance</u>. 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.

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

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

The {title of person or persons} is/are the only person (persons) who have the authority to create Assignments of fund balance.

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

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

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

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.

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.

Leases

For the year ended August 31, 2022, the district implemented guidance for the presentation and disclosures of leases, as required by the School District Accounting Manual. These changes were in response to the provisions of GASB Statement No. 87.

As a result, the impact to the district of the adoption of the new lease requirements include:

 Beginning balances for lease liabilities presented on the Schedule of Long-Term Liabilities have been restated to reflect implementation of these requirements.

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 Cowlitz 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).

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, 2022, are as follows:

	(District's) own
Type of Investment	investments
State Treasurer's	
Investment Pool	\$13,163,551.97
Total	\$13,163,551.97

The District is a participant in the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP). The LGIP was authorized by Chapter 294, Laws of 1986, and is managed and operated by the Washington State Treasurer. The State Finance Committee is the administrator of the statute that created the LGIP and adopts rules. The State Treasurer is responsible for establishing the investment policy for the LGIP and reviews the policy annually; proposed changes are reviewed by the LGIP Advisory Committee.

The LGIP is an unrated external investment pool. Investments in the Pool are reported at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. The Pool is invested in manner that meets the maturity, quality, diversification, and liquidity requirements set forth by generally accepted accounting principles for external investment pools that elect to measure, for financial reporting purposes, investments at amortized cost. The Pool does not have any legally binding guarantees of share values.

The Pool does not impose liquidity fees or redemption gates on participant withdrawals. It is the policy of the Pool to permit participants to withdraw their investments on a daily basis; therefore, the District's investment balance in the Pool is equal to fair value. Fair value is measured using quoted prices in active markets for identical assets that the pool can access at the measurement date (Level 1 Inputs). Observable markets include exchange markets, dealer markets, brokered markets and principal-to-principal markets.

The Office of the State Treasurer prepares a stand-alone LGIP financial report. A copy of the report is available from the Office of the State Treasurer, PO Box 40200, Olympia, Washington 98504-0200, online at http://www.tre.wa.gov.

NOTE 3: SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS OF SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

COVID-19 Pandemic

Kelso School District returned to full-time, in-person learning beginning in February of 2021 after school closures were implemented in March 2020. The school district has continued this model of instruction through the 2021/2022 school year and into 2022/2023. The school district is planning to continue this model moving forward, without returning to an online or hybrid learning model.

Enrollment during COVID-19 pandemic took an initial enrollment loss of close to 200 students. Enrollment appears to be returning to pre-COVID levels.

With grant funding coming from the Federal Government to offset COVID impacts, the Kelso School District will receive over \$15 million dollars in the 2020/21 – 2023/24 school years. These grant funds will enable the school district to offer support in areas such as academic recovery programs for students, additional mental health and counseling services, appropriate infrastructure improvements, and lowering class sizes.

NOTE 4: 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, 2	.022	
			Participating	Plan fiduciary net
	Total Pension	Plan fiduciary net	employers' net	position as a
	Liability	position	pension liability or	percentage of the
			(Asset)	total pension liability
PERS 1	11,877,621,000	9,093,254,000	2,784,367,000	76.56%
SERS 2/3	8,478,821,000	8,747,471,000	(268,650,000)	103.17%
TRS 1	8,739,146,000	6,837,316,000	1,901,830,000	78.24%
TRS 2/3	22,946,845,000	23,143,631,000	(196,786,000)	100.86%

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 https://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, 2022, was as follows:

	Retirees and	Inactive Plan Members	
Plan	Beneficiaries	Entitled to but not yet	Active Plan Members
	Receiving Benefits	Receiving Benefits	
PERS 1	41,154	196	632
SERS 2	13,480	7,186	33,622
SERS 3	13,819	9,896	31,861
TRS 1	29,731	63	111
TRS 2	7,026	3,428	27,202
TRS 3	18,956	8,681	54,336

