

# **ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

TRIO WOLF CREEK DISTANCE LEARNING CHARTER SCHOOL  
CHISAGO CITY, MINNESOTA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
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Chisago City, Minnesota  
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TRIO Wolf Creek  
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Board of Education and Administration  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Jennifer Lake	Chairperson
Sue Frame	Vice-Chairperson
Sandy Flint	Secretary/Treasurer
Chloe Jackson	Member
Lori Nelson	Member
Bill Mack	Member
Ruth Stark	Member

**ADMINISTRATION**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Mike Hamernick	Director
Sarah Schmidt	Authorizer Representative
Robyn Vosberg-Torgerson	Director of Business Services

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FINANCIAL SECTION

TRIO WOLF CREEK  
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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Education  
TRIO Wolf Creek  
Distance Learning Charter School No. 4095  
Chisago City, Minnesota

### Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of governmental activities and the major fund of the TRIO Wolf Creek Distance Learning Charter School No. 4095 (the Charter School), Chisago City, Minnesota, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Charter School as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and the budgetary comparison for the General fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 TRIO Wolf Creek Distance Learning Charter School No. 4095 (the Charter School), Chisago City, Minnesota 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 audit opinions.

### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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 Charter School'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 Responsibilities 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- 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 School'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 charter school's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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.

### **Other Matters**

#### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis starting on page 15 and the Schedules of Employer's Share of the Net Pension Liability and the Schedules of Employer's Contributions starting on page 56 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Government Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.



## **Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements. The accompanying individual fund schedules and table are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and related directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the individual fund schedules and table are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

## **Other Information**

Management is responsible for the other information in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory section but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statement do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

## **Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 5, 2024, on our consideration of the Charter School'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 solely 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 the Charter School's 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 Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



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## **Management's Discussion and Analysis**

As management of the TRIO Wolf Creek Distance Learning Charter School No. 4095 (the Charter School), Chisago City, Minnesota, we offer readers of the Charter School's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Charter School for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

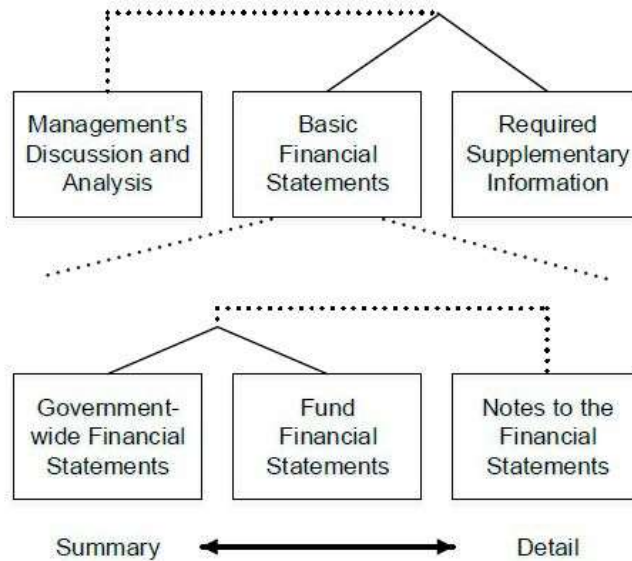
### **Financial Highlights**

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the School exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the most recent fiscal year as shown in the summary of net position on the following pages.
- The School's total net position increased as shown in the summary of changes in net position on the following pages. This was primarily a result of revenues exceeding expenditures, with expenditures coming in under budget and an increase to state aid revenue.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the School's governmental fund balances are shown in the Financial Analysis of the School's funds section of the MD&A. The total fund balance increased in comparison with the prior year.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General fund, as shown in the financial analysis of the School's funds section, decreased from the prior year.

## Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Charter School’s basic financial statements. The Charter School’s basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplemental information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of individual fund schedules that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements. The following chart shows how the required parts of this annual report are arranged and relate to one another.



The following chart summarizes the major features of the Charter School’s financial statements, including the portion of the Charter School’s activities they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of management’s discussion and analysis highlights the structure and contents of each of the statements:

### Major Features of the Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

	Government-wide Statements	Fund Financial Statements Governmental Funds
	Scope	Entire Charter School
Required financial statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statement of Net Position</li> <li>Statement of Activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Balance Sheet</li> <li>Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances</li> </ul>
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial focus
Type of asset/liability information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Generally assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included
Type of deferred outflows/inflows of resources information	All deferred outflows/inflows of resources, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Only deferred outflows of resources expected to be used up and deferred inflows of resources that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets included
Type of inflow/out flow information	All revenues and expenditures during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due and payable

**Government-wide Financial Statements.** The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Charter School's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

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

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the Charter School's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., earned but unused vacation leave).

The government-wide financial statements display functions of the Charter School that are principally supported by intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*). The governmental activities of the Charter School include administration, district support services, elementary and secondary regular instruction, special education instruction, instructional support services, pupil support services, and sites and buildings.

The government-wide financial statements start on page 26 of this report.

**Fund Financial Statements.** A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Charter School, like other State and local government, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

**Governmental Funds.** *Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

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

The Charter School maintains one individual governmental fund, the General fund. Information is presented in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the General fund.

The Charter School adopts an annual appropriated budget for its General fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the General fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

The basic governmental fund financial statements start on page 26 of this report.

**Notes to the Financial Statements.** The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements start on page 35 of this report.

**Required Supplementary Information.** In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the Charter School's progress in funding its obligation to provide pension benefits to its employees. Required supplementary information can be found starting on page 56 of this report.

**Other Information.** The individual fund financial schedule that starts on page 65 presents budget and prior year comparative data for the General fund.

## Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the School, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources as shown in the summary of net position below at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

A portion of the School's net position reflects its net investment in capital assets. The School uses these capital assets to provide services to students; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending. Similarly, the School has assets restricted for future uses, mainly due to long term facilities maintenance and safe schools. Unrestricted net position carries a balance as shown below.

### TRIO Wolf Creek Distance Learning Charter School No. 4095's Summary of Net Position

	Governmental Activities		
	2024	2023	Increase (Decrease)
<b>Assets</b>			
Current and other assets	\$ 2,833,833	\$ 2,654,170	\$ 179,663
Capital assets, net of depreciation	624,598	755,922	(131,324)
Total Assets	<u>3,458,431</u>	<u>3,410,092</u>	<u>48,339</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Deferred pension resources	<u>272,718</u>	<u>339,035</u>	<u>(66,317)</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current	410,034	301,223	108,811
Noncurrent	<u>1,811,615</u>	<u>1,806,682</u>	<u>4,933</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>2,221,649</u>	<u>2,107,905</u>	<u>113,744</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Deferred pension resources	<u>61,687</u>	<u>268,369</u>	<u>(206,682)</u>
<b>Net Position</b>			
Investment in capital assets	135,295	157,144	(21,849)
Restricted	230,967	161,887	69,080
Unrestricted	<u>1,081,551</u>	<u>1,053,822</u>	<u>27,729</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 1,447,813</u>	<u>\$ 1,372,853</u>	<u>\$ 74,960</u>
<b>Net Position as a Percent of Total</b>			
Net Investment in			
Capital Assets	9.3%	11.4%	
Restricted	16.0%	11.8%	
Unrestricted	<u>74.7%</u>	<u>76.8%</u>	
	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	

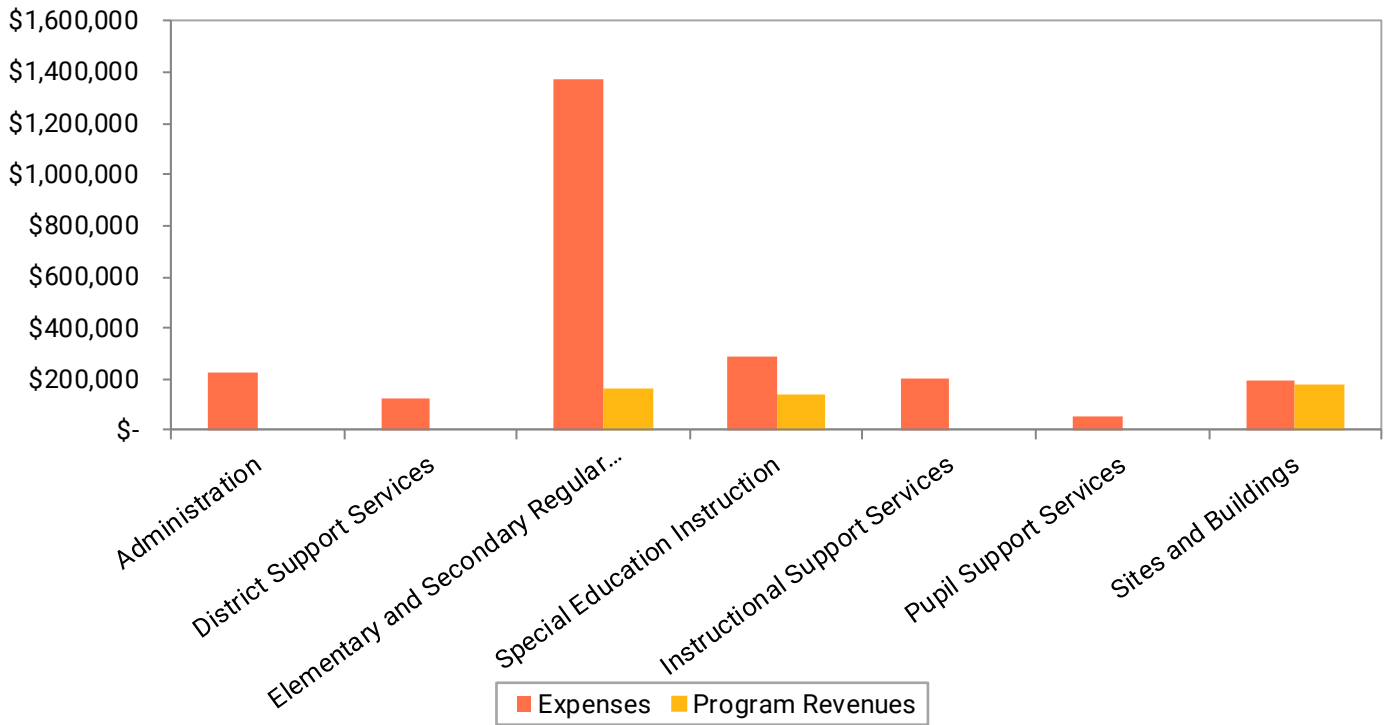
At the end of the current fiscal year, the Charter School is able to report a positive balance in investment in capital assets, restricted net position and unrestricted net position. Significant changes from the prior year are noted on the following page.

