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# Financial Statements and Federal Single Audit Report

# Arlington School District No. 16

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

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# Office of the Washington State Auditor
# Pat McCarthy

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Board of Directors
Arlington School District No. 16
Arlington, Washington

## Report on Financial Statements and Federal Single Audit

Please find attached our report on Arlington School District No. 16's financial statements and compliance with federal laws and regulations.

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

Sincerely,

Pat McCarthy, State Auditor

Olympia, WA

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The results of our audit of Arlington School District No. 16 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, with the exception of the 32.009 – COVID-19 – Emergency

Connectivity Fund Program on which we issued an adverse opinion on compliance with applicable requirements.

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 |
| --- | --- |
| 32.009 | COVID-19 – Emergency Connectivity Fund Program |
| 84.010 | Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies |
| 84.027 | Special Education Cluster (IDEA) – Special Education Grants to States |
| 84.173 | Special Education Cluster (IDEA) – Special Education Preschool Grants |
| 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 QUESTIONED COSTS

**Arlington School District No. 16**
**September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022**

## 2022-001 The District did not have adequate internal controls for ensuring compliance with allowable activities and costs, procurement, and restricted purpose requirements.

| | |
|---|---|
| **Assistance Listing Number and Title:** | 32.009, COVID-19 – Emergency Connectivity Fund Program |
| **Federal Grantor Name:** | Federal Communications Commission |
| **Federal Award/Contract Number:** | ECF202105923 |
| **Pass-through Entity Name:** | N/A |
| **Pass-through Award/Contract Number:** | N/A |
| **Known Questioned Cost Amount:** | $557,755 |

### *Background*

The Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) Program provides funding to meet the needs of students and school staff who would otherwise lack access to connected devices and broadband connections sufficient to engage in remote learning. This is referred to as "unmet need." In fiscal year 2022, the District spent $755,937 in ECF Program funds to purchase 1,731 laptops for students and 319 laptops for staff.

Federal regulations require recipients to establish and maintain internal controls that ensure compliance with program requirements. These controls include understanding grant requirements and monitoring the effectiveness of established controls.

*Allowable activities and costs*

ECF Program recipients may only seek reimbursement for eligible devices and services provided to students and staff with unmet need. Recipients are prohibited from seeking reimbursement for eligible equipment and services used solely at the school or held for future use (i.e., warehousing).

*Procurement*

When using ECF Program funds to purchase eligible equipment, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires recipients to comply with all applicable state or local procurement laws by obtaining quotes or following a competitive bidding process, depending on the estimated cost of the purchase. State law and District policy allow for the purchase of goods and services from contracts awarded by another government or group of governments (i.e., a public agency) via an interlocal agreement (RCW 39.34.030).

*Restricted purpose – unmet need*

When submitting applications to the FCC, schools only had to provide an estimate of their students' and staff's unmet need. However, when requesting reimbursement, the District could only request program funds for eligible equipment provided to students and school staff with actual unmet need.

*Restricted purpose – per-location and per-user limitations*

The FCC imposed per-location and per-user limitations to maximize the use of limited funds. Under the program, eligible schools could only be reimbursed for one connected device per student or school employee with unmet need.

## Description of Condition

*Allowable activities and costs/restricted purpose – unmet need*

The District estimated unmet need for eligible equipment when it applied for ECF Program funds. However, our audit found the District's internal controls were ineffective for ensuring it documented the determination of actual unmet need and only requested reimbursement for equipment provided to students and staff with unmet need. Specifically, the District purchased 2,050 laptops, based on its estimate of unmet need, and requested reimbursement for these purchases totaling $755,937. However, the District did not maintain documentation sufficient to demonstrate it provided each laptop paid with program funds to a student or employee with unmet need.

*Procurement*

Our audit found the District's internal controls were ineffective for ensuring it followed state law when procuring equipment that it charged to the ECF Program. The District paid one contractor $287,960 to purchase laptops through a purchasing cooperative. However, the District could not demonstrate compliance with state law.

*Restricted purpose – per-location and per-user limitations*

Our audit found the District's internal controls were ineffective for demonstrating it complied with the FCC's per-location and per-user limitations. Specifically, the District did not maintain documentation showing it monitored or had a tracking process in place to ensure it only provided one device per user and location for its elementary students.

We consider these deficiencies in internal controls to be material weaknesses that led to material noncompliance.

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

## Cause of Condition

*Allowable activities and costs/restricted purpose – unmet need*

District staff misunderstood the unmet need requirement and thought laptops could be purchased in anticipation of potential future remote learning needs. Further, District staff did not know about the requirement to request reimbursement only for actual unmet need and thought the estimate of unmet need provided during the application process was sufficient to comply with this requirement.

*Procurement*

The District's use of the awarding entity's contract aligned with its interpretation of an allowable vendor for the goods. However, staff did not realize the District's use of the contract did not meet all the requirements of state law.

*Restricted purpose – per-location and per-user limitations*

Staff did not fully understand the requirement to maintain documentation to demonstrate the District only provided one device per student and employee.

## Effect of Condition and Questioned Costs

*Allowable activities and costs/restricted purpose – unmet need*

Because the District did not have documentation supporting whether it provided eligible equipment to students and staff with actual unmet need, it cannot demonstrate compliance with the program's requirements. Given the nature of the program and circumstances, it is likely that at least some of the equipment the District charged to the award addressed unmet needs. However, the lack of a documented assessment of students' and staff's actual unmet need means that most costs are unsupported. Because of this, we are questioning the District's purchase of 1,176 laptops used solely in elementary classrooms, and 319 laptops distributed to teachers and staff.

Federal regulations require the State Auditor's Office to report known questioned costs that are greater than $25,000 for each type of compliance requirement. We question costs when we find the District does not have adequate documentation to support expenditures.

*Procurement*

The District spent $131,040 of its ECF award to purchase 300 laptops. Without maintaining adequate documentation, the District cannot demonstrate it complied with the procurement requirements. Additionally, it cannot be sure all interested contractors had the opportunity to bid and that it obtained the lowest price for the purchase.

*Restricted purpose – per-location and per-user limitations*

Because the District did not maintain documentation, it cannot demonstrate compliance with the FCC's restrictions. Additionally, we cannot determine whether the District only provided one device per user and location.

## Recommendation

We recommend the District work with the granting agency to determine audit resolution.