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, 2021. PERS contribution rates changed on July 1, 2021. Contribution rates for TRS and SERS plans changed on September 1, 2021. The pension plan contribution rates (expressed as a percentage of covered payroll) for fiscal year 2022 are listed below:

	From this date	Through this date	Member rate	Employer rate	
PERS 1	7/1/2021	8/31/2022	6.00%	10.25%	
TRS 1	9/1/2021	8/31/2022	6.00%	14.42%	
TRS 2	9/1/2021	8/31/2022	8.05%	14.42%	
TRS 3	9/1/2021	8/31/2022	*	14.42%	**

	From this date	Through this date	Member rate	Employer rate	
SERS 2	9/1/2021	8/31/2022	7.76%	11.65%	
SERS 3	9/1/2021	8/31/2022	*	11.65%	**

Note: The Employer rates include .0018 DRS administrative expense.

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

At June 30, 2022, the school district reported a total liability of \$8,913,142 for its proportionate shares of the individual plans' collective net pension liability and \$1,725,034 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, 2022 the district's proportionate share of each plan's net pension liability is reported below:

June 30, 2022	PERS 1	SERS 2/3	TRS 1	TRS 2/3
District's Annual				2 277 464
Contributions	416,553	827,767	1,894,301	2,377,464
Proportionate Share of				
the Net Pension	1 002 401	(002 577)	7,020,050	(724 457)
Liability (Assets)	1,892,491	(993,577)	7,020,650	(731,457)

At June 30, 2022, 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.

Allocation	PERS 1	SERS 2/3	TRS 1	TRS 2/3
percentages				
Current year	0.067968%	0.369841%	0.369152%	0.371702%
proportionate share				
of the Net Pension				
Liability [or] Asset				
Prior year	0.059739%	0.352246%	0.370594%	0.369102%
proportionate share				
of the Net Pension				
Liability				
Net difference	0.008230%	0.017595%	-0.001442%	0.002600%
percentage				

^{* –} 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.

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, 2021, with the results rolled forward to June 30, 2022, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all prior periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.75% total economic inflation, 3.25% salary inflation
Salary increases	In addition to the base 3.25% salary inflation assumption, salaries are
	also expected to grow by promotions and longevity.
Investment rate of return	7.00%

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, 2021, valuation were based on the results of the 2013–2018 Demographic Experience Study Report and the 2021 Economic Experience Study. Additional assumptions for subsequent events and law changes are current as of the 2021 actuarial valuation report.

Long-term Expected Rate of Return

OSA selected a 7.00% 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, 2022, 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%	1.50%		
Tangible Assets	7.00%	4.70%		
Real Estate	18.00%	5.40%		
Global Equity	32.00%	5.90%		
Private Equity	23.00%	8.90%		

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 7.00%. 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 7.00% on pension plan investments was applied to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)

The following table presents the Kelso School District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability or asset calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, 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 (6.00%) or one percentage-point higher (8.00%) 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 (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)		
PERS1	\$3,719,876,000	\$2,784,367,000	\$1,967,887,000		
%NPL	0.067968%	0.067968%	0.067968%		
District's PERS1	\$2,528,342	\$1,892,491	\$1,337,542		
SERS2/3	\$929,172,000	(\$268,650,000)	(\$1,255,926,000)		
%NPL	0.369841%	0.369841%	0.369841%		

District's SERS2/3	\$3,436,456	(\$993,577)	(\$4,644,925)
TRS1	\$2,582,448,000	\$1,901,830,000	\$1,306,883,000
%NPL	0.369152%	0.369152%	0.369152%
District's TRS1	\$9,533,168	\$7,020,650	\$4,824,389
TRS2/3	3,565,129,000	(196,786,000)	(3,255,167,000)
%NPL	0.371702%	0.371702%	0.371702%
District's TRS2/3	\$13,251,647	(\$731,457)	(\$12,099,512)
PERS 2/3	4,367,575,000	(3,708,781,000)	(10,344,018,000)
%NPL	0.000000%	0.000000%	0.000000%
District's PERS2/3	\$0	\$0	\$0

NOTE 5: 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. (5).