**Governmental Activities.** Governmental activities increased the School’s net position as shown below in the summary of changes in net position. Key elements of this decrease are shown in the table below.

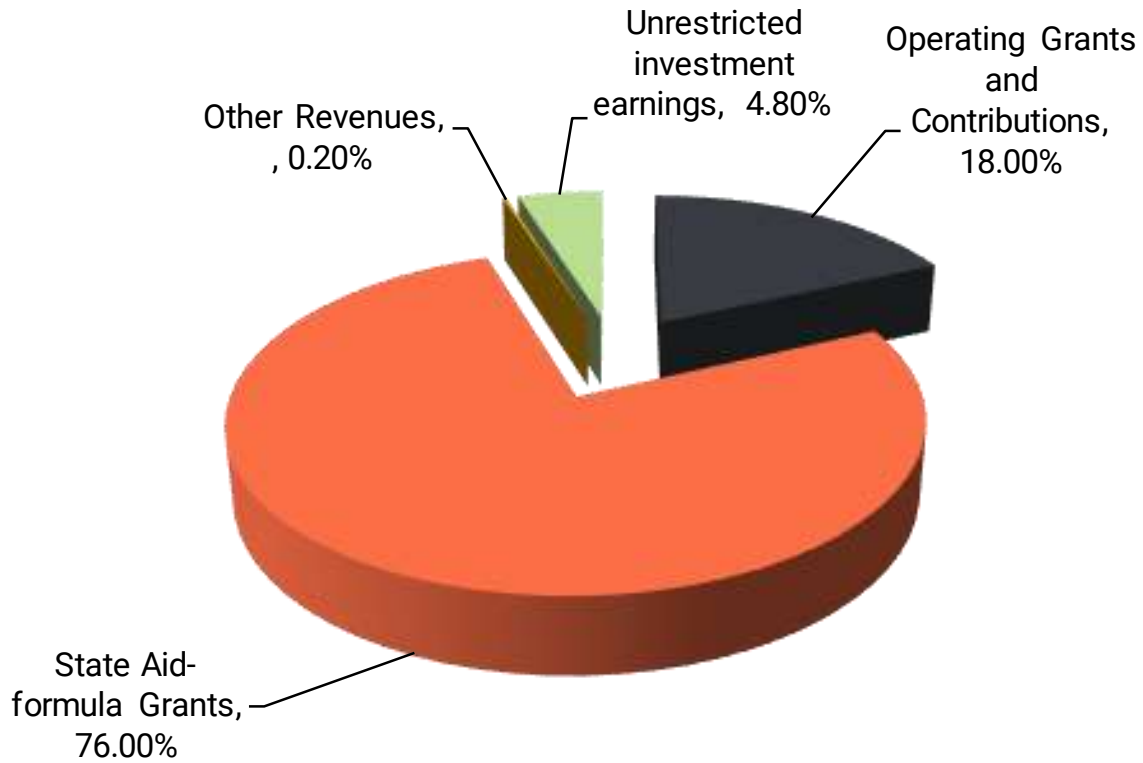
**TRIO Wolf Creek Distance Learning Charter School No. 4095’s Changes in Net Position**

	Governmental Activities		
	2024	2023	Increase (Decrease)
Revenues			
Program revenues			
Charges for services	\$ 2,095	\$ 2,120	\$ (25)
Operating grants and contributions	476,336	476,546	(210)
General revenues			
State aid formula grants	1,973,600	1,920,582	53,018
Other general revenues not restricted to specific program	2,000	-	2,000
Unrestricted investment earnings	129,906	76,073	53,833
Total Revenues	<u>2,583,937</u>	<u>2,475,321</u>	<u>108,616</u>
Expenses			
Administration	227,496	132,281	95,215
District support services	123,498	88,338	35,160
Elementary and secondary regular instruction	1,369,696	1,056,630	313,066
Special education instruction	287,141	190,339	96,802
Instructional support services	202,384	108,625	93,759
Pupil support services	56,567	12,533	44,034
Sites and buildings	191,545	187,091	4,454
Interest on long-term debt	50,650	54,253	(3,603)
Total Expenses	<u>2,508,977</u>	<u>1,830,090</u>	<u>678,887</u>
Change in Net Position	74,960	645,231	(570,271)
Net Position, July 1	<u>1,372,853</u>	<u>727,622</u>	<u>645,231</u>
Net Position, June 30	<u>\$ 1,447,813</u>	<u>\$ 1,372,853</u>	<u>\$ 74,960</u>

### Expenses and Program Revenues - Governmental Activities



### Revenues by Source - Governmental Activities



## Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

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

**Governmental Funds.** The focus of the Charter School's *governmental funds* is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows and balances of *spendable* resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Charter School's financing requirements. In particular, *unassigned fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year. The table below outlines the governmental fund balances for the year ending June 30, 2024.

	General Fund 2024	General Fund 2023	Increase/ (Decrease)
Fund Balances			
Nonspendable	\$ 19,429	\$ 7,386	\$ 12,043
Restricted for			
LTFM	184,464	155,384	29,080
Safe School	6,503	6,503	-
Library aid	20,000	-	20,000
Student support	20,000	-	20,000
Assigned for			
Operating capital	75,413	328,487	(253,074)
Staff development	54,217	170,365	(116,148)
Gifted and talented	9,322	43,040	(33,718)
Basic skills	-	31,616	(31,616)
Unassigned	2,034,451	1,610,166	424,285
	<u>\$ 2,423,799</u>	<u>\$ 2,352,947</u>	<u>\$ 70,852</u>
General Fund expenditures	\$ 2,500,943	\$ 2,880,908	
Unassigned as a percent of expenditures	81.3%	55.9%	
Total Fund Balance as a percent of expenditures	96.9%	81.7%	

As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Charter School's Governmental fund balances are shown above. Additional information on the City's fund balances can be found in Note 1 starting on page 35 of this report.

The General fund is the chief operating fund of the School. At the end of the current year, the fund balance of the General fund is shown in the table above. As a measure of the General fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. The total unassigned fund balance as a percent of total fund expenditures is also shown in the chart above along with total fund balance as a percent of total expenditures.

The fund balance of the Charter School's General fund increased during the current fiscal year as shown in the table above. The increase in fund balance was due to total expenditures being less than budgeted, primary related to the instructional support services expenditures.

## General Fund Budgetary Highlights

	Original Budgeted Amounts	Budget Amendments	Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues	\$ 2,381,095	\$ 203,704	\$ 2,584,799	\$ 2,571,795	\$ (13,004)
Expenditures	<u>2,373,357</u>	<u>168,216</u>	<u>2,541,573</u>	<u>2,500,943</u>	<u>40,630</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	7,738	35,488	43,226	70,852	27,626
Fund Balances, July 1	<u>2,352,947</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,352,947</u>	<u>2,352,947</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balances, June 30	<u>\$ 2,360,685</u>	<u>\$ 35,488</u>	<u>\$ 2,396,173</u>	<u>\$ 2,423,799</u>	<u>\$ 27,626</u>

The School's General fund budget was amended during the year as shown above. The budget amendment increased revenues relating to state and federal sources and increased expenditures relating to mostly elementary and secondary regular instruction. Actual revenues were under the final budget and expenditures were under the final budget amounts as shown above.

## Capital Assets and Debt Administration

### Capital Assets

The Charter School's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2024, is shown below in the capital asset table (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets consists of equipment, site improvements and building improvements. The total depreciation and amortization expense for the year was \$153,639. The following is a schedule of capital assets as of June 30, 2024.

### TRIO Wolf Creek Distance Learning Charter School No. 4095's Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation)

	Governmental Activities		
	2024	2023	Increase (Decrease)
Equipment and Furniture	\$ 72,071	\$ 75,711	\$ (3,640)
Site Improvements	39,828	48,397	(8,569)
Building Improvements	35,046	39,524	(4,478)
Leased Building	<u>477,653</u>	<u>592,290</u>	<u>(114,637)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 624,598</u>	<u>\$ 755,922</u>	<u>\$ (131,324)</u>
Percent increase (decrease)			-17%

Additional information on the Charter School's capital assets can be found in Note 3B on page 42 of this report.