We further recommend the District establish and follow internal controls to ensure staff understand the requirements for ECF awards and reach out to the granting agency with any questions. Specifically, the District should:

- Request reimbursement only for eligible equipment and services provided to students and staff with unmet need, and maintain documentation demonstrating compliance
- Comply with state law when procuring goods and services paid with ECF Program funds and keep documentation supporting the procurement methods it used
- Monitor to confirm it provides no more than one device per student in compliance with the ECF Program's requirements

## District's Response

*The Arlington School District does not concur with the audit finding or the questioned costs. When it comes to the determination of "unmet need", the highest authority on the matter, the Federal Communication Commission (FCC), issued guidance which repeatedly stated, ". . . we think that schools are in the best position to determine whether their students and staff have devices . . . sufficient to meet* *their remote learning needs, and we recognize that they are making such decisions during the pandemic. We, therefore, will not impose any specific metrics or process requirements on those determinations."*

*In response to the pandemic and the immense complexities of remote learning, the District determined for the 2021-2022 school year, only district owned devices with pre-loaded applications and security would be allowed to connect to the student wireless network and that all students needed to be issued school owned devices, per our Continuity of Operations Plan. School technology department directors have provided a multitude of reasons and explanations that clearly justified why this had to be the case, including but not limited to, access to curriculum and supplemental resources and tools not able to be accessed on personal devices, web filtering for malicious content, software monitoring of content for timely intervention and support for student's social and emotional health, ability to automatically authenticate student accounts, ability to provide state required testing not allowed on personal devices, and ability for technology staff to provide direct technical support by remote access.*

*In the approved application for ECF funds, we shared we had about 5,400 students enrolled and that 1,750 of the student chrome books were not able to run the latest version of the operating system and could not be used for state assessments or to run current software applications. We requested funding to replace those devices so that all students would have access at school and at home. The district did not 'ware-house' the units and there was no intent to hold extra units for later day use. Further, the application shared we had about 630 instructional staff and that 300 of the staff laptops were purchased as far back as 2012 and would not run the latest software or browsers which also limits staff members' ability to support and instruct students. We requested funding to support a portion of the purchase price of replacing those laptops. The application and request were approved. The unmet need at the time of the application and the need at the time the computers were distributed and placed into the hands of students and staff, did not change.*

*During the 2021-22 school year the district was operating under the governor's mandated state of emergency and very strict guidelines around COVID-19. Conditions were evolving quickly from week to week. Absences reached an all-time high with students and staff frequently forced to adapt to sudden remote learning due to state required exposure quarantines, and mandated positive test isolations. The district had to be ready to shift at any moment to a fully remote learning environment. Before the pandemic, laptops were not set-up for at-home learning scenarios and hundreds were aging out of their life cycle. Having a district issued device was a critical unmet need in the Arlington School District. Further, using them at school gave the ability for them to be used seamlessly for remote learning.*

*The FCC did not exclude or limit them from being used in classrooms, as their guidance also shared that they were sensitive to providing flexibility during this uncertain time, and that if the devices were purchased with students' remote needs in mind consistent with the intent of the rules, they would not prohibit on-campus use. (FCC Order FCC-CIRC21-93-043021, question 53) They further clarified that even if schools had returned to in-class instruction for the coming school year, they were still eligible for ECF support for students or school staff who would've otherwise lacked sufficient access to connected devices.*

*The SAO asserts that we did not maintain documentation specific enough to meet their interpretations of the compliance supplement which is issued for the purpose of providing suggested audit practices. However, the highest authority of stated standards for program compliance are set in the establishing rules and the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 47 CFR sections 54.1700 et seq. As stated, earlier, the FCC states, ". . . will not impose any specific metrics or process requirements on those determinations" We consulted with many other districts in the State of Washington who are also receiving similar determinations of audit findings and questioned costs. We disagree with the Auditor's position on what is sufficient documentation or proof of actions and processes relating to unmet need determinations. We have done a thorough job of tracking the units with appropriately detailed inventory records and placed them in the hands of students and staff with unmet need.*

*The auditors also took exception with procurement for a portion of the funding used for staff laptops. This came as a result of the SAO's legal team's analysis concluding in an unfavorable interpretation of the law. The purchasing consortium that was utilized is an extremely reputable long-standing organization which is highly skilled in compliance with procurement laws. They have been providing procurement bid services for many years to schools and higher education entities throughout the region. As a non-profit consortium of governments, they leverage the buying power of educational entities to procure quality technology at competitive prices, making it a reliable and widely used source across educational institutions, while also fully complying with Washington State procurement laws for advertising and more. We would still assert and want our public to know we believe the objectives of the competitive procurement laws and processes were fully honored. The area of the law deemed at issue by the SAO does not invalidate the outcome of the competitive bidding process achieved.*

*The ECF support to meet student needs during the pandemic was absolutely essential. We utilized the ECF support for allowable, reasonable and necessary costs. The District takes it's compliance with rules and regulations very seriously. Based on the guidance and information that was available to us, and the points* *outlined above, we strongly assert our approach was both prudent and compliant. We have met the necessary requirements and accomplished the intent of the assistance provided by the FCC.*

*We hold the Washington State Auditor's Office in high regard and appreciate the work performed by our State Auditors. This pandemic has also been challenging for their Office and teams. However, we do not concur with this finding. We believe it is unwarranted and we are disappointed in their interpretations, especially where such strong and clear rationales from multiple school districts were given to assist them in exercising their professional discretion.*

## Auditor's Remarks

The State Auditor's Office is sympathetic to the significant challenges the District faced during the COVID-19 pandemic, and deeply respects its commitment to student learning despite these challenges. SAO knows that in many cases, governments across Washington received significant pandemic-era federal funds without also receiving clear guidance on how to use them. Then, and now, SAO continues to advocate for clear, timely guidance from federal agencies to make sure Washington governments are not put in a difficult position at audit time.

However, when auditing federal programs of any kind, governments must provide documentation to substantiate that they met the award requirements. As is our practice and audit standards require, we will review the status of this finding during our next audit. We value our partnership with the District in striving for transparency in public service.

## 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 47 CFR Part 54, *Universal Service*, Subpart Q, Emergency Connectivity Fund, describes the ECF Program's requirements.

# 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*

**Arlington School District No. 16**
**September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022**

Board of Directors
Arlington School District No. 16
Arlington, 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 Arlington School District No. 16, 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 July 26, 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

Pat McCarthy, State Auditor

Olympia, WA

July 26, 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

**Arlington School District No. 16**
**September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022**

Board of Directors
Arlington School District No. 16
Arlington, Washington

## REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM

### Adverse and Unmodified Opinions

We have audited the compliance of Arlington School District No. 16, 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 Questioned Costs.

### Adverse Opinion on 32.009 – COVID-19–Emergency Connectivity Fund Program

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, the District did not comply, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on 32.009 – COVID-19 – Emergency Connectivity Fund Program for the year ended August 31, 2022.

### Unmodified Opinion on Each of the Other Major Federal Programs

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 other major federal programs identified in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs for the year ended August 31, 2022.

### Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with 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 adverse and unmodified opinions on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

### Matter Giving Rise to Adverse Opinion on 32.009 – COVID-19 – Emergency Connectivity Fund Program

As described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, the District did not comply with the requirements regarding 32.009 – COVID-19 – Emergency Connectivity Fund Program as described in finding number 2022-001 for allowable activities and costs, procurement and restricted purposes special test requirements. Compliance with such requirements is necessary, in our opinion for the District to comply with the requirements applicable to that program.