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 approximately 261 are eligible 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 2022.

Members not eligible for Medicare				
(or enrolled in Part A only)	Type of Coverage			
Descriptions	Employee	Employee & Spouse	Full Family	
Kaiser Permanente NW Classic	\$768.23	\$1,531.47	\$2,103.90	
Kaiser Permanente NW CDHP	\$643.88	\$1,277.21	\$1,708.47	
Kaiser Permanente WA Classic	\$813.24	\$1,621.48	\$2,227.66	
Kaiser Permanente WA CDHP	\$641.39	\$1,272.99	\$1,702.94	
Kaiser Permanente WA Sound Choice	\$659.19	\$1,313.37	\$1,804.01	
Kaiser Permanente WA Value	\$721.89	\$1,438.79	\$1,976.46	
UMP Classic	\$718.68	\$1,432.35	\$1,967.61	
UMP Select	\$647.73	\$1,290.45	\$1,772.50	
UMP CDHP	\$638.69	\$1,270.29	\$1,700.24	
UMP Plus-Puget Sound High Value Network	\$687.13	\$1,369.26	\$1,880.86	
UMP Plus-UW Medicine Accountable Care Network	\$687.13	\$1,369.26	\$1,880.86	

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		
Descriptions	<u>Employee</u>	Employee & Spouse ¹	<u>Full</u> Family ¹
Kaiser Permanente NW Senior Advantage	\$172.79	\$340.58	\$913.01
Kaiser Permanente WA Medicare Plan	\$175.69	\$346.39	N/A
Kaiser Permanente WA Classic	N/A	N/A	\$952.57
Kaiser Permanente WA Sound Choice	N/A	N/A	\$837.03

Kaiser Permanente WA Value	N/A	N/A	\$884.06		
UMP Classic	\$364.87	\$724.74	\$1,260.00		
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 postemployment health care benefits.

For the fiscal year 2021-22, the Kelso School District paid \$7,992,784.00 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 6: LEASES

The district is committed under various leases. The leasing arrangements are as follows:

Lease Name	Commencement Date	Lease Terms	Interest Rate	Balance at 8/31/2022
Lexington/FCRC Copier Lease	11/1/2021	4 Years	5.42%	\$6,993.54
Postage Meter Lease	11/12/2019	5 years	4.00%	\$5,711.61
Print Center Copier Lease	11/1/2020	5 years	5.28%	\$38,764.06
Department/Building Copier Lease	9/1/2019	3 years	3.84%	\$0.00

As of August 31, 2022, the principal and interest requirements to maturity are as follows:

Year ended August 31	Principal	Interest	Total
2023	\$ 16,205.43	\$ 2,279.37	\$ 18,484.80
2024	\$ 17,050.78	\$ 1,434.02	\$ 18,484.80
2025	\$ 15,608.85	\$ 578.95	\$ 16,187.80
2026	\$ 2,604.15	\$ 17.25	\$ 2,621.40
Total	\$ 51,469.21	\$ 4,309.59	\$ 55,778.80

Changes in lease liabilities are presented in the accompanying Schedule of Long-Term Liabilities.

NOTE 7: OTHER SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENTS

The District has active construction projects as of August 31, 2022:

Project	Project Authorization Amount	Expended as of 8/31/22	Additional Local Funds Committed	Additional State Funds Committed
Barnes Elementary	\$161,459.00	\$150,293.00	\$11,166.00	
Butler Acres	\$17,308,346.00	\$17,080,431.00		\$227,915.00
Elementary				
Carrolls Elementary	\$4,752,042.00	\$4,752,042.00		
Lexington Elementary	\$54,108,488.00	\$54,108,488.00		
Rose Valley Elementary	\$11,210,000.00	\$652,925.00	\$10,557,075.00	
Wallace Elementary	\$36,980,255.00	\$36,980,255.00		
Coweeman Middle	\$2,300,000.00	\$438,897.00	\$1,861,103.00	
Huntington Middle	\$30,630,782.00	\$25,853,421.00		\$4,777,361.00
Kelso High School	\$4,550,866.00	\$4,550,866.00		
Kelso Stadiums/Fields	\$6,200,000.00	\$3,451,160.00	\$2,748,840.00	
District Phone System	\$281,882.00	\$281,882.00		
District Admin office	\$93,000.00		\$93,000.00	
Total	\$168,577,120.00	\$148,300,660.00	\$15,271,184.00	\$5,005,276.00

Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting is employed in governmental funds. Purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of moneys are recorded in order to reserve a portion of the applicable appropriation. Encumbrances lapse at the end of the fiscal year and may be reencumbered the following year. The following encumbrance amounts were re-encumbered by fund on September 1, 2022:

Fund	Amount
General	\$311,796.40
Capital Projects Fund	\$6,150,266.09

NOTE 8: REQUIRED DISCLOSURES ABOUT CAPITAL ASSETS

The District's capital assets are insured in the amount of \$275,141,000 for fiscal year 2022. 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

Long-Term Debt

The accompanying Schedule of Long-Term Liabilities provides more details of the outstanding debt and liabilities of the district and summarizes the district's debt transactions for year ended August 31, 2022.

The following is a summary of changes in long-term debt of the District for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2022:

Governmental activities	Balance at Sept. 1, 2021	Increases	Decreases	Balance at Aug. 31, 2022	Due within One Year
General Obligation Bonds	91,016,640.08		\$3,181,521.95	\$87,835,118.13	\$2,813,233.36

Long-term debt at August 31, 2022, are comprised of the following individual issues:

Issue Name	Amount	Annual	Final	Interest	Amount
issue Mairie	Authorized	Installments	Maturity	Rate(s)	Outstanding
General Obligation Bonds					
#458 2017 Unltd GO	\$6,075,000	\$105,000-	12/1/2021	2.000%-	\$0.00
Refunding (2004)		\$2,835,000		4.000%	
#458 2018 Unltd GO	\$60,125,000	\$1,300,000-	12/1/2037	3.000%-	\$58,825,000
Bond		\$5,830,000		5.000%	
#458 2019 Unltd GO	\$28,835,000	\$465,000-	12/1/2038	2.000%-	\$28,370,000
Bond		6,360,000		5.000%	
#458 2012 LTD GO	\$1,085,847	\$89,954.19-	6/1/2022	1.99480%	\$0.00
Bond Energy		\$132,895.92			
#458 2013 LTD GO	\$1,087,722	\$90,728.92-	6/1/2023	2.60540%	\$133,380.54
Bond Buses		\$133,380.54			
#458 2017 LTD GO	\$888,310	\$58,850.04-	6/1/2027	2.34222%	\$89,852.82
Bond Buses		\$113,662.21			
Total	\$98,096,879				\$87,835,118.13

Debt service requirements on long-term debt as of August 31, 2022, are as follows:

Years Ending August 31,	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2023	\$2,813,233.36	\$3,912,755.90	\$6,725,989.26
2024	\$2,948,136.38	\$3,765,594.24	\$6,713,730.62
2025	\$3,225,407.89	\$3,611,312.42	\$6,836,720.31
2026	\$3,519,678.29	\$3,455,242.02	\$6,974,920.31
2027	\$3,813,662.21	\$3,284,583.12	\$7,098,245.33
2028-2032	\$23,590,000.00	\$13,443,700.00	\$37,033,700.00
2033-2037	\$33,410,000.00	\$7,290,200.00	\$40,700,200.00
2038-2039	\$14,515,000.00	\$573,850.00	\$15,088,850.00
Totals	\$87,835,118.13	\$39,337,237.70	\$127,172,355.83

At August 31, 2022, the District had \$2,933,004.69 available in the Debt Service Fund to service the general obligation bonds.