**Noncurrent Liabilities.** At the end of the current fiscal year, the School had the following noncurrent liabilities outstanding.

	Governmental Activities		
	2023	2022	(Decrease)
Lease payable	\$ 489,303	\$ 598,778	\$ (109,475)
Percent increase (decrease)			-18%

**Factors Bearing on the Charter School’s Future**

The State General Education Aid formula was increased for 2024-25 by 2% to \$7,281. This increase would generate approximately \$34,320 in additional revenue for the Charter School if enrollment were to remain the same as the 2023-24 school year. The 2024-25 budget is based on 200 students, or 240 APU (Adjusted Pupil Units) based on the student weighting formula of 1.2 for students in Grades 7-12. Given that 2024-25 student enrollment has been increasing in the first months of the school year compared to prior year enrollments, it will likely be necessary to revise the FY 25 budget. The Charter School continues to have a healthy fund balance. Trio Wolf Creek increased their fund balance by \$26,255 in FY 24 to \$2,379,202 in designated/undesignated areas. The Charter School does not anticipate borrowing any funds for the 2024-25 school year for cash flow purposes.

Trio Wolf Creek’s enrollment decreased by 21.06 ADMs in 2023-24 to a total of 182.36 (218.84 APU). This enrollment is decreasing compared to the 2022-23 levels (203.42 ADM; 244.10 APU).

TRIO has a very mobile student population, so it is difficult to predict enrollment trends. Minnesota students have a number of choices as to how they want to receive their education. The Administration and the Board regularly track enrollment and staffing levels. Efforts have been made to spread the word about educational opportunities available at TRIO, including advertising on billboards located along I-35 and multiple social media platforms.

The Charter School was eligible for a Title I grant for the 2023-24 school year, and are eligible again in the 2024-2025 school year.

In addition, the Charter School will continue to receive an Alternative Delivery of Specialized Instructional Services (ADSIS) grant for the 2024-25 school year from the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE). The full grant request amount was \$54,910, which includes .60 FTE salary for a licensed teacher to provide math interventions for a number of TRIO students and a .60 FTE of a behavior paraprofessional. This number is based on the following factors: percent of students identified as being below target scores on multiple measures of reading (MCAs and MAPs), the number of students estimated to need direct behavior services in order to become effective online learners and the type of research-based programming that will be implemented.

The Charter School has applied for additional funds for teacher compensation from the State’s Q-Comp or Alternative Teacher Professional Pay System (ATPPS) program. This program provides an additional \$260 per ADM to be used for teacher compensation. TRIO anticipates that it will receive approximately \$50,000 for this program in FY 25.

The Charter School is dependent on the State of Minnesota (the State) for its revenue authority. Recent experience demonstrates that legislated revenue increases have not been sufficient to meet instructional program needs and increased costs due to inflation. Thus far the Charter School has been able to meet their instructional program needs by budgeting conservatively. As a result, the Charter School has been able to adequately maintain a sufficient fund balance which will allow the Charter School to maintain normal operations.

**Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Charter School’s finances for all those with an interest in the Charter School’s finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Mike Hamernick, Director, TRIO Wolf Creek Distance Learning Charter School No. 4095, 10363 Liberty Lane, Chisago City, Minnesota 55013 or mailing address at 29678 Karmel Avenue Chisago City, Minnesota 55013.

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GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TRIO WOLF CREEK  
DISTANCE LEARNING CHARTER SCHOOL NO. 4095  
CHISAGO CITY, MINNESOTA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2024

TRIO Wolf Creek  
Distance Learning Charter School No. 4095  
Chisago City, Minnesota  
Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and temporary investments	\$ 2,542,743
Receivables	
Accrued interest	44,598
Accounts	6,660
Due from the Minnesota Department of Education	146,460
Due from the Federal government	57,235
Due from other school districts	16,708
Prepaid items	19,429
Capital assets - leased, net of amortization	477,653
Capital assets	
Depreciable assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	146,945
Total Assets	3,458,431
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	
Deferred pension resources	272,718
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	15,982
Accrued salaries payable	163,516
Due to other school districts	227,164
Unearned revenue	3,372
Noncurrent Liabilities	
Due within one year	
Long-term liabilities	112,468
Due in more than one year	
Long-term liabilities	376,835
Net pension liability	1,322,312
Total Liabilities	2,221,649
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	
Deferred pension resources	61,687
<b>Net Position</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	135,295
Restricted for	
Long Term Facilities Maintenance	184,464
Safe schools	6,503
Library aid	20,000
Student support	20,000
Unrestricted	1,081,551
Total Net Position	\$ 1,447,813

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TRIO Wolf Creek  
Distance Learning Charter School No. 4095  
Chisago City, Minnesota  
Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
<b>Governmental Activities</b>					<b>Governmental Activities</b>
Administration	\$ 227,496	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (227,496)
District support services	123,498	-	-	-	(123,498)
Elementary and secondary regular instruction	1,369,696	2,095	159,487	-	(1,208,114)
Special education instruction	287,141	-	139,139	-	(148,002)
Instructional support services	202,384	-	-	-	(202,384)
Pupil support services	56,567	-	-	-	(56,567)
Sites and buildings	191,545	-	177,710	-	(13,835)
Interest on long-term debt	50,650	-	-	-	(50,650)
<b>Total Governmental Activities</b>	<b>\$ 2,508,977</b>	<b>\$ 2,095</b>	<b>\$ 476,336</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>(2,030,546)</b>
<b>General Revenues</b>					
State aid formula grants					1,973,600
Other general revenues					2,000
Unrestricted investment earnings					129,906
<b>Total General Revenues</b>					<b>2,105,506</b>
Change in Net Position					74,960
Net Position, July 1					1,372,853
Net Position, June 30					<u>\$ 1,447,813</u>

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FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TRIO WOLF CREEK  
DISTANCE LEARNING CHARTER SCHOOL NO. 4095  
CHISAGO CITY, MINNESOTA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2024

TRIO Wolf Creek  
Distance Learning Charter School No. 4095  
Chisago City, Minnesota  
Balance Sheet  
Governmental Fund  
June 30, 2024

	General
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and temporary investments	\$ 2,542,743
Receivables	
Accrued interest	44,598
Accounts	6,660
Due from the Minnesota Department of Education	146,460
Due from the Federal government	57,235
Due from other school districts	16,708
Prepaid items	19,429
Total Assets	\$ 2,833,833
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	\$ 15,982
Accrued salaries payable	163,516
Due to other school districts	227,164
Unearned revenue	3,372
Total Liabilities	410,034
<b>Fund Balance</b>	
Nonspendable prepaid items	19,429
Restricted for	
Long Term Facilities Maintenance	184,464
Safe Schools	6,503
Library aid	20,000
Student support	20,000
Assigned for	
Operating capital	75,413
Staff development	54,217
Gifted and talented	9,322
Unassigned	2,034,451
Total Fund Balance	2,423,799
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 2,833,833

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TRIO Wolf Creek  
Distance Learning Charter School No. 4095  
Chisago City, Minnesota  
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet  
to the Statement of Net Position  
Governmental Fund  
June 30, 2024

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

Total Fund Balance - Governmental Fund	\$ 2,423,799
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds.	
Cost of capital assets	511,078
Leased assets	706,927
Less: accumulated depreciation	(364,133)
Less: accumulated amortization	(229,274)
Noncurrent liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds. Noncurrent liabilities at year end consist of	
Lease payable	(489,303)
Net pension liability	(1,322,312)
Governmental funds do not report long-term amounts related to pensions.	
Deferred outflows of pension resources	272,718
Deferred inflows of pension resources	(61,687)
	(61,687)
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$ 1,447,813

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TRIO Wolf Creek  
 Distance Learning Charter School No. 4095  
 Chisago City, Minnesota  
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance  
 Governmental Fund  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General
Revenues	
Interest earned on investments	\$ 129,906
Revenue from state sources	2,330,577
Revenue from federal sources	104,992
Other local revenue	6,253
Sales and other conversion of assets	67
Total Revenues	2,571,795
Expenditures	
Current	
Administration	230,255
District support services	123,498
Elementary and secondary regular instruction	1,365,777
Special education instruction	290,131
Instructional support services	198,992
Pupil support services	55,563
Sites and buildings	48,029
Capital outlay	
Elementary and secondary regular instruction	4,171
Instructional support services	5,597
Sites and buildings	18,805
Debt Service	
Principal	109,475
Interest and other charges	50,650
Total Expenditures	2,500,943
Net Change in Fund Balance	70,852
Fund Balance, July 1	2,352,947
Fund Balance, June 30	\$ 2,423,799

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TRIO Wolf Creek  
 Distance Learning Charter School No. 4095  
 Chisago City, Minnesota  
 Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues,  
 Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance  
 to the Statement of Activities  
 Governmental Fund  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

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

Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Fund	\$	70,852
<p>Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over the estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.</p>		
Capital outlays		22,776
Loss on disposal of asset		(461)
Depreciation expense		(39,002)
Amortization expense		(114,637)
<p>The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are amortized in the statement of activities. The amounts below are the effects of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.</p>		
Lease principal repayments		109,475
<p>Long-term pension activity is not reported in governmental funds.</p>		
Pension expense		13,815
Pension revenue		12,142
		12,142
Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$	74,960