### 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.

### 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

Olympia, WA

July 26, 2023

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

**Arlington School District No. 16**
**September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022**

Board of Directors
Arlington School District No. 16
Arlington, Washington

## REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Unmodified and Adverse Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of Arlington School District No. 16, 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  Arlington School District No. 16, 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 Arlington School District No. 16, 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 presentation and disclosure of 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 July 26, 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

Pat McCarthy, State Auditor

Olympia, WA

July 26, 2023

# FINANCIAL SECTION

**Arlington School District No. 16**
**September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022**

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



## SUPPLEMENTARY AND OTHER INFORMATION

## Arlington School District No. 016

## Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

## August 31, 2022

| | General Fund | ASB Fund | Debt Service Fund | Capital Projects Fund | Transportation Vehicle Fund | Permanent Fund | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Assets** | | | | | | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | 3,753,160.99 | 23,198.49 | 1,762.85 | 1,062,454.74 | 3.46 | 0.00 | 4,840,580.53 |
| Minus Warrants Outstanding | -1,420,927.75 | -3,147.34 | 0.00 | -973,219.78 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -2,397,294.87 |
| Taxes Receivable | 4,375,960.17 | | 52,677.85 | 2,860,369.32 | 0.00 | | 7,289,007.34 |
| Due From Other Funds | 11,039.58 | 8,768.60 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 19,808.18 |
| Due From Other Governmental Units | 854,260.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 854,260.50 |
| Accounts Receivable | 416,087.15 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 223.67 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 416,310.82 |
| Interfund Loans Receivable | 0.00 | | | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Accrued Interest Receivable | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Inventory | 79,907.88 | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | | 79,907.88 |
| Prepaid Items | 119,703.29 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 119,703.29 |
| Investments | 9,435,865.51 | 859,248.24 | 1,091,208.70 | 9,830,244.98 | 689,361.51 | 0.00 | 21,905,928.94 |
| Investments/Cash With Trustee | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Investments-Deferred Compensation | 0.00 | | | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Self-Insurance Security Deposit | 0.00 | | | | | | 0.00 |
| **TOTAL ASSETS** | **17,625,057.32** | **888,067.99** | **1,145,649.40** | **12,780,072.93** | **689,364.97** | **0.00** | **33,128,212.61** |
| **DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:** | | | | | | | |
| Deferred Outflows of Resources - Other | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| **TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES** | **0.00** | **0.00** | **0.00** | **0.00** | **0.00** | **0.00** | **0.00** |
| **TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES** | **17,625,057.32** | **888,067.99** | **1,145,649.40** | **12,780,072.93** | **689,364.97** | **0.00** | **33,128,212.61** |
| **LIABILITIES** | | | | | | | |
| Accounts Payable | 274,225.98 | 4,885.77 | 0.00 | 939,932.06 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,219,043.81 |
| Contracts Payable Current | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Accrued Interest Payable | | | 0.00 | | | | 0.00 |

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

Arlington School District No. 016

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 | 118,769.11 | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | | 118,769.11 |
| Anticipation Notes Payable | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| **LIABILITIES:** | | | | | | | |
| Payroll Deductions and Taxes Payable | 2,183,495.21 | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | | 2,183,495.21 |
| Due To Other Governmental Units | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Deferred Compensation Payable | 0.00 | | | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Estimated Employee Benefits Payable | 0.00 | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Due To Other Funds | 8,768.60 | 849.07 | 0.00 | 10,190.51 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 19,808.18 |
| Interfund Loans Payable | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Deposits | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Unearned Revenue | 24,824.51 | 108,728.75 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 133,553.26 |
| Matured Bonds Payable | | | 0.00 | | | | 0.00 |
| Matured Bond Interest Payable | | | 0.00 | | | | 0.00 |
| Arbitrage Rebate Payable | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| **TOTAL LIABILITIES** | **2,610,083.41** | **114,463.59** | **0.00** | **950,122.57** | **0.00** | **0.00** | **3,674,669.57** |
| **DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES** | | | | | | | |
| Unavailable Revenue | 457,345.53 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 457,345.53 |
| Unavailable Revenue - Taxes Receivable | 4,375,960.17 | | 52,677.85 | 2,860,369.32 | 0.00 | | 7,289,007.34 |
| **TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES** | **4,833,305.70** | **0.00** | **52,677.85** | **2,860,369.32** | **0.00** | **0.00** | **7,746,352.87** |
| **FUND BALANCE:** | | | | | | | |
| Nonspendable Fund Balance | 199,611.17 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 199,611.17 |
| Restricted Fund Balance | 90,476.11 | 773,604.40 | 1,092,971.55 | 1,007,513.63 | 689,364.97 | 0.00 | 3,653,930.66 |
| Committed Fund Balance | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6,942,235.81 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6,942,235.81 |
| Assigned Fund Balance | 474,551.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,019,831.60 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,494,382.60 |

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Arlington School District No. 016

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

August 31, 2022

| | General Fund | ASB Fund | Debt Service Fund | Capital Projects Fund | Transportation Vehicle Fund | Permanent Fund | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Unassigned Fund Balance | 9,417,029.93 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 9,417,029.93 |
| **TOTAL FUND BALANCE** | **10,181,668.21** | **773,604.40** | **1,092,971.55** | **8,969,581.04** | **689,364.97** | **0.00** | **21,707,190.17** |
| **TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCE** | **17,625,057.32** | **888,067.99** | **1,145,649.40** | **12,780,072.93** | **689,364.97** | **0.00** | **33,128,212.61** |

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

**Arlington School District No. 016**

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

**For the Year Ended August 31, 2022**

| | General Fund | ASB Fund | Debt Service Fund | Capital Projects Fund | Transportation Vehicle Fund | Permanent Fund | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **REVENUES:** | | | | | | | |
| Local | 9,731,583.18 | 510,710.10 | 24,345.20 | 6,538,087.51 | 2,198.76 | | 16,806,924.75 |
| State | 65,891,804.35 | | 0.00 | 76,606.57 | 356,854.76 | | 66,325,265.68 |
| Federal | 12,820,755.01 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 12,820,755.01 |
| Other | 734,403.64 | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 734,403.64 |
| **TOTAL REVENUES** | **89,178,546.18** | **510,710.10** | **24,345.20** | **6,614,694.08** | **359,053.52** | **0.00** | **96,687,349.08** |
| **EXPENDITURES:** | | | | | | | |
| **CURRENT:** | | | | | | | |
| Regular Instruction | 46,393,475.57 | | | | | | 46,393,475.57 |
| Special Education | 13,411,693.71 | | | | | | 13,411,693.71 |
| Vocational Education | 3,730,655.78 | | | | | | 3,730,655.78 |
| Skill Center | 0.00 | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Compensatory Programs | 3,344,058.90 | | | | | | 3,344,058.90 |
| Other Instructional Programs | 522,401.66 | | | | | | 522,401.66 |
| Federal Stimulus COVID-19 | 6,961,155.37 | | | | | | 6,961,155.37 |
| Community Services | 570,128.74 | | | | | | 570,128.74 |
| Support Services | 15,409,608.96 | | | | | | 15,409,608.96 |
| Student Activities/Other | | 447,524.62 | | | | 0.00 | 447,524.62 |
| **CAPITAL OUTLAY:** | | | | | | | |
| Sites | | | | 691,170.28 | | | 691,170.28 |
| Building | | | | 8,275,231.23 | | | 8,275,231.23 |
| Equipment | | | | 934,751.45 | | | 934,751.45 |
| Instructional Technology | | | | 42,073.71 | | | 42,073.71 |
| Energy | | | | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Transportation Equipment | | | | | 843,303.20 | | 843,303.20 |
| Sales and Lease | | | | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Other | 352,576.72 | | | | | | 352,576.72 |
| **DEBT SERVICE:** | | | | | | | |
| Principal | 248,528.28 | | 2,080,697.38 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 2,329,225.66 |

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Arlington School District No. 016