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
General Fund	Capital Projects	\$890,000	Energy Efficiency Payment and local support for CP projects
General Fund	TVF	\$45,000	Bus Loan Payment
Capital Projects	Debt Service	\$139,540.73	Energy Efficiency Payment
TVF	Debt Service	\$256,313.24	Bus Loan Payments

NOTE 11: ENTITY RISK MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Workers' Compensation Insurance:

The district is a member of the SW Washington Workers' Compensation Trust administered by Educational Service District No. 112. The Pool was formed in January 1983, pursuant to chapter 51.14. An agreement to form a pooling arrangement was made pursuant to the provision of Chapter 39.34 RCW, the inter-local Cooperation Act. The members include 29 school districts and one educational service district.

The Pool provides industrial injury accident insurance coverage for its membership. The Pool is fully funded by its member participants. Member contributions are calculated based on the members' employee hours worked. The Pool retains responsibility for the payment of claims within specified self-insured retention limits prior to the application of coverage provided by its excess insurance contracts. The Pool acquires insurance from unrelated underwriters. The Pool's per-occurrence retention limit is \$450,000 and the annual aggregate retention is \$7,221,595. Since the Pool is a cooperative program, there is a joint liability among the participating members.

The Pool is governed by a board of directors which is comprised of one designed representative from each participating member. A five-member executive committee has oversight responsibilities.

Property and Casualty Insurance:

The district is a member of the Southwest Washington Risk Management Insurance Cooperative (Pool) administered by Educational Service District No. 112. This Pool provides property and casualty insurance coverage for its membership. 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 Inter-local Cooperation Act. The Pool was formed in September 1986, when 25 school districts in the State of Washington joined together by signing an Inter-local Agreement to pool their self-insured losses and jointly purchase insurance and administrative services. The members of the Pool include 27 school districts, one transportation cooperative, one school information processing cooperative, two educational service districts, one worker's compensation trust, and one unemployment compensation pool.

The Pool purchases excess insurance coverage and provides related services, such as administration, risk management and claims administration. The Pool provides the following forms of group purchased insurance coverage for its members: All coverages are on an

"occurrence" basis. Property, including owned buildings, automobiles and equipment, Equipment Breakdown, Crime, General Liability, Errors and Omissions Liability, Employment Practices Liability. Members are responsible for the first \$1,000 of all property claims and the Pool is responsible for the next \$250,000. There is no member deductible for liability claims. Excess insurance covers insured losses over \$250,000 up to the limits of each policy. Since the Pool is a cooperative program, there is a joint liability among the participating members. The Pool is a member of Washington Schools Risk Management Pool to obtain this excess insurance.

The Cooperative also purchases additional Crime coverage as well as required Public Official Bonds. The Commercial Crime coverage is subject to a per-occurrence deductible of \$5,000. Members are responsible for \$1,000 of that deductible amount for each claim. The Cooperative provides Privacy and Network liability coverage subject to per-occurrence deductible of \$100,000 to \$500,000 based on member's general fund budget. A Crisis Protect endorsement that includes Terrorism coverage is also provided.

Members make an annual contribution to fund the Pool. The Inter-local Governmental Agreement is renewed automatically each year unless the member gives written notice of its election to terminate at least 180 days prior to August 31 of any year. Termination occurs on August 31. Even after termination, a member is still responsible for contributions to the Pool for any unresolved, unreported, and in-process claims for the period they were a signatory to the inter-local governmental agreement. The Pool is fully funded by its member participants. Members file claims with in-house staff of the Pool, who perform claims adjustment and loss prevention services.

The Pool is governed by a board of directors which is comprised of one designed representative from each participating member. A five-member executive committee has oversight responsibilities.

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.