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**TRIO Wolf Creek**  
**Distance Learning Charter School No. 4095**  
 Chisago City, Minnesota  
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual  
 General Fund  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
<b>Revenues</b>				
Interest earned on investments	\$ 30,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 129,906	\$ 54,906
Revenue from state sources	2,277,829	2,390,885	2,330,577	(60,308)
Revenue from federal sources	65,266	110,814	104,992	(5,822)
Other local revenue	8,000	8,000	6,253	(1,747)
Sales and other conversion of assets	-	100	67	(33)
Total Revenues	<u>2,381,095</u>	<u>2,584,799</u>	<u>2,571,795</u>	<u>(13,004)</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
<b>Current</b>				
Administration	266,983	209,338	230,255	(20,917)
District support services	54,000	89,000	123,498	(34,498)
Elementary and secondary				
regular instruction	1,256,142	1,447,003	1,365,777	81,226
Special education instruction	308,300	308,300	290,131	18,169
Instructional support services	164,839	164,839	198,992	(34,153)
Pupil support services	95,093	95,093	55,563	39,530
Sites and buildings	48,000	48,000	48,029	(29)
Capital outlay				
Elementary and secondary				
regular instruction	-	-	4,171	(4,171)
Instructional support services	-	-	5,597	(5,597)
Sites and buildings	10,000	10,000	18,805	(8,805)
Debt Service				
Principal	170,000	170,000	109,475	60,525
Interest and other charges	-	-	50,650	(50,650)
Total Expenditures	<u>2,373,357</u>	<u>2,541,573</u>	<u>2,500,943</u>	<u>40,630</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	7,738	43,226	70,852	27,626
Fund Balance, July 1	<u>2,352,947</u>	<u>2,352,947</u>	<u>2,352,947</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 2,360,685</u>	<u>\$ 2,396,173</u>	<u>\$ 2,423,799</u>	<u>\$ 27,626</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TRIO Wolf Creek  
Distance Learning Charter School No. 4095  
Chisago City, Minnesota  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
June 30, 2024

**Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**A. Reporting Entity**

TRIO Wolf Creek Distance Learning Charter School No. 4095 (the Charter School), Chisago City, Minnesota was incorporated as a non-profit corporation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, for the purpose of providing educational services to individuals within the State. The Charter School has been authorized as defined in Minnesota statute 124(d) by Independent School District 2144, Chisago City, Minnesota (ISD 2144). The Charter School is governed by a nine-member Board of Education. The first Board of Education members were appointed based on the bylaws of the Charter School. An election will be held each October to admit new Board of Education members.

The Charter School has considered all potential units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Charter School are such that exclusion would cause the Charter School's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and (1) the ability of the primary government to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the primary government. The Charter School has no component units that meet the GASB criteria. The Charter School does not have any student activity accounts.

**B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. State aid-formula grants and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenue*. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

**C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation**

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

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. State revenue is recognized in the year to which it applies according to Minnesota statutes and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Minnesota statutes include State aid funding formulas for specific fiscal years. Federal revenue is recorded in the year in which the related expenditure was made. Other revenue is considered available if collected within one year.

TRIO Wolf Creek  
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Notes to the Financial Statements  
June 30, 2024

**Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the year in which the resources are measurable and become available.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the Charter School receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlement and donations. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the Charter School must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Charter School on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transaction must also be available before it can be recognized.

The preparation of the basic financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumption that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Description of Funds**

The Charter School funds have been established by the State of Minnesota Department of Education. Each fund is accounted for as an independent entity. Description of the fund included in the report is as follows:

*Major Governmental Fund*

The *General fund* is the Charter School's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Charter School.

**D. Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position/Fund Balances**

**Deposits and Investments**

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

The Charter School may also invest idle funds as authorized by Minnesota statutes, as follows:

1. Direct obligations or obligations guaranteed by the United States or its agencies.
2. Shares of investment companies registered under the Federal Investment Company Act of 1940 and received the highest credit rating, rated in one of the two highest rating categories by a statistical rating agency, and have a final maturity of thirteen months or less.
3. General obligations of a state or local government with taxing powers rated "A" or better; revenue obligations rated "AA" or better.
4. General obligations of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency rated "A" or better.

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**Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

5. Obligation of a Charter School with an original maturity not exceeding 13 months and (i) rated in the highest category by a national bond rating service or (ii) enrolled in the credit enhancement program pursuant to statute section 126C.55.
6. Bankers' acceptances of United States banks eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve System.
7. Commercial paper issued by United States banks corporations or their Canadian subsidiaries, of highest quality category by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies, and maturing in 270 days or less.
8. Repurchase or reverse repurchase agreements and securities lending agreements with financial institutions qualified as a "depository" by the government entity, with banks that are members of the Federal Reserve System with capitalization exceeding \$10,000,000, a primary reporting dealer in U.S. government securities to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or certain Minnesota securities broker-dealers.
9. Guaranteed Investment Contracts (GIC's) issued or guaranteed by a United States commercial bank, a domestic branch of a foreign bank, a United States insurance company, or its Canadian subsidiary, whose similar debt obligations were rated in one of the top two rating categories by a nationally recognized rating agency.

The Charter School's investment in the Minnesota School Charter School Liquid Asset Fund (MSDLAF) investment pool operates in accordance with appropriate State laws and regulations. The reported value of the pool is the same as the value of the pool shares. The MSDLAF is an external investment pool not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC); however, it follows the same regulatory rules of the SEC under rule 2a7. Financial statements of the MSDLAF fund can be obtained by contacting PFM Asset Management, LLC at P.O. Box 11760, Harrisburg, PA 17108-11760.

The Charter School does not have a formal investment policy.

**Accounts Receivable**

Accounts receivable include amounts billed for services provided before year-end. No substantial losses are anticipated from present receivable balances, therefore no allowance for uncollectible has been recorded.

**Due from the Department of Education/Due from the Federal Government**

Due from the Minnesota Department of Education and the Federal Government includes amounts billed for services provided before year end as well as amounts for expenditures that have been incurred before year end that will be reimbursed with state and federal funding. No substantial losses are anticipated from present receivable balances, therefore no allowance for uncollectible has been recorded.

**Prepaid Items**

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

**Capital Assets**

Capital assets include property and equipment. Capital assets are defined by the Charter School as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 (amount not rounded) and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation.

TRIO Wolf Creek  
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 Chisago City, Minnesota  
 Notes to the Financial Statements  
 June 30, 2024

**Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

Capital assets are recorded in the government-wide financial statements, but are not reported in the fund financial statements. Property and equipment of the Charter School are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Assets	Useful Lives in Years
Site Improvements	20
Equipment and Furniture	5 - 20
Building Improvements	7 - 30

**Compensated Absences**

Personal Time Off (PTO) - The Charter School staff will acquire PTO as explained below. PTO will accrue on the first day of each month and will appear on the employee’s pay stub for that month. PTO leave will be granted to full time teachers on the following basis:

- Licensed Teachers - eight days;
- Full-time hourly staff - individually negotiated (typically 8-13 days);
- Administration, 13 days per year.

PTO shall accrue monthly as it is earned on a proportionate basis to the teachers work year. It is assumed that Charter School staff work an eight-hour day. At the end of the year the following will occur:

- PTO time will accumulate to a maximum of 600 hours. Any hours over the 600 hours accumulation as of June 30 will be paid at the employee’s calculated hourly rate on the July 31 payroll.

Accruals are effective September 1 through June 1 of each school year.

**Deferred Outflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The Charter School only has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, deferred pension resources, is reported only in the government-wide statement of net position. This item results from actuarial calculations and current year pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement date.

**Pensions**

Teachers Retirement Association (TRA)

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) and additions to/deductions from TRA’s fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TRA.

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**Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

TRA has a special funding situation created by direct aid contributions made by the State of Minnesota, City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis School District. The direct aid is a result of the merger of the Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association merger into TRA in 2006. A second direct aid source is from the State of Minnesota for the merger of the Duluth Teacher’s Retirement Fund Association (DTRFA) in 2015. The General fund is typically used to liquidate the governmental net pension liability. Additional information can be found in Note 5.

Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA)

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) and additions to/deductions from PERA’s fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERA. For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized as of employer payroll paid dates and benefit payments and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value. The General fund is typically used to liquidate the governmental net pension liability

The total pension expense for the General Employee Plan (GERP) and TRA is as follows:

	Public Employees Retirement Association of Minnesota (PERA)		Total All Plans
	GERP	TRA	
Charter School's proportionate share	\$ 24,265	\$ 49,864	\$ 74,129
Proportionate share of State's contribution	11	12,131	12,142
 Total pension expense	 \$ 24,276	 \$ 61,995	 \$ 86,271

**Deferred Inflows of Resources**

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position and fund financial statements will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The government has one type of item, which arises only under a full accrual basis of accounting that qualifies as needing to be reported in this category. Accordingly, the item, deferred pension resources, is reported only in the government-wide statement of net position. This amount results from actuarial calculations and is deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

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**Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**Fund Balance**

In the fund financial statements, fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Charter School is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of resources reported in the governmental funds. These classifications are defined as follows:

*Nonspendable* - Amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form, such as prepaid items.

*Restricted* - Amounts related to externally imposed constraints established by creditors, grantors or contributors; or constraints imposed by State statutory provisions.

*Committed* - Amounts constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by formal action (resolution) of the Board of Education, which is the Charter School's highest level of decision-making authority. Committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Education modifies or rescinds the commitment by resolution.