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

For the Year Ended August 31, 2022

| | General Fund | ASB Fund | Debt Service Fund | Capital Projects Fund | Transportation Vehicle Fund | Permanent Fund | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Interest and Other Charges | 877.15 | | 250,618.16 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 251,495.31 |
| Bond/Levy Issuance | | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| **TOTAL EXPENDITURES** | **90,945,160.84** | **447,524.62** | **2,331,315.54** | **9,943,226.67** | **843,303.20** | **0.00** | **104,510,530.87** |
| REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | -1,766,614.66 | 63,185.48 | -2,306,970.34 | -3,328,532.59 | -484,249.68 | 0.00 | -7,823,181.79 |
| **OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):** | | | | | | | |
| Bond Sales & Refunding Bond Sales | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Long-Term Financing | 28,337.21 | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 28,337.21 |
| Transfers In | 0.00 | | 2,330,975.53 | 0.00 | 300,000.00 | | 2,630,975.53 |
| Transfers Out (GL 536) | -300,000.00 | | 0.00 | -2,214,935.00 | -116,040.53 | 0.00 | -2,630,975.53 |
| Other Financing Uses (GL 535) | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Other | 16,037.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 113,638.83 | | 129,675.83 |
| **TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)** | **-255,625.79** | | **2,330,975.53** | **-2,214,935.00** | **297,598.30** | **0.00** | **158,013.04** |
| **EXCESS OF REVENUES/OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES** | **-2,022,240.45** | **63,185.48** | **24,005.19** | **-5,543,467.59** | **-186,651.38** | **0.00** | **-7,665,168.75** |
| **BEGINNING TOTAL FUND BALANCE** | **12,203,908.66** | **710,418.92** | **1,068,966.36** | **14,513,048.63** | **876,016.35** | **0.00** | **29,372,358.92** |
| Prior Year(s) Corrections or Restatements | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| **ENDING TOTAL FUND BALANCE** | **10,181,668.21** | **773,604.40** | **1,092,971.55** | **8,969,581.04** | **689,364.97** | **0.00** | **21,707,190.17** |

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

**Arlington School District No. 016**

**Statement of Fiduciary Net Position**

**August 31, 2022**

| | Custodial Funds | Private Purpose Trust |
|---|---|---|
| **ASSETS:** | | |
| Imprest Cash | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Cash On Hand | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Cash On Deposit with Cty Treas | 0.00 | 20.56 |
| Minus Warrants Outstanding | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Due From Other Governmental Units | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Accounts Receivable | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Accrued Interest Receivable | 0.00 | 3,566.13 |
| Investments | 0.00 | 2,522,886.81 |
| Investments/Cash With Trustee | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Other Assets | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Capital Assets, Land | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Capital Assets, Buildings | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Capital Assets, Equipment | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Accum Depreciation, Buildings | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Accum Depreciation, Equipment | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| **TOTAL ASSETS** | **0.00** | **2,526,473.50** |
| **LIABILITIES:** | | |
| Accounts Payable | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Due To Other Governmental Units | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| **TOTAL LIABILITIES** | **0.00** | **0.00** |
| **NET POSITION:** | | |
| **Restricted for:** | | |
| Restricted For Intact Trust Principal | 0.00 | 2,500,458.00 |
| Restricted for Individuals, Organizations, and Other Governments - CF | 0.00 | |
| Restricted for Individuals, Organizations, and Other Governments - PPT | | 0.00 |
| Restricted For Other Purposes | 0.00 | 26,015.50 |
| **TOTAL NET POSITION** | **0.00** | **2,526,473.50** |

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

## Arlington School District No. 016

## Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

## For the Year Ended August 31, 2022

| | Custodial Funds | Private Purpose Trust |
|---|---|---|
| **ADDITIONS:** | | |
| **Contributions:** | | |
| Private Donations | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Employer | | 0.00 |
| Members | | 0.00 |
| Other | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| **TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS** | **0.00** | **0.00** |
| **Investment Income:** | | |
| Net Appreciation (Depreciation) in Fair Value | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Interest and Dividends | 0.00 | 22,413.19 |
| Less Investment Expenses | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Net Investment Income | 0.00 | 22,413.19 |
| **Other Additions:** | | |
| Rent or Lease Revenue | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Other Additions | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| **TOTAL ADDITIONS** | **0.00** | **22,413.19** |
| **DEDUCTIONS:** | | |
| Benefits | | 0.00 |
| Refund of Contributions | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Administrative Expenses | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Scholarships | 0.00 | |
| Other | 0.00 | 14,900.00 |
| **TOTAL DEDUCTIONS** | **0.00** | **14,900.00** |
| Net Increase (Decrease) | 0.00 | 7,513.19 |
| Net Position - Beginning Balance | 0.00 | 2,518,960.31 |
| Prior Year(s) Corrections or Restatements | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| **NET POSITION--ENDING** | **0.00** | **2,526,473.50** |

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

# ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### September 1, 2021 Through August 31, 2022

## NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Arlington 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.

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

Transportation Vehicle Fund. This fund is used to account for the purchase, major repair, rebuilding, and debt service expenditures that relate to pupil transportation equipment.

Debt Service Fund

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

Special Revenue Fund

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

Permanent Funds

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

**Fiduciary Funds**

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

Private-Purpose Trust Fund

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

Pension and Other Employee Benefit Trust Fund

This fund is used to account for resources to be held for the members and beneficiaries of a pension plan or other employee benefit plans.

Custodial Funds

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

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

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

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

***Budgets***

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

Budgets are adopted on the same modified accrual basis as used for financial reporting. Fund balance is budgeted as available resources and, under statute, may not be negative, unless the District enters into binding conditions with state oversight pursuant to RCW 28A.505.110.

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

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

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

***The government's fund balance classifications policies and procedures.***

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Superintendent and/or designee have the authority to create Assignments of fund balance.

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

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

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

## Cash and Cash Equivalents

All of the District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

## 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. *(Such reserves for inventory indicate that a portion of net current assets is set aside to replace or increase the inventory.)* 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.

## Accounting and Reporting Changes

### 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.

The impact to the district as a result of the adoption of the new lease requirements includes:

- Lease receivables and Deferred Inflows for leases where the District is a lessor are presented on the Balance Sheet.

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

Information regarding the District’s leases are presented in the Leases note, as applicable.

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

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

The district's participation in the Snohomish County Investment Pool (SCIP) is voluntary and the pool does not have a credit rating. The district reports its investment in the pool at the fair value amount, which is the same as the value of the pool per share. The fair value of the district's investment in the pool is measured using a net asset value (NAV) as determined by the pool. The pool maintains an average maturity of greater than 90 days. The minimum size of contributions or withdrawals is ten thousand dollars and notice of one week is required. The Snohomish County Treasurer's Office charges pool participants a fee representing administration and recovery costs associated with operation of the pool. The fee is intended to reflect the County's actual direct expenses of administering the pool.

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:

| Type of Investment | District Investments reported in Governmental Funds | Private Purpose Trust Fund Investments | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| State Treasurer's Investment Pool (LGIP) | $21,905,928.94 | | $21,905,928.94 |
| Snohomish County Treasurer's Investment Pool (SCIP) | | $2,522,886.81 | $2,522,886.81 |
| Total | $21,905,928.94 | $2,522,886.81 | $24,428,815.75 |

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 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

## Arbitrage Rebate

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 requires the District to rebate the earnings on the investment of bond and revenue anticipation note proceeds, in excess of their yield, to the federal government. This requirement is effective for the District’s six bond issues after September 1, 1986, currently totaling $14,553,185.97 million as of August 31. Of the rebate, 90 percent is due and payable five years from the date bonds were issued and at five-year intervals thereafter. The remaining 10 percent is payable 60 days after they are retired. Because positive arbitrage can be offset against negative arbitrage, the rebatable amount fluctuates each year and may or may not be owed at the payment intervals. Because of the uncertainty of having to make this payment, the District is contingently liable for arbitrage rebate currently computed to total $0 as of August 31, 2022.