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 board authorized

joining the association by passing Resolution dated April 25th, 1979, and has remained in the joint venture ever since. The District's current equity of \$33,770.20 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					
Inventory and Prepaid Items	\$383,678.89	\$34,324.89			
Restricted Fund Balance					
For Other Items	\$126,398.47				
For Fund Purpose		\$360,294.38			\$8,288.16
For Carryover of Restricted Revenues	\$799,032.06				
For Debt Service				\$2,933,004.69	\$260,000
Restricted from Bond Proceeds			\$1,643,510.71		
Assigned Fund Balance					
Other Purposes	\$277,111.88				
Fund Purposes			\$3,953,546.28		
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$5,518,567.39				

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 makes contributions to the plan at \$100.00 per month, for a maximum of \$1,200.00 per year, if the employee is at least contributing \$100.00 per month. The employer contribution rate is set by district contract for principals, administrators, and non-represented staff. For the year ended August 31, 2022 the district made \$16,600 in employer contributions to the plan.

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

The District offers a tax deferred annuity plan for its employees. The plan permits participants to defer a portion of their salary until future years under two types of deferrals: elective deferrals (employee contribution) and non-elective contribution (employer matching) at \$100.00 per month, for a maximum of \$1,200.00 per year, if the employee is at least contributing \$100.00 per month. The employer contribution rate is set by district contract for principals, administrators, and non-represented staff.

The District complies with IRS regulations that require school districts to have a written plan to include participating investment companies, types of investments, loans, transfers, and various requirements. The plan is administered by a third party administrator. Plan assets are assets of the District employees, not the school district, and are therefore not reflected on the financial statements. For the year ended August 31, 2022, the District made \$22,900 in employer contributions to the plan.

If one of the employees listed above has both a 403(b) and 457 plan, the district will only contribute to one plan for \$100.00 per month.

Voluntary Employees' Benefits Association (VEBA)

VEBA Trust is a non-profit, multiple employee voluntary employees' beneficiary association authorized under Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(g). The Trust is managed by a board of trustees appointed by the Association of Washington School Principals, Washington Association of School Administrators, and Washington Association of School Business Officials. The Trust provides health reimbursement plan for employees and eligible dependents. The plan can be used to reimburse employees for qualified health expenses during employment and after retirement. The terms of the collective bargaining arrangements specify the district's employer contribution rate of \$100.00 per month, for a maximum of \$1,200.00 per year. Plan assets are assets of the District employees, not the school district, and are therefore not reflected on the

financial statements. For the year ended August 31, 2022 the District made \$60,300.00 in matching 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/vesting method.

Kelso School District No. 458

Schedule of Long-Term Liabilities

For the Year Ended August 31, 2022

	Beginning Outstanding Debt September 1,	Amount Issued /	Amount Redeemed /	Ending Outstanding Debt	Amount Due
Description		Increased	Decreased	August 31, 2022	Within One Year
Voted Debt					
Voted Bonds	00,030,000.00	00.0	2,835,000.00	87,195,000.00	2,590,000.00
LOCAL Program Proceeds Issued in Lieu of Bonds	00.0	00.0	00.00	00.0	00.0
Non-Voted Debt and Liabilities					
Non-Voted Bonds	00.0	00.00	00.00	00.0	00.0
LOCAL Program Proceeds	986,640.08	00.0	346,521.95	640,118.13	223,233.36
Leases	99,378.53	8,643.39	56,552.71	51,469.21	16,205.43
Contracts Payable	00.0	00.0	00.00	00.0	00.0
Claims & Judgements	00.0	00.0	00.00	00.0	00.0
Compensated Absences	1,042,455.16	777,577.58	209,163.80	1,610,868.94	226,119.92
Long-Term Notes	00.0	00.0	00.00	00.0	00.0
Anticipation Notes Payable	00.0	00.0	00.00	00.0	00.0
Lines of Credit	00.0	00.00	00.00	00.0	00.0
Other Non-Voted Debt	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.0
Other Liabilities					
Non-Voted Notes Not Recorded as Debt	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.0
Net Pension Liabilities:					
Net Pension Liabilities TRS 1	2,495,204.00	4,525,446.00	00.00	7,020,650.00	
Net Pension Liabilities TRS 2/3	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.0	
Net Pension Liabilities SERS 2/3	00.00	00.0	00.00	00.0	
Net Pension Liabilities PERS 1	729,548.00	1,162,940.00	00.00	1,892,488.00	
Total Long-Term Liabilities	95,383,225.77	6,474,606.97	3,447,238.46	98,410,594.28	3,055,558.71