*Assigned* - Amounts constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed. In the General fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by the Board of Education itself or by an official to which the governing body delegates the authority. The Board of Education has adopted a fund balance policy which delegates the authority to assign amounts for specific purposes to the Director.

*Unassigned* - The residual classification for the General fund.

The Charter School considers restricted amounts to be spent first when both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available. Additionally, the Charter School would first use committed, then assigned, and lastly unassigned amounts of unrestricted fund balance when expenditures are made.

The Charter School has formally adopted a fund balance policy for the General fund. The Charter School's policy is to maintain a minimum unassigned fund balance of three months of operating expenditures for cash-flow timing needs.

**Net Position**

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net position is displayed in three components:

- a. Net investment in capital assets - Consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation reduced by any outstanding debt attributable to acquire capital assets.
- b. Restricted net position - Consists of net position balances restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, laws or regulations of other governments.
- c. Unrestricted net position - All other net position balances that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "investment in capital assets."

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Charter School's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

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Notes to the Financial Statements  
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**Note 2: Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability**

**A. Budgetary Information**

Budgets are prepared for Charter School funds on the same basis and using the same accounting practices that are used in accounting and preparing financial statements for the General fund. The Charter School amended the budget to account for changes from initial expectations. The amended budget increased revenues by \$203,704 and increased expenditures by \$168,216.

The Charter School follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. Prior to July 1, the budget is prepared by the Director to be adopted by the Board of Education.
2. Budgets for the General fund are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).
3. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended.
4. Budget appropriations lapse at year-end.
5. The legal level of control is the fund level.
6. The Charter School does not use encumbrance accounting.

**Note 3: Detailed Notes on All Funds**

**A. Deposits and Investments**

**Deposits**

The Charter School does not have any deposits as of June 30, 2024.

**Investments**

At fiscal year-end, the Charter School investment balances were as follows:

Types of Investments	Credit Quality/ Ratings (1)	Segmented Time Distribution (2)	Amount
Pooled Investments at Amortized Costs			
Minnesota School District			
Liquid Asset Fund (MSDLAF)	N/A	Less than 6 months	\$ 1,118,743
Certificate of Deposit held by MSDLAF	N/A	Less than 6 months	1,424,000
<b>Total Investments</b>			<b>\$ 2,542,743</b>

(1) Ratings are provided by various credit ratings agencies where applicable to indicate associated credit risk.

(2) Interest rate risk is disclosed using the segmented time distribution method.

N/A Indicates not applicable or available.

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**Note 3: Detailed Notes on All Funds (Continued)**

The investments of the Charter School are subject to the following risks:

- *Credit Risk* is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. Ratings are provided by various credit rating agencies and where applicable, indicate associated credit risk. Minnesota statutes limit the Charter School's investments to the list on page 35 of the notes.
- *Custodial Credit Risk* for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party.
- *Concentration of Credit Risk* is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer.
- *Interest Rate Risk* is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment.

The investment in the Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund is not subject to the credit risk classifications as noted in paragraph 9 of GASB Statement No. 40.

The Charter School does not have an investment policy that addresses the above-mentioned risks.

**B. Capital Assets**

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
<b>Governmental Activities</b>				
Capital Assets Being Depreciated/Amortized				
Equipment and furniture	\$ 604,008	\$ 22,776	\$ (362,662)	\$ 264,122
Site improvements	171,377	-	-	171,377
Building improvements	94,218	-	(18,639)	75,579
Leased Building (Intangible Right to Use Asset)	706,927	-	-	706,927
Total Capital Assets				
Being Depreciated/Amortized	<u>1,576,530</u>	<u>22,776</u>	<u>(381,301)</u>	<u>1,218,005</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization for				
Equipment and furniture	(528,297)	(25,955)	362,201	(192,051)
Site improvements	(122,980)	(8,569)	-	(131,549)
Building improvements	(54,694)	(4,478)	18,639	(40,533)
Leased Building (Intangible Right to Use Asset)	(114,637)	(114,637)	-	(229,274)
Total Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization	<u>(820,608)</u>	<u>(153,639)</u>	<u>380,840</u>	<u>(593,407)</u>
Total Capital Assets				
Being Depreciated/Amortized, Net	<u>\$ 755,922</u>	<u>\$ (130,863)</u>	<u>\$ (461)</u>	<u>\$ 624,598</u>

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Depreciation expense was charged to functions as follows:

Elementary and Secondary Regular Instruction	\$ 24,757
Sites and Buildings	<u>128,882</u>
 Total Depreciation/Amortization Expense - Governmental Activities	 <u><u>\$ 153,639</u></u>

**C. Lease Payable**

The Charter School leased space from Liberty Lanes during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The lease began on September 1, 2008 and has a term of 60 months. The lease includes an option to renew for two additional five-year periods commencing on the termination of the initial term. The Charter School elected to renew the lease as of June 30, 2018, for an additional 120 months with a lease term date of August 31, 2028 and has the option to renew the lease for one ten-year term. During fiscal year 2022 it was determined that the school would purchase their current building in fiscal year 2023, that at the time of the audit that purchase had not been completed. Currently the school is in the process of forming their building company.

Description	Total Lease Liability	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Payment Terms	Balance at Year End
Building Lease	\$ 706,927	2.70 %	07/01/22	6 years	<u>\$ 489,303</u>

Future minimum lease payments are as follows:

The Charter School incurred lease expense of \$109,475 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Year Ending June 30,	Liberty Lanes Lease
2025	\$ 112,468
2026	115,542
2027	118,701
2028 - 2029	<u>142,592</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 489,303</u></u>

Changes in Long-term Liabilities

Long-term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
<b>Governmental Activities</b>					
Lease Payable	<u>\$ 598,778</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (109,475)</u>	<u>\$ 489,303</u>	<u>\$ 112,468</u>

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**D. Components of Fund Balance**

The UFARS fund balance reporting standards are slightly different than the reporting standards under GASB 54 *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. Below is a reconciliation between the fund balances reporting under GASB 54 and UFARS reporting standards:

	<u>GASB Balance</u>	<u>Reconciling Items</u>	<u>UFARS Balance</u>
Nonspendable Prepaid Items	\$ 19,429	\$ -	\$ 19,429
Restricted for			
Long Term Facilities Maintenance	\$ 184,464	\$ -	\$ 184,464
Safe schools	6,503	-	6,503
Library aid	20,000	-	20,000
Student support	20,000	-	20,000
Total Restricted	<u>\$ 230,967</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 230,967</u>
Assigned to			
Operating capital	\$ 75,413	\$ (75,413)	\$ -
Staff development	54,217	(54,217)	-
Gifted and talented	9,322	(9,322)	-
Basic skills	-	-	-
Total Assigned	<u>\$ 138,952</u>	<u>\$ (138,952)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Unassigned	<u>\$ 2,034,451</u>	<u>\$ 138,952</u>	<u>\$ 2,173,403</u>

Restricted for Long Term Facilities Maintenance - This amount represents resources available for maintaining facilities.

Restricted for Safe Schools - This amount represents resources available for school safety.

Restricted for Library Aid - This amount represents unspent library aid revenues set aside from General Education revenues that were assigned for library aid. The funds must be used directly to benefit the Charter School's library.

Restricted for Student Support - This amount represents unspent student support aid revenues set aside from General Education revenues that were assigned for student support aid. The funds must be used for salaries and benefits of new full time equivalent licensed school counselors, psychologists, social workers, nurses, or chemical dependency counselors.

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**Note 4: Defined Benefit Pension Plans - Statewide**

**A. Teach Retirement Association (TRA)**

**1. Plan Description**

The Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) is an administrator of a multiple employer, cost-sharing, defined benefit retirement fund. TRA administers a Basic Plan (without Social Security coverage) and a Coordinated Plan (with Social Security coverage) in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 354 and 356. TRA is a separate statutory entity and administered by a Board of Trustees. The Board consists of four active members, one retired member, and three statutory officials.

Educators employed in Minnesota’s public elementary and secondary school, charter schools, and certain other TRA-covered educational institutions maintained by the state are required to be TRA members (except those employed by St. Paul schools or Minnesota State Colleges and Universities). Educators first hired by Minnesota State may elect either TRA coverage or coverage through the Defined Contribution Retirement Plan (DCR) administered by Minnesota State.

**2. Benefits Provided**

TRA provides retirement benefits as well as disability benefits to members, and benefits to survivors upon death of eligible members. Benefits are established by Minnesota Statute and vest after three years of service credit. The defined retirement benefits are based on a member’s highest average salary for any five consecutive years of allowable service, age, and a formula multiplier based on years of credit at termination of service.

Two methods are used to compute benefits for TRA's Coordinated and Basic Plan members. Members first employed before July 1, 1989, receive the greater of the Tier I or Tier II benefits as described.

Tier I:	Step Rate Formula	Percentage
Basic	1st ten years of service	2.2 percent per year
	All years after	2.7 percent per year
Coordinated	First ten years if service years are prior to July 1, 2006	1.2 percent per year
	First ten years if service years are July 1, 2006 or after	1.4 percent per year
	All other years of service if service years are prior to July 1, 2006	1.7 percent per year
	All other years of service if service years are July 1, 2006 or after	1.9 percent per year

With these provisions:

1. Normal retirement age is 65 with less than 30 years of allowable service and age 62 with 30 or
2. Three percent per year early retirement reduction factor for all years under normal retirement age.
3. Unreduced benefits for early retirement under a Rule-of-90 (age plus allowable service equals 90 or more).