# 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, 2022 | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Total Pension Liability | Plan fiduciary net position | Participating employers' net pension liability or (asset) | Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability |
| PERS 1 | 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 Annual Financial Reports or http://www.drs.wa.gov./administrations/annual-report.

## Membership Participation

Substantially all school district full-time and qualifying part-time employees participate in one of the following three contributory, multi-employer, cost-sharing statewide retirement systems managed by DRS: Teachers' Retirement System (TRS), Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and School Employees' Retirement System (SERS).

Membership participation by retirement plan as of June 30, 2022, was as follows:

| Plan | Retirees and Beneficiaries Receiving Benefits | Inactive Plan Members Entitled to but not yet Receiving Benefits | Active Plan Members |
|---|---|---|---|
| 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% | ** |
| **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.* | | | | | |
| * – TRS and SERS Plan 3 Employee Contribution Variable from 5% to 15% based on rate selected by the employee member. | | | | | |
| ** – TRS and SERS Plan 2/3 Employer Contributions for defined benefit portion only. | | | | | |

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

At June 30, 2022, the school district reported a total liability of $11,966,244 for its proportionate shares of the individual plans' collective net pension liability and $2,264,529 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 Contributions | $530,742 | $1,052,978 | $2,578,107 | $3,252,357 |
| Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) | $2,411,275 | ($1,263,900) | $9,554,968 | ($1,000,629) |

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.

| Change in Proportionate Shares | PERS 1 | SERS 2/3 | TRS 1 | TRS 2/3 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Current year proportionate share | 0.086600% | 0.470463% | 0.502409% | 0.508486% |
| Prior year proportionate share | 0.080957% | 0.480848% | 0.563204% | 0.562562% |
| Net difference percentage | **0.005644%** | **-0.010385%** | **-0.060795%** | **-0.054076%** |

## 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% |

<u>Mortality Rates</u>
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 Arlington 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%) |
| **PERS 1** | $3,719,876,000 | $2,784,367,000 | $1,967,887,000 |
| Allocation Percentage | 0.086600% | 0.086600% | 0.086600% |
| Proportionate Share | $3,221,430 | $2,411,275 | $1,704,200 |
| | | | |
| **SERS 2/3** | $929,172,000 | ($268,650,000) | ($1,255,926,000) |
| Allocation Percentage | 0.470463% | 0.470463% | 0.470463% |
| Proportionate Share | $4,371,415 | ($1,263,900) | ($5,908,673) |
| | | | |
| **TRS 1** | $2,582,448,000 | $1,901,830,000 | $1,306,883,000 |
| Allocation Percentage | 0.502409% | 0.502409% | 0.502409% |
| Proportionate Share | $12,974,456 | $9,554,968 | $6,565,900 |
| | | | |
| **TRS 2/3** | $3,565,129,000 | ($196,786,000) | ($3,255,167,000) |
| Allocation Percentage | 0.508486% | 0.508486% | 0.508486% |
| Proportionate Share | $18,128,172 | ($1,000,629) | ($16,552,060) |

# 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.

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 264) are eligible to participate in the PEBB plan under this arrangement.

<u>Eligibility</u>

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** | **Employee** | **Employee & Spouse**[1] | **Full 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 post-employment health care benefits.

For the fiscal year 2021-22, the Arlington School District paid $8,143,188 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 for copiers, vehicles, and facilities. The leasing arrangement for the copiers is based on a 60-month terms with monthly payments. The leasing arrangement for the vehicles is based on 48-month terms with monthly payments. The leasing arrangements for the Transportation Facility lease and the Weston Facility lease are based on five-year terms with annual payments. The District recognized lease principal and interest expenditures and lease liabilities to implement GASB Statement No. 87.

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

| Year ended August 31 | Principal | Interest | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2023 | $233,446.74 | $1,361.31 | $234,808.05 |
| 2024 | $192,588.25 | $691.15 | $193,279.40 |
| 2025 | $7,996.77 | $68.01 | $8,064.78 |
| 2026 | $5,728.37 | $27.55 | $5,755.92 |
| 2027 | $1,253.50 | $1.23 | $1,254.73 |
| Total | $441,013.63 | $2,149.25 | $443,162.88 |

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

## Lease of Capital Assets (owned by the District)

The District leases space to the NW Educational Service District 189 for operation of the Snohomish Discovery & NW Regional Learning Center Programs. This space is not currently needed by the District for program service delivery. The initial term of the lease was for thirty-six months with automatic extensions each year for an additional year under the same terms and conditions unless either party provides written notice of its desire not to extend by August 1 of the prior year. The leasing relationship for these programs has been in place for many years and it is reasonably certain the lease will continue for at least the next ten years. Lease payments are due on a monthly basis.

Lease income for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2022, is detailed below:

| | Lease & Lease Interest Income |
|---|---|
| NW ESD 189 Discovery & NW Regional Learning Center Programs, Lease | $41,744.07 |
| NW ESD 189 Discovery & NW Regional Learning Center Programs, Lease Interest | $274.61 |
| **Total Lease & Lease Interest Income** | **$42,018.68** |

## NOTE 7: OTHER SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENTS

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

| Project | Project Authorization Amount | Expended as of 8/31/21 | Additional Local Funds Committed |
|---|---|---|---|
| District Wide-Security Improvements & Secure Entryways | $3,051,614 | $1,009,550 | $1,165,547 |
| Classroom Additions- Arlington High School | $9,973,663 | $6,947,589 | $1,119,434 |
| Architect & Electrical Engineering Various Capital Levy Projects | $2,241,351 | $792,048 | $1,212,301 |
| Kent Prairie Projects | $370,229 | $351,114 | $19,115 |
| Construction Management for Capital Levy Projects | $318,942 | $202,449 | $106,170 |
| Miscellaneous projects: Transportation roof, Weston HVAC, Post MS carpet, permits, enrollment forecasts | $197,297 | $101,665 | $95,473 |
| **Total** | **$16,153,096** | **$9,404,415** | **$3,718,040** |

### 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 re-encumbered the following year. The following encumbrance amounts were re-encumbered by fund on September 1, 2022:

| Fund | Amount |
|---|---|
| General | $0 |
| ASB Fund | $0 |
| Capital Projects Fund | $3,718,039.83 |
| Transportation Vehicle Fund | $0 |

## NOTE 8: REQUIRED DISCLOSURES ABOUT CAPITAL ASSETS

The District’s capital assets are insured in the amount of $254,238,530 for fiscal year 2021-22. 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 | $16,633,883.35 | | $2,080,697.38 | $14,553,185.97 | $4,548,497.58 |
| Notes from Direct Borrowing and Direct Placement | | | | | |
| Total | $16,633,883.35 | | $2,080,697.38 | $14,553,185.97 | $4,548,497.58 |

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

| Issue Name | Amount Authorized | Annual Installments | Final Maturity | Interest Rate(s) | Amount Outstanding |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Limited General Obligation (LGO) Bonds | | | | | |
| 3/27/2018 | $1,212,250.00 | $116,040.54 | 12/1/2031 | 3.47 | $978,185.97 |
| 6/30/2020 | $15,575,000.00 | $2,214,935.00 | 6/1/2025 | 1.38 | $13,575,000.00 |
| Notes from direct borrowing and direct placement | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Total | $16,787,250.00 | | | | $14,553,185.97 |