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

Kelso School District No. 458 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Year Ended August 31, 2022

			,		Expenditures			
Federal Agency (Pass-Through Agency)	Federal Program	ALN Number	Other Award Number	From Pass- Through Awards	From Direct Awards	Total	Passed through to Subrecipients	Note
Child Nutrition Cluster								
FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE, AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	School Breakfast Program	10.553	227WAWA3N10 99	668,882	•	668,882	ı	
FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE, AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	National School Lunch Program	10.555	227WAWAN109 9	13,743	•	13,743	ı	
FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE, AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	National School Lunch Program	10.555	227WAWA3N10 99	2,117,069	•	2,117,069	ı	
FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE, AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	National School Lunch Program	10.555	217WAWA3N10 99	174,662	•	174,662	ı	7
			Total ALN 10.555:	2,305,474	•	2,305,474	1	
FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE, AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	227WAWA3N10 99	31,602	•	31,602	•	
FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE, AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	10.582	227WAWA1L16 03	77,642	•	77,642	•	
		Total Chi	Total Child Nutrition Cluster:	3,083,600	•	3,083,600		
FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE, AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	COVID 19 - Pandemic EBT Administrative Costs	10.649	217WAWA8S90 09	3,063	•	3,063		

Forest Service Schools and Roads Cluster

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

Kelso School District No. 458 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Year Ended August 31, 2022

Expenditures

Federal Agency (Pass-Through Agency)	Federal Program	ALN	Other Award	From Pass- Through Awards	From Direct Awards	Total	Passed through to Subrecipients	Note
FOREST SERVICE, AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA ST TREASURER)	Schools and Roads - Grants to States	10.665	N/A	17,429		17,429	. '	
	Total Forest Servi	ce Schools	Total Forest Service Schools and Roads Cluster:	17,429		17,429	•	
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION	COVID 19 - Emergency Connectivity Fund Program	32.009		ı	000'09	60,000	•	
OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, EDUCATION, OFPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	0204082	1,450,683		1,450,683	•	8, 4
OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, EPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	0270586	10,906	•	10,906	•	4
			Total ALN 84.010:	1,461,589		1,461,589	1	
Special Education Cluster (IDEA)								
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	Special Education Grants to States	84.027	0307437	1,023,577	1	1,023,577	•	,, 4
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	Special Education Grants to States	84.027	0338469	88,196	1	88,196	•	4

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Kelso School District No. 458 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Year Ended August 31, 2022

						Expenditures			
	Federal Agency (Pass-Through Agency)	Federal Program	ALN Number	Other Award Number	From Pass- Through Awards	From Direct Awards	Total	Passed through to Subrecipients	Note
	OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	COVID 19 - Special Education Grants to States	84.027	84.027X 0312081	200,827	•	200,827	•	4
	OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	COVID 19 - Special Education Grants to States	84.027	84.027X 0371073	19,357	•	19,357	•	t, 4
				Total ALN 84.027:	1,331,957	•	1,331,957	1	
	OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	0366812	25,532	•	25,532	•	t, 4
	OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	0388075	9,476		9,476	•	4
				Total ALN 84.173:	35,008	•	35,008	1	
		Total Special	oecial Educat	Education Cluster (IDEA):	1,366,965	•	1,366,965	,	
	Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	Career and Technical Education Basic Grants to States	84.048	0174932	46,947	ı	46,947	ı	t, 4
Page F	Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	Career and Technical Education Basic Grants to States	84.048	0178148	300	•	300	•	4
-6				Total ALN 84.048:	47,247	•	47,247	1	

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Kelso School District No. 458 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Year Ended August 31, 2022