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**Tier II:**

For years of service prior to July 1, 2006, a level formula of 1.7% per year for coordinated members and 2.7% per year for basic members is applied. For years of service July 1, 2006 and after, a level formula of 1.9% per year for coordinated members and 2.7% per year for Basic members applies. Beginning July 1, 2015, the early retirement reduction factors are based on rates established under Minnesota Statute. Smaller reductions, more favorable to the member, will be applied to individuals who reach age 62 and have 30 years or more of service credit.

Members first employed after June 30, 1989, receive only the Tier II benefit calculation with a normal retirement age that is their retirement age for full Social Security retirement benefits, but not to exceed age 66.

Six different types of annuities are available to members upon retirement. The No Refund Plan is a lifetime annuity that ceases upon the death of the retiree – no survivor annuity is payable. A retiring member may also choose to provide survivor benefits to a designated beneficiary(ies) by selecting one of the five plans that have survivorship features. Vested members may also leave their contributions in the TRA Fund upon termination of service in order to qualify for a deferred annuity at retirement age. Any member terminating service is eligible for a refund of their employee contributions plus interest.

The benefit provisions stated apply to active plan participants. Vested, terminated employees who are entitled to benefits but not yet receiving them are bound by the plan provisions in effect at the time they last terminated their public service.

**3. Contribution Rates**

Per Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 354 sets the contribution rates for employees and employers. Rates for each fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024 were:

Plan	Ending June 30, 2022		Ending June 30, 2023		Ending June 30, 2024	
	Employee	Employer	Employee	Employer	Employee	Employer
Basic	11.00%	12.34%	11.00%	12.55%	11.25%	12.75%
Coordinated	7.50%	8.34%	7.50%	8.55%	7.75%	8.75%

The Charter School's contributions to TRA for the year ending June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022 were \$89,706, \$81,546, and \$68,176, respectively. The Charter School's contributions were equal to the contractually required contributions for each year as set by Minnesota statute.

The following is a reconciliation of employer contributions in TRA's fiscal year 2023 ACFR "Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position" to the employer contributions used in Schedule of Employer and Non-Employer Pension Allocations.

Employer Contributions Reported in TRA's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position	\$ 508,764,000
Deduct Employer Contributions not Related to Future Contribution Efforts	(87,000)
Deduct TRA's contributions not included in allocation	<u>(643,000)</u>
Total Employer Contributions	508,034,000
Total Non-employer Contributions	<u>35,587,000</u>
Total Contributions Reported in Schedule of Employer and Non-employer Pension Allocations	<u>\$ 543,621,000</u>

Amounts reported in the allocation schedules may not precisely agree with financial statement amounts or actuarial valuations due to the number of decimal places used in the allocations. TRA has rounded percentage amounts to the nearest ten thousandths.

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**4. Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2023, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement.

Key Methods and Assumptions Used in Valuation of Total Pension Liability

Actuarial Information	
Valuation Date	July 1, 2023
Experience Study	June 30, 2023
	June 28, 2019 (demographic and economic assumptions)
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial Assumptions	
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%
Price Inflation	2.50%
Wage Growth Rate	2.85% before July 1, 2028 and 3.25% thereafter
Projected Salary Increase	2.85% to 8.85% before July 1, 2028 and 3.5% to 9.25% thereafter
Cost of Living Adjustment	1% for January 2019 through January 2023 then increasing by 0.1% each year up to 1.5% annually
Mortality Assumption	
Pre-retirement	RP - 2014 white collar employee table, male rates set back six years and female rates set back seven years Generational projection uses the MP - 2015 scale.
Post-retirement	RP - 2014 white collar annuitant table, male rates set back three years and female rates set back three years, with further adjustments of the rates. Generational projection uses the MP - 2015 scale.
Post-disability	RP - 2014 disabled retiree mortality table, without adjustments.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	33.5 %	5.10 %
International Equity	16.5	5.30
Fixed Income	25.0	0.75
Private Markets	25.0	5.90
Total	<u>100.0 %</u>	

The TRA actuary has determined the average of the expected remaining service lives of all members for fiscal year 2023 is six years. The Difference between Expected and Actual Experience, Changes of Assumptions, and Changes in Proportion use the amortization period of six years in the schedule presented. The amortization period for Net Difference between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments is five years as required by GASB 68.

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Changes in actuarial assumptions since the 2022 valuation:

The 2023 Tax Finance and Policy Bill, effective July 1, 2025

- The employer contribution rate will increase from 8.75% to 9.5% on July 1, 2025.
- The employee contribution rate will increase from 7.75% to 8% on July 1, 2025
- The pension adjustment rate for school districts and the base budgets for Minnesota State, Perpich Center for Arts Education, and Minnesota Academies will increase to reflect the 0.75% employer contribution rate increase.

The 2024 Omnibus Pensions and Retirement Bill:

- The Normal Retirement Age (NRA) for active and eligible deferred Tier II members will be 65 effective July 1, 2024.
- TRA's amortization date will remain the same at 2048.

**5. Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7%. There was no change in the discount rate since the prior measurement date. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the fiscal year 2023 contribution rate, contributions from school districts will be made at contractually required rates (actuarially determined), and contributions from the state will be made at current statutorily required rates. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was not projected to be depleted and, as a result, the Municipal Bond Index Rate was not used in the determination of the Single Equivalent Interest Rate (SEIR).

**6. Net Pension Liability**

On June 30, 2024, The Charter School reported a liability of \$1,238,434 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Charter School's proportion of the net pension liability was based on Charter School's contributions to TRA in relation to total system contributions including direct aid from the State of Minnesota, City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis School District. District proportionate share was 0.015% at the end of the measurement period and 0.0137% for the beginning of the year.

The pension liability amount reflected a reduction due to direct aid provided to TRA. The amount recognized by the district as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the direct aid, and total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the district were as follows:

Charter School's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability	\$ 1,238,434
State's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability Associated with the Charter School	<u>86,754</u>
 Total	 <u><u>\$ 1,325,188</u></u>

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Charter School recognized pension expense of \$49,864. It also recognized recognized \$12,131 as an increase to pension expense for the support provided by direct aid.

On June 30, 2024, the Charter School had deferred resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences Between Expected and Actual Economic Experience	\$ 12,111	\$ 18,046
Changes in Actuarial Assumptions	144,270	-
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings	-	13,082
Changes in Proportion	-	1,274
Contributions Paid to PERA Subsequent to the Measurement Date	<u>89,706</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total	 <u><u>\$ 246,087</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 32,402</u></u>

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Deferred outflows of resources totaling \$89,706 related to pensions resulting from the Charter School's contributions to TRA subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. Deferred outflows of resources and (deferred inflows of resources) will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

2025	\$ (12,566)
2026	(31,603)
2027	114,311
2028	67,975
2029	(12,247)
Thereafter	(1,891)

**7. Pension Liability Sensitivity**

The following presents the net pension liability of TRA calculated using the discount rate of 7%, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6%) or one percentage point higher (8%) than the current rate.

	Charter School Proportionate Share of NPL		
	1 Percent Decrease (6.0%)	Current (7.0%)	1 Percent Increase (8.0%)
Teachers Retirement Association	\$ 1,975,211	\$ 1,238,434	\$ 578,674

The Charter School's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the employer contributions to TRA in relation to TRA's total employer contributions including direct aid contributions from the State of Minnesota, City of Minneapolis, and Minneapolis School District.

**8. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

Detailed information about the plan's fiduciary net position is available in a separately-issued TRA financial report. That report can be obtained at <https://minnesotatra.org>, by writing to TRA at 60 Empire Drive, Suite 400, St. Paul, MN, 55103-4000; or by calling 651-296-2409 or 800-657-3669.

**B. Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA)**

**1. Plan Description**

The Charter School participates in the following cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans administered by the Public Employees Retirement Association of Minnesota (PERA). PERA's defined benefit pension plans are established and administered in accordance with Minnesota statutes, chapters 353 and 356. PERA's defined benefit pension plans are tax qualified plans under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

General Employees Retirement Plan

All full-time and certain part-time employees of the Charter School are covered by the General Employees Plan. General Employees Plan members belong to the Coordinated Plan. Coordinated Plan members are covered by Social Security.

**2. Benefits Provided**

PERA provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Benefit provisions are established by state statute and can only be modified by the state Legislature. Vested, terminated employees who are entitled to benefits, but are not receiving them yet, are bound by the provisions in effect at the time they last terminated their public service.

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General Employees Plan Benefits

General Employees Plan benefits are based on a member's highest average salary for any five successive years of allowable service, age, and years of credit at termination of service. Two methods are used to compute benefits for PERA's Coordinated Plan members. Members hired prior to July 1, 1989, receive the higher of Method 1 or Method 2 formulas. Only Method 2 is used for members hired after June 30, 1989. Under Method 1, the accrual rate for Coordinated members is 1.2 percent of average salary for each of the first 10 years of service and 1.7 percent of average salary for each additional year. Under Method 2, the accrual rate for Coordinated members is 1.7 percent for average salary for all years of service. For members hired prior to July 1, 1989 a full annuity is available when age plus years of service equal 90 and normal retirement age is 65. For members hired on or after July 1, 1989 normal retirement age is the age for unreduced Social Security benefits capped at 66.