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

| | Bonds | | Notes from Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Years Ending August 31 | Principal | Interest | Principal | Interest | Total |
| 2023 | $4,548,497.58 | $219,829.37 | | | $4,768,326.95 |
| 2024 | $4,611,394.95 | $155,264.73 | | | $4,766,659.68 |
| 2025 | $4,674,392.85 | $89,769.82 | | | $4,764,162.67 |
| 2026 | $ 92,494.79 | $23,341.07 | | | $115,835.86 |
| 2027 | $ 95,704.36 | $20,075.81 | | | $115,780.17 |
| 2028–2032 | $530,701.44 | $47,294.05 | | | $577,995.49 |
| Total | $14,553,185.97 | $555,574.85 | | | $15,108,760.82 |

At August 31, 2022, the District had $1,092,971.55 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 (536) | Transferred To Fund (9901) | Amount | Description |
|---|---|---|---|
| General Fund | Transportation Vehicle Fund | $300,000.00 | To support the purchase of pupil transportation buses |
| Capital Projects Fund | Debt Service Fund | $2,214,935.00 | For the purpose of retiring debt associated with bond issue, issued to finance construction projects as authorized by capital levy |
| Transportation Vehicle Fund | Debt Service Fund | $116,040.53 | For the purpose of retiring debt associated with bus purchases |

## NOTE 11: ENTITY RISK MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

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

*Risk Management Pool* - In 1986, the District joined together with other school districts in the state, pursuant to the provisions of RCW Chapter 39.34, to form Washington Schools Risk Management Pool (WSRMP), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for Washington schools. The Pool was formed on August 30, 1986 pursuant to authority in RCW Chapter 48.62. The Pool's purpose is to join in a cooperative manner and provide its members the capability to jointly purchase property and liability insurance, maintain a reserve to pay for self-insurance, provide a plan of self-insurance, and related services, including a program of risk management. Over 90 school and educational service districts have joined WSRMP.

The District pays an annual premium ($887,291 for 2021-22) to the pool for its general insurance coverage. The agreement for formation of the WSRMP provides that the pool will be self-sustaining through member premiums and will reinsure and purchase excess insurance through unrelated carriers subject to a per-occurrence self-insured retention of $1 million for property risk and $2 million for liability risk shared by the pool.

The Pool is governed by a board of directors comprised of representatives from each participating member. The executive board is elected at the annual meeting and is responsible for overseeing the business affairs of the Pool. Pool underwriting and rate-setting policies are established by the Pool executive board after consultation with actuaries. Pool members are subject to supplemental assessment in the event of deficiencies. There is no limit on the amount of annual premium contribution increases. The WSRMP is fully funded by its member participants and there is joint liability among the members. Members contract to remain in the Pool for a minimum of three years and must give notice three years before terminating participation. The Pool Agreement is renewed automatically each year after the initial three-year period. Even after termination, if the assets of the Pool were to be exhausted, a member is still responsible for contributions for any unresolved, unreported, or in-process claims for the period they were part of the agreement. If the assets of the Pool were to be exhausted, members would be responsible for the Pool's liabilities. The allocation of the liabilities would be determined by the executive board. If the Pool were dissolved, the members would receive the net assets. The allocation would be in proportion to each member's contribution less obligations.

The district did not have significant reductions in insurance coverage as compared to the prior year, nor insurance settlements that exceeded insurance coverage over the last three years.

The WSRMP's financial report for the year ended August 31, 2022 can be obtained from:

Washington Schools Risk Management Pool
PO. Box 88700
Tukwila, WA 98138-2700

*Unemployment Insurance* – The district joined together with school districts in Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties on July 1, 1978 to form the Northwest Educational Service District 189 Unemployment Compensation Pool (Pool), a public entity risk pool for unemployment insurance. The District made $32,869 payments to the Pool in fiscal year 2021-22. Claims against the district are paid by the Washington State Department of Employment Security (WSDES). The WSDES is reimbursed by the Pool for all claims paid. Unemployment claims of $5,600 were made by the Pool on behalf of the District for fiscal year 2021-22.

*Workers Compensation* – In January 2018, the district joined the Capital Region Educational Service District (CR ESD) 113 Workers' Compensation Trust (Trust), a public entity risk pool.

The Trust is organized pursuant to Title 51.14 RCW for the purpose of managing workers' compensation payroll taxes, employee claims, and safety programs. Membership is established by execution of an agreement between the CR ESD 113 and each local school district.

The Trust provides industrial injury accident insurance coverage for its 46 member districts. The Trust is fully funded by its member participants. Member contributions are calculated based on the members' hours worked and the members' experience rated contribution factor. The Trust retains responsibility for the payment of claims, within specified self-insured retention limits, below the excess coverage contracts that the Trust acquired from unrelated underwriters. The Trust's per-occurrence retention limit is $450,000 and the annual aggregate retention is $7,826,006 minimum for period FY 2021-22. Since the Trust is a cooperative program, there is joint liability among participating members.

For fiscal year 2021, there are 46 members in the pool including 45 participating school districts. A board comprised of one designated representative from each participating member and an executive board governs the Trust. The executive board has seven members elected by the board and the CR ESD 113's superintendent.

The CR ESD 113 is responsible for conducting the business affairs of the Trust. As of August 31, 2022, the amount of claim liabilities totaled $5,113,000. This liability is the CR ESD 113's best estimate based on available information including actuarial reports. Changes in the reported liability since August 31, 2021, resulted in the following:

| | **Beginning Balance 9/1/2021** | **Claims & Changes in Estimates** | **Ending Balance 8/31/2022** |
|---|---|---|---|
| Incurred but not Reported | $2,149,136 | $19,953 | $2,169,089 |
| Open Claims | $2,277,864 | ($194,953) | $2,082,911 |
| Future L&I Assessments | $637,000 | ($121,000) | $516,000 |
| Estimated Unallocated Loss Adjustment | $350,000 | ($5,000) | $345,000 |

Pursuant to revenue ruling number 90-74, income of municipal risk pools is excluded from gross income under Internal Revenue Code Section 115(1). Chapter 48.62 RCW exempts the pool from insurance premium taxes, and business and occupation taxes imposed pursuant to Chapter 82.04 RCW

## NOTE 12: PROPERTY TAXES

Property tax revenues are collected as the result of special levies passed by the voters in the District. Taxes are levied on January 1. The taxpayer has the obligation of paying all taxes on April 30 or one-half then and one-half on October 31. Typically, slightly more than half of the collections are made on the April 30 date. The tax collections occurring after the end of the fiscal period are unavailable for revenue accrual. Therefore, the fall portion of property taxes is not accrued as revenue. Instead, the property taxes due after the end of the fiscal period are recorded as a deferred inflow of resources.