					Expenditures			
Federal Agency (Pass-Through Agency)	Federal Program	ALN Number	Other Award Number	From Pass- Through Awards	From Direct Awards	Total	Passed through to Subrecipients	Note
OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF	Indian Education Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.060		•	33,627	33,627	1	5
OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	Education for Homeless Children and Youth	84.196	0457545	26,325	•	26,325	•	4,
OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365	0403072	61,534	•	61,534	•	4
OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants (formerly Improving Teacher Quality State Grants)	84.367	0525308	162,691	•	162,691	•	4
OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION (via WA OSPI)	SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT	84.377	0225426	7,124	ı	7,124	•	4
OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION (via WA OSPI)	SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT	84.377	0225425	15,315	•	15,315	•	4
			Total ALN 84.377:	22,439		22,439	1	
EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	COVID 19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425	84.425D 0120470	1,859,167	•	1,859,167	•	4
EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF, BEDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	COVID 19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425	84.425D 0142210	40,401	1	40,401	1	4

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

Kelso School District No. 458 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Year Ended August 31, 2022

			,		Expenditures			
Federal Agency (Pass-Through Agency)	Federal Program	ALN Number	Other Award Number	From Pass- Through Awards	From Direct Awards	Total	Passed through to Subrecipients	Note
EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	COVID 19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425	84.425U 0138039	1,164,045	'	1,164,045	'	4
EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	COVID 19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425	84.425U 0137029	1,674,269	ı	1,674,269	•	4
EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	COVID 19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425	84.425U 0142353	10,044	ı	10,044	•	4
EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	COVID 19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425	84.425U 0712170	14,068	ı	14,068	•	4
EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	COVID 19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425	84.425W 0459016	3,777	ı	3,777	•	4
			Total ALN 84.425:	4,765,771	•	4,765,771	1	
		Fotal Federal	Total Federal Awards Expended:	11,018,653	93,627	11,112,280	•	

KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT #458 NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURE'S OF FEDERAL AWARDS

NOTE 1 – BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Schedule of Expenditure's of Federal Awards is prepared on the same basis of accounting as Kelso School District's financial statements. The Kelso School District uses the accrual basis of accounting. Expenditures represent only the federally funded portions of the program. Kelso School Districts records should be consulted to determine amounts expended or matched from non-federal sources.

NOTE 2 – NONCASH AWARDS

The amount of commodities reported on the schedule is the value of commodities distributed by Kelso School District during the current year and priced as prescribed by OSPI-Child Nutrition Service.

NOTE 3 – SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAMS

Kelso School District operates a "schoolwide program" in three elementary buildings. 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 Kelso School District in its schoolwide program: Title I (84.010) \$1,076,015.24

NOTE 4 – FEDERAL INDIRECT RATE

Kelso School District used the federal restricted rate of 6.27% and the unrestricted rate of 16.62%. Special Education Grants to State-Safety Net no indirects.

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

NOTE 5- NOT AVAILABLE (N/A)

The Kelso School District was unable to obtain other identification number.



CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR FINDINGS REPORTED UNDER UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Kelso School District No. 458 September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022

This schedule presents the corrective action planned by the District for findings reported in this report 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).

Finding ref number:	Finding caption:
2022-001	The District did not have adequate internal controls for ensuring
	compliance with wage rate requirements.

Name, address, and telephone of District contact person:

Scott Westlund, Chief Financial & Operations Officer

601 Crawford, Kelso WA, 98626

(360) 501-1903

Corrective action the auditee plans to take in response to the finding:

The Kelso School District appreciates the State Auditor's Office review of the Davis-Bacon Act requirements in our use of federal funding for the Huntington Middle School construction project. The Kelso School District agrees with the auditor's finding that more frequent monitoring of wage and payroll certifications is necessary to conform to Davis-Bacon Act. We realize that our reliance on the State of Washington's Labor and Industries prevailing wage and payroll certifications site (where wage and certification data is submitted and stored) will require weekly review of submitted contractor payrolls and certifications. As we move forward into two additional construction projects utilizing federal funds, we will ensure our project management team provides weekly oversight of contractor compliance, collects weekly certifications and payrolls, and provides Kelso School District with required documentation.

Anticipated date to complete the corrective action: Currently in place

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