Benefit increases are provided to benefit recipients each January. The postretirement increase is equal to 50 percent of the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) announced by the SSA, with a minimum increase of at least 1 percent and a maximum of 1.5 percent. Recipients that have been receiving the annuity or benefit for at least a full year as of the June 30 before the effective date of the increase will receive the full increase. Recipients receiving the annuity or benefit for at least one month but less than a full year as of the June 30 before the effective date of the increase will receive a reduced prorated increase. In 2023, legislation repealed the statute delaying increases for members retiring before full retirement age.

**3. Contributions**

*Minnesota Statutes Chapter 353 sets the rates for employer and employee contributions. Contribution rates can only be modified by the state Legislature.*

General Employees Fund Contributions

Coordinated Plan members were required to contribute 6.50 percent of their annual covered salary in fiscal year 2023 and the Charter School was required to contribute 7.50 percent for Coordinated Plan members. The Charter School's contributions to the General Employees Fund for the years ending June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022 were \$10,380, \$8,098 and \$8,022, respectively. The Charter School's contributions were equal to the required contributions for each year as set by state statute.

**4. Pension Costs**

General Employees Fund Pension Costs

At June 30, 2024, the Charter School reported a liability of \$83,878 for its proportionate share of the General Employees Fund's net pension liability. The Charter School's net pension liability reflected a reduction due to the State of Minnesota's contribution of \$16 million. The State of Minnesota is considered a non-employer contributing entity and the state's contribution meets the definition of a special funding situation. The State of Minnesota's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the Charter School totaled \$2,400. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the Charter School's contributions received by PERA during the measurement period for employer payroll paid dates from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 relative to the total employer contributions received from all of PERA's participating employers. The Charter School's proportionate share was 0.0015 percent at the end of the measurement period and 0.0014 percent for the beginning of the period.

Charter School's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability	\$ 83,878
State's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability Associated with the Charter School	2,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 86,278</b>

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For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Charter School recognized pension expense of \$24,265 for its proportionate share of the General Employees Plan's pension expense. In addition, the Charter School recognized \$11 as pension expense (and grant revenue) for its proportionate share of the State of Minnesota's contribution of \$16 million to the General Employees Fund.

At June 30, 2024, the Charter School reported its proportionate share of the General Employees Plan's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Economic Experience	\$ 2,710	\$ 576
Changes in Actuarial Assumptions	13,541	22,990
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings	-	5,719
Contributions Paid to PERA Subsequent to the Measurement Date	10,380	-
Total	\$ 26,631	\$ 29,285

The \$10,380 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the Charter School's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

2025	\$ 871
2026	(13,326)
2027	1,243
2028	(1,822)

**5. Long-Term Expected Return on Investment**

The State Board of Investment, which manages the investments of PERA, prepares an analysis of the reasonableness on a regular basis of the long-term expected rate of return using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce an expected long-term rate of return by weighting the expected future rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	33.5 %	5.10 %
International Equity	16.5	5.30
Fixed Income	25.0	0.75
Private Markets	25.0	5.90
Total	100.0 %	

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**Note 4: Defined Benefit Pension Plans - Statewide (Continued)**

**6. Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2023, actuarial valuation was determined using an individual entry-age normal actuarial cost method. The long-term rate of return on pension plan investments used in the determination of the total liability is 7.0 percent. This assumption is based on a review of inflation and investments return assumptions from a number of national investment consulting firms. The review provided a range of return investment return rates deemed to be reasonable by the actuary. An investment return of 7.0 percent was deemed to be within that range of reasonableness for financial reporting purposes.

Inflation is assumed to be 2.25 percent for the General Employees Plan. Benefit increases after retirement are assumed to be 1.25 percent for the General Employees Plan.

Salary growth assumptions in the General Employees Plan range in annual increments from 10.25 percent after one year of service to 3.0 percent after 27 years of service. Mortality rates for the General Employees Plan are based on the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality Table. The tables are adjusted slightly to fit PERA's experience.

Actuarial assumptions for the General Employees Plan are reviewed every four years. The most recent four-year experience study for the General Employees Plan was completed in 2022. The assumption changes were adopted by the Board and became effective with the July 1, 2023 actuarial valuation.

The following changes in actuarial assumptions and plan provisions occurred in 2023:

General Employees Fund

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The investment return assumption and single discount rate were changed from 6.5 percent to 7.0 percent.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- An additional one-time direct state aid contribution of \$170.1 million will be contributed to the Plan on October 1, 2023.
- The vesting period of those hired after June 30, 2010, was changed from five years of allowable service to three years of allowable service.
- The benefit increase delay for early retirements on or after January 1, 2024, was eliminated.
- A one-time, non-compounding benefit increase of 2.5 percent minus the actual 2024 adjustment will be payable in a lump sum for calendar year 2024 by March 31, 2024.

**7. Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability in 2023 was 7.0 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and employers will be made at rates set in Minnesota statutes. Based on these assumptions, the fiduciary net position of the General Employees were projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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**8. Pension Liability Sensitivity**

The following presents the Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability for all plans it participates in, calculated using the discount rate disclosed in the preceding paragraph, as well as what the Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

	Charter School Proportionate Share of NPL		
	1 Percent Decrease (6.0%)	Current (7.0%)	1 Percent Increase (8.0%)
General Employees Fund	\$ 148,387	\$ 83,878	\$ 30,817

**9. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

Detailed information about each pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in a separately-issued PERA financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained on the Internet at [www.mnpera.org](http://www.mnpera.org).

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

TRIO WOLF CREEK  
DISTANCE LEARNING CHARTER SCHOOL NO. 4095  
CHISAGO CITY, MINNESOTA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2024

TRIO Wolf Creek  
Distance Learning Charter School No. 4095  
Chisago City, Minnesota  
Required Supplementary Information  
June 30, 2024

**Schedule of Employer's Share of TRA Net Pension Liability**

Fiscal Year Ending	District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (a)	State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the District (b)	Total (a+b)	District's Covered Payroll (c)	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (a/c)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
06/30/23	0.0150 %	\$ 1,238,434	\$ 86,754	\$ 1,325,188	\$ 953,757	129.8 %	76.4 %
06/30/22	0.0137	1,097,024	81,649	1,178,673	817,458	134.2	76.2
06/30/21	0.0150	656,445	55,483	711,928	830,221	79.1	86.6
06/30/20	0.0150	1,108,220	93,117	1,201,337	847,328	130.8	75.5
06/30/19	0.0151	962,477	84,988	1,047,465	871,822	110.4	78.2
06/30/18	0.0146	917,017	86,309	1,003,326	807,368	113.6	78.1
06/30/17	0.0146	2,914,425	281,529	3,195,954	786,640	370.5	51.6
06/30/16	0.0142	3,387,039	339,420	3,726,459	738,973	458.3	44.9
06/30/15	0.0140	866,038	106,111	972,149	512,667	168.9	76.8
06/30/14	0.0103	474,617	33,314	507,931	261,187	181.7	81.1

**Schedule of Employer's TRA Contributions**

Year Ending	Required Supplementary Information				
	Statutorily Required Contribution (a)	Contributions in Relation to the Statutorily Required Contribution (b)	Contribution Deficiency (Excess) (a-b)	District's Covered Payroll (c)	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (b/c)
06/30/24	\$ 89,706	\$ 89,706	\$ -	\$ 1,025,213	8.75 %
06/30/23	81,546	81,546	-	953,757	8.55
06/30/22	68,176	68,176	-	817,458	8.34
06/30/21	67,497	67,497	-	830,221	8.13
06/30/20	67,108	67,108	-	847,328	7.92
06/30/19	67,217	67,217	-	871,822	7.71
06/30/18	60,553	60,553	-	807,368	7.50
06/30/17	58,998	58,998	-	786,640	7.50
06/30/16	55,423	55,423	-	738,973	7.50
06/30/15	38,450	38,450	-	512,667	7.50

TRIO Wolf Creek  
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Chisago City, Minnesota  
Required Supplementary Information (Continued)  
June 30, 2024

**Notes to the Required Supplementary Information - TRA**

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

2023 - The 2023 Tax Finance and Policy Bill, effective July 1, 2025 and The 2024 Omnibus Pensions and Retirement Bill contained a number of changes

- The employer contribution rate will increase from 8.75% to 9.5% on July 1, 2025.
- The employee contribution rate will increase from 7.75% to 8% on July 1, 2025
- The pension adjustment rate for school districts and the base budgets for Minnesota State, Perpich Center for Arts Education, and Minnesota Academies will increase to reflect the 0.75% employer contribution rate increase.
- The Normal Retirement Age (NRA) for active and eligible deferred Tier II members will be 65 effective July 1, 2024.
- TRA's amortization date will remain the same at 2048.

2022 – No changes noted.

2021 - The investment return assumption was changed from 7.50 percent to 7.00 percent.

2020 - Assumed termination rates were changed to more closely reflect actual experience. The pre-retirement mortality assumption was changed to RP-2014 white collar employee table, male rates set back five years and female rates set back seven years. Generational projection uses the MP-2015 scale. Assumed form of annuity election proportions were changed to more closely reflect actual experience for female retirees.

2019 - No changes noted.