### Tax Abatements

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

| Tax Abatement Program | Total Amount of Taxes Abated |
|---|---|
| Native American | $78,950 |
| Tribal Lands for Government Services | $ 4,412 |
| Total Abatement Amount | $83,362 |

According to the provisions of RCW 84.36.010, certain Native American/Tribal property is exempt from taxation, if it meets the conditions as set for by the RCW and other laws. The property must belong exclusively to a federally recognized Indian tribe, located in the State of Washington and the property must be used exclusively for essential government services (tribal administration, public facilities, fire, police, public health, education, sewer, water, etc.), for a period of 40 years from acquisition. Further property owned by a federally recognized Indian tribe, used for economic development purposes (commercial activities, including those that facilitate the creation or retention of businesses or jobs), may qualify for the exemption.

# 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 amended articles for the association on April 10, 1979, and has remained in the joint venture ever since. The District's current equity of $67,376.23 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 intends to remain a member of KCDA due to its purchasing power and services. However, if the District were to withdraw from the joint venture, the District would receive its equity in ten annual allocations of merchandise or 15 annual payments.

KCDA has published its own financial report for the year ended December 31, 2021 which can be obtained at the following website: www.kcda.org

## NOTE 14: FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATION DETAILS

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

| Fund Balance Classification | General Fund | ASB Fund | Debt Service Fund | Capital Projects Fund | Transportation Vehicle Fund |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nonspendable Fund Balance | | | | | |
| Inventory & Prepaids | **$199,611.17** | | | | |
| Restricted Fund Balance | | | | | |
| For ASB Fund Extra-Curricular Activities | | $773,604.40 | | | |
| Restricted LAP Grant Revenues | $90,476.11 | | | | |
| For Debt Service | | | $1,092,971.55 | | |
| Restricted Bond Proceeds | | | | | |
| Mitigation Fees | | | | $1,007,513.63 | |
| For Buses | | | | | $689,364.97 |
| **Total Restricted Fund Balance** | **$90,476.11** | **$773,604.40** | **$1,092,971.55** | **$1,007,513.63** | **$689,364.97** |
| Committed Fund Balance | | | | | |
| Levy Proceeds | | | | **6,942,235.81** | |
| Assigned Fund Balance | | | | | |
| Curriculum, Services or Equipment | $474,551.00 | | | | |
| Assigned for Capital Fund Purposes | | | | $1,019,831.60 | |
| **Total Assigned Fund Balance** | **$474,551.00** | | | **$1,019,831.60** | |
| Unassigned Fund Balance | | | | | |
| Unassigned Minimum Fund Balance Policy | $7,578,763.40 | | | | |
| Unassigned Fund Balance | $1,838,266.53 | | | | |
| **Total Unassigned Fund Balance** | **$9,417,029.93** | | | | |
| **Total Fund Balance** | **$10,181,668.21** | **$773,604.40** | **$1,092,971.55** | **$8,969,581.04** | **$689,364.97** |

The board of directors has established a minimum fund balance policy for the general fund to provide for positive cash flow, financial stability and contingencies within the District. The policy provides a goal to maintain a minimum fund balance equal to one month's average operating costs at year end, with flexibility allowed especially in times of exceptional circumstances of emergency such as a pandemic. Portions of fund balance that are set aside for the purpose of meeting this policy are recorded on the financial statements as part of unassigned fund balance.

# NOTE 15: DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION AND OPEB PLANS

## 457 Plan – Deferred Compensation Plan

District employees have the option of participating in a deferred compensation plan as defined in §457 of the Internal Revenue Code that is administered by the state deferred compensation plan, or the District. The District does not make employer contributions to the plan.

## 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). Arlington School District does not participate in employer matching.

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.

### 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 amounts. Plan assets are assets of the District employees, not the school district, and are therefore not reflected on the financial statements.

## NOTE 16: TERMINATION BENEFITS

### Compensated Absences

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

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

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

Vacation pay, including benefits, that is expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as expenditures and a fund liability of the governmental fund that will pay it.

No unrecorded liability exists for other employee benefits.

**Arlington School District No. 016**

**Schedule of Long-Term Liabilities**

**For the Year Ended August 31, 2022**

| Description | Beginning Outstanding Debt September 1, 2021 | Amount Issued / Increased | Amount Redeemed / Decreased | Ending Outstanding Debt August 31, 2022 | Amount Due Within One Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Voted Debt** | | | | | |
| Voted Bonds | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LOCAL Program Proceeds Issued in Lieu of Bonds | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| **Non-Voted Debt and Liabilities** | | | | | |
| Non-Voted Bonds | 16,633,883.35 | 0.00 | 2,080,697.38 | 14,553,185.97 | 4,548,497.58 |
| LOCAL Program Proceeds | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Leases | 661,204.69 | 28,337.21 | 248,528.27 | 441,013.63 | 233,446.83 |
| Contracts Payable | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Claims & Judgements | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Compensated Absences | 4,348,343.00 | 438,164.00 | 633,537.00 | 4,152,970.00 | 696,680.00 |
| Long-Term Notes | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Anticipation Notes Payable | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Lines of Credit | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Other Non-Voted Debt | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| **Other Liabilities** | | | | | |
| **Non-Voted Notes Not Recorded as Debt** | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Net Pension Liabilities: | | | | | |
| Net Pension Liabilities TRS 1 | 3,792,043.00 | 5,762,926.00 | 0.00 | 9,554,969.00 | |
| Net Pension Liabilities TRS 2/3 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Net Pension Liabilities SERS 2/3 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Net Pension Liabilities PERS 1 | 988,673.00 | 1,422,602.00 | 0.00 | 2,411,275.00 | |
| **Total Long-Term Liabilities** | **26,424,147.04** | **7,652,029.21** | **2,962,762.65** | **31,113,413.60** | **5,478,624.41** |

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

**Arlington School District No. 16**
**Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards**
**For the Year Ended August 31, 2022**

| Federal Agency (Pass-Through Agency) | Federal Program | ALN Number | Other Award Number | Expenditures: From Pass-Through Awards | Expenditures: From Direct Awards | Expenditures: Total | Passed through to Subrecipients | Note |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Child Nutrition Cluster** | | | | | | | | |
| FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE, AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI) | School Breakfast Program | 10.553 | 227WAWA3N1099 227WAWA3N1199 | 578,301 | - | 578,301 | - | |
| FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE, AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI) | National School Lunch Program | 10.555 | 227WAWA3N1099 227WAWA3N1199 | 2,138,703 | - | 2,138,703 | - | |
| FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE, AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI) | National School Lunch Program | 10.555 | 227WAWA3N1099 227WAWA3N1199 | 196,196 | - | 196,196 | - | 4 |
| | | | **Total ALN 10.555:** | **2,334,899** | **-** | **2,334,899** | - | |
| FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE, AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI) | Summer Food Service Program for Children | 10.559 | 227WAWA3N1099 227WAWA3N1199 | 5,733 | - | 5,733 | - | |
| | | | **Total Child Nutrition Cluster:** | **2,918,933** | **-** | **2,918,933** | - | |
| FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE, AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI) | Pandemic EBT Administrative Costs | 10.649 | 31016 | 3,063 | - | 3,063 | - | |
| **Forest Service Schools and Roads Cluster** | | | | | | | | |
| FOREST SERVICE, AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF (via OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER) | Schools and Roads - Grants to States | 10.665 | N/A | 14,004 | - | 14,004 | - | |
| | | | **Total Forest Service Schools and Roads Cluster:** | **14,004** | **-** | **14,004** | - | |

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.*

## Arlington School District No. 16
## Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
## For the Year Ended August 31, 2022

| Federal Agency (Pass-Through Agency) | Federal Program | ALN Number | Other Award Number | Expenditures: From Pass-Through Awards | Expenditures: From Direct Awards | Expenditures: Total | Passed through to Subrecipients | Note |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE | Air Force JROTC | 12.U01 | | - | 44,517 | 44,517 | - | 3 |
| FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION | COVID 19 - Emergency Connectivity Fund Program | 32.009 | | - | 755,937 | 755,937 | - | |
| OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI) | Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies | 84.010 | 203890 | 684,378 | - | 684,378 | - | 2 |
| OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI) | Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies | 84.010 | 270979 | 8,923 | - | 8,923 | - | 2 |
| OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI) | Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies | 84.010 | 271081 | 24,770 | - | 24,770 | - | 2 |
| OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI) | Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies | 84.010 | 271086 | 24,899 | - | 24,899 | - | 2 |
| OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI) | Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies | 84.010 | 270279 | 96,620 | - | 96,620 | - | 2 |
| | | | **Total ALN 84.010:** | **839,590** | **-** | **839,590** | - | |
| **Special Education Cluster (IDEA)** | | | | | | | | |

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.*

## Arlington School District No. 16
## Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
## For the Year Ended August 31, 2022

| Federal Agency (Pass-Through Agency) | Federal Program | ALN Number | Other Award Number | Expenditures: From Pass-Through Awards | Expenditures: From Direct Awards | Expenditures: Total | Passed through to Subrecipients | Note |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI) | Special Education Grants to States | 84.027 | 307441 | 965,887 | - | 965,887 | - | 2 |
| OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI) | Special Education Grants to States | 84.027 | 312067 | 56,315 | - | 56,315 | - | 2 |
| OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI) | Special Education Grants to States | 84.027 | 338423 | 69,562 | - | 69,562 | - | 2 |
| | | | **Total ALN 84.027:** | **1,091,764** | **-** | **1,091,764** | - | |
| OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI) | Special Education Preschool Grants | 84.173 | 366816 | 30,354 | - | 30,354 | - | 2 |
| OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI) | Special Education Preschool Grants | 84.173 | 388082 | 4,964 | - | 4,964 | - | 2 |
| | | | **Total ALN 84.173:** | **35,318** | **-** | **35,318** | - | |
| | | | **Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA):** | **1,127,082** | **-** | **1,127,082** | - | |
| Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI) | Career and Technical Education -- Basic Grants to States | 84.048 | 174861 | 23,892 | - | 23,892 | - | 2 |

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## Arlington School District No. 16
## Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
## For the Year Ended August 31, 2022

| Federal Agency (Pass-Through Agency) | Federal Program | ALN Number | Other Award Number | Expenditures: From Pass-Through Awards | Expenditures: From Direct Awards | Expenditures: Total | Passed through to Subrecipients | Note |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF | Indian Education Grants to Local Educational Agencies | 84.060 | | - | 8,564 | 8,564 | - | |
| OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI) | English Language Acquisition State Grants | 84.365 | 403074 | 66,624 | - | 66,624 | - | 2 |
| 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 | 525281 | 122,422 | - | 122,422 | - | 2 |
| EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI) | Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program | 84.424 | 84.424A 431057 | 42,728 | - | 42,728 | - | 2, 5 |
| EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI) | COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund | 84.425 | 84.425U 712103 | 12,099 | - | 12,099 | - | |
| EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI) | COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund | 84.425 | 84.425D 120520 | 59,010 | - | 59,010 | - | |
| EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI) | COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund | 84.425 | 84.425D 141600 | 18,232 | - | 18,232 | - | |
| EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI) | COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund | 84.425 | 84.425D 138209 | 2,978,486 | - | 2,978,486 | - | |
| EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI) | COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund | 84.425 | 84.425W 459502 | 26,991 | - | 26,991 | - | |

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## Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
## For the Year Ended August 31, 2022

| Federal Agency (Pass-Through Agency) | Federal Program | ALN Number | Other Award Number | Expenditures: From Pass-Through Awards | Expenditures: From Direct Awards | Expenditures: Total | Passed through to Subrecipients | Note |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI) | COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund | 84.425 | 84.425D 137222 | 744,621 | - | 744,621 | - | |
| | | | **Total ALN 84.425:** | **3,839,439** | **-** | **3,839,439** | - | |
| **Medicaid Cluster** | | | | | | | | |
| CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (via HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY) | Medical Assistance Program | 93.778 | 1070 | 141,858 | - | 141,858 | - | 3 |
| | | | **Total Medicaid Cluster:** | **141,858** | **-** | **141,858** | - | |
| FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF | COVID 19 - Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters) | 97.036 | | - | 63,692 | 63,692 | - | 6 |
| | | | **Total Federal Awards Expended:** | **9,139,635** | **872,710** | **10,012,345** | **-** | |

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# Arlington School District No. 16

## NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

## For the Year Ended August 31, 2022

### NOTE 1 – BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

### NOTE 2 – FEDERAL DE MINIMIS INDIRECT RATE

The Arlington School District has not elected to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance. The district used the federal restricted rate of 3.12% and the federal unrestricted rate of 10.95% for ESSER II and ESSER III grants.

### NOTE 3 – PROGRAM COSTS/MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS

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

### NOTE 4– NON CASH AWARDS

The amount of commodities reported on the schedule is the value of commodities distributed by the Arlington School District during the current year and priced as prescribed by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

### NOTE 5 – TRANSFERABILITY

As allowed by federal regulations, the Arlington School District No. 16 elected to transfer program funds. The district expended $42,728.00 from its Title IV Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program on allowable activities of the Title I, Grants to Local Educational Agencies (84.010) and Title III, English Language Acquisition State Grants (84.365). This amount is reflected in the expenditures of Title IV, Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program (84.424).

### NOTE 6 - FEMA

Arlington School District incurred eligible expenditures in fiscal year 2020-2021 and FEMA approved the District's Project Worksheet in the fiscal year 2021-2022. The eligible expenditures are included in the 2021-22 SEFA, (FEMA Disaster Assistance 97.036).

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# CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR FINDINGS REPORTED UNDER UNIFORM GUIDANCE

## Arlington School District No. 16
## 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 allowable activities and costs, procurement, and restricted purpose requirements. |

**Name, address, and telephone of District contact person:**

Gina Zeutenhorst, Executive Director of Financial Services
315 N. French Avenue
Arlington, WA 98223
(360) 618-6203

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

*The District does not concur with the finding or questioned costs. We believe our documentation and controls were sufficient and in accordance with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) guidance and that our use of resources was appropriate, necessary and allowable. We do not concur on the standard of documentation expected by the State Auditor's Office (SAO) per their interpretation of the compliance supplement for unmet need, and controls around per-user distribution. In the future, when a direct (non-pass-through) agency is handling the awards, the District will request further clarification from the granting agency about requirements that may be designed around those funds later (funds that lack clear guidance at the time of application/award), especially if it is a brand new funding stream, or in response to an emergency. In the instance of this finding, the District was provided with delayed and unclear guidance due to the emergency nature of the program. The District will assess the inherent risks associated with accepting such funds (such as unachievable and unrealistic expectations), and may potentially decline to participate in that grant opportunity. In addition, regarding state procurement, the District will verify that purchasing cooperatives/consortiums utilized for*

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| *bidding services meet the most recent information shared by the SAO and their interpretation of the law.* |
| **Anticipated date to complete the corrective action:** Fiscal Year 2022-2023 |

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