2018 - The mortality projection scale was changed from MP-2015 to MP-2017. The assumed benefit increase was changed from 1.00 percent per year through 2044 and 2.50 percent per year thereafter to 1.25 percent per year.

2017 - The Combined Service Annuity (CSA) loads were changed from 0.8 percent for active members and 60 percent for vested and non-vested deferred members. The revised CSA loads are now 0.0 percent for active member liability, 15.0 percent for vested deferred member liability and 3.0 percent for non-vested deferred member liability. The assumed post-retirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.0 percent per year for all years to 1.0 percent per year through 2044 and 2.5 percent per year thereafter.

2016 - The assumed post-retirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.0 percent per year through 2035 and 2.5 percent per year thereafter to 1.0 percent per year for all future years. The assumed investment return was changed from 7.9 percent to 7.5 percent. The single discount rate was changed from 7.9 percent to 7.5 percent. Other assumptions were changed pursuant to the experience study dated June 30, 2015. The assumed future salary increases, payroll growth and inflation were decreased by 0.25 percent to 3.25 percent for payroll growth and 2.50 percent for inflation.

2015 - The cost of living adjustment was not assumed to increase to 2.5 percent but remain at 2.0 percent for all future years. The investment return assumption was changed from 8.25 percent to 8.00 percent.

2014 - The cost of living adjustment was assumed to increase from 2.0 percent annually to 2.5 percent annually on July 1, 2034.

TRIO Wolf Creek  
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Chisago City, Minnesota  
Required Supplementary Information (Continued)  
June 30, 2024

**Notes to the Required Supplementary Information – TRA (Continued)**

Changes in Plan Provisions

2023 - No changes noted.

2022 - No changes noted.

2021 - No changes noted.

2020 - No changes noted.

2019 - No changes noted.

2018 - The 2018 Omnibus Pension Bill contained a number of changes:

- The COLA was reduced from 2.0% each January 1 to 1.0%, effective January 1, 2019. Beginning January 1, 2024, the COLA will increase 0.1% each year until reaching the ultimate rate of 1.5% in January 1, 2028.

- Beginning July 1, 2024, eligibility for the first COLA changes to normal retirement age (age 65 to 66, depending on date of birth). However, members who retire under Rule of 90 and members who are at least age 62 with 30 years of service credit are exempt.

- The COLA trigger provision, which would have increased the COLA to 2.5% if the funded ratio was at least 90% for two consecutive years, was eliminated.

- Augmentation in the early retirement reduction factors is phased out over a five-year period beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2024 (this reduces early retirement benefits). Members who retire and are at least age 62 with 30 years of service are exempt.

- Augmentation on deferred benefits will be reduced to zero percent beginning July 1, 2019. Interest payable on refunds to members was reduced from 4.0% to 3.0%, effective July 1, 2018. Interest due on payments and purchases from members, employers is reduced from 8.5% to 7.5%, effective July 1, 2018.

- The employer contribution rate is increased each July 1 over the next 6 years, (7.71% in 2018, 7.92% in 2019, 8.13% in 2020, 8.34% in 2021, 8.55% in 2022, 8.75% in 2023). In addition, the employee contribution rate will increase from 7.50% to 7.75% on July 1, 2023. The state provides funding for the higher employer contribution rate through an adjustment in the school aid formula.

2017 - No changes noted.

2016 - No changes noted.

2015 - On June 30, 2015, the Duluth Teachers Retirement Fund Association was merged into TRA. This also resulted in a state-provided contribution stream of \$14.377 million until the System becomes fully funded.

2014 - The increase in the post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) will be made once the plan is 90% funded (on a market value basis) in two consecutive years, rather than just one year.

TRIO Wolf Creek  
Distance Learning Charter School No. 4095  
Chisago City, Minnesota  
Required Supplementary Information (Continued)  
June 30, 2024

**Schedule of Employer's Share of PERA Net Pension Liability**

Fiscal Year Ending	District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (a)	State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the District (b)	Total (a+b)	District's Covered Payroll (c)	Districts's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (a/c)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
06/30/23	0.0015 %	\$ 83,878	\$ 2,400	\$ 86,278	\$ 122,417	68.5	83.1 %
06/30/22	0.0014	110,880	3,384	114,264	107,968	102.7	76.7
06/30/21	0.0015	64,057	1,898	65,955	106,962	59.9	87.0
06/30/20	0.0012	71,954	2,152	74,106	83,770	85.9	79.0
06/30/19	0.0009	49,759	1,667	51,426	63,676	78.1	80.2
06/30/18	0.0009	49,928	1,586	51,514	59,934	83.3	79.5
06/30/17	0.0011	70,223	851	71,074	68,307	102.8	75.9
06/30/16	0.0011	89,315	1,256	90,571	71,027	125.7	68.9
06/30/15	0.0012	62,190	-	62,190	737,693	8.4	78.2
06/30/14	0.0145	668,150	-	668,150	31,173	2,143.4	78.7

**Schedule of Employer's PERA Contributions**

Year Ending	Required Supplementary Information				
	Statutorily Required Contribution (a)	Contributions in Relation to the Statutorily Required Contribution (b)	Contribution Deficiency (Excess) (a-b)	District's Covered Payroll (c)	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (b/c)
06/30/24	\$ 10,380	\$ 10,380	\$ -	\$ 138,396	7.50 %
06/30/23	9,181	9,181	-	122,417	7.50
06/30/22	8,098	8,098	-	107,968	7.50
06/30/21	8,022	8,022	-	106,962	7.50
06/30/20	6,283	6,283	-	83,770	7.50
06/30/19	4,776	4,776	-	63,676	7.50
06/30/18	4,495	4,495	-	59,934	7.50
06/30/17	5,123	5,123	-	68,307	7.50
06/30/16	5,327	5,327	-	71,027	7.50
06/30/15	55,327	55,327	-	737,693	7.50

TRIO Wolf Creek  
Distance Learning Charter School No. 4095  
Chisago City, Minnesota  
Required Supplementary Information (Continued)  
June 30, 2024

**Notes to the Required Supplementary Information - PERA**

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

2023 - The investment return assumption and single discount rate were changed from 6.5 percent to 7.0 percent.

2022 - The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2020 to Scale MP-2021.

2021 - The investment return and single discount rates were changed from 7.50 percent to 6.50 percent for financial reporting purposes. The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2019 to Scale MP-2020.

2020 - The price inflation assumption was decreased from 2.50% to 2.25%. The payroll growth assumption was decreased from 3.25% to 3.00%. Assumed salary increase rates were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019 experience study. The net effect is assumed rates that average 0.25% less than previous rates. Assumed rates of retirement were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019 experience study. The changes result in more unreduced (normal) retirements and slightly fewer Rule of 90 and early retirements. Assumed rates of termination were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019 experience study. The new rates are based on service and are generally lower than the previous rates for years 2-5 and slightly higher thereafter. Assumed rates of disability were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019 experience study. The change results in fewer predicted disability retirements for males and females. The base mortality table for healthy annuitants and employees was changed from the RP-2014 table to the Pub-2010 General Mortality table, with adjustments. The base mortality table for disabled annuitants was changed from the RP-2014 disabled annuitant mortality table to the PUB-2010 General/Teacher disabled annuitant mortality table, with adjustments. The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2018 to Scale MP-2019. The assumed spouse age difference was changed from two years older for females to one year older. The assumed number of married male new retirees electing the 100% Joint & Survivor option changed from 35% to 45%. The assumed number of married female new retirees electing the 100% Joint & Survivor option changed from 15% to 30%. The corresponding number of married new retirees electing the Life annuity option was adjusted accordingly.

2019 - The mortality projection scale was changed from MP-2017 to MP-2018.

2018 - The mortality projection scale was changed from MP-2015 to MP-2017. The assumed benefit increase was changed from 1.00 percent per year through 2044 and 2.50 percent per year thereafter to 1.25 percent per year.

2017 - The Combined Service Annuity (CSA) loads were changed from 0.8 percent for active members and 60 percent for vested and non-vested deferred members. The revised CSA loads are now 0.0 percent for active member liability, 15.0 percent for vested deferred member liability and 3.0 percent for non-vested deferred member liability. The assumed post-retirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.0 percent per year for all years to 1.0 percent per year through 2044 and 2.5 percent per year thereafter.

2016 - The assumed post-retirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.0 percent per year through 2035 and 2.5 percent per year thereafter to 1.0 percent per year for all future years. The assumed investment return was changed from 7.9 percent to 7.5 percent. The single discount rate was changed from 7.9 percent to 7.5 percent. Other assumptions were changed pursuant to the experience study dated June 30, 2015. The assumed future salary increases, payroll growth and inflation were decreased by 0.25 percent to 3.25 percent for payroll growth and 2.50 percent for inflation.

2015 - The assumed post-retirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.0 percent per year through 2030 and 2.5 percent per year thereafter to 1.0 percent per year through 2035 and 2.5 percent per year thereafter.

TRIO Wolf Creek  
Distance Learning Charter School No. 4095  
Chisago City, Minnesota  
Required Supplementary Information (Continued)  
June 30, 2024

**Notes to the Required Supplementary Information – PERA (Continued)**

Changes in Plan Provisions

2023 - An additional one-time direct state aid contribution of \$170.1 million will be contributed to the Plan on October 1, 2023. The vesting period of those hired after June 30, 2010, was changed from five years of allowable service to three years of allowable service. The benefit increase delay for early retirements on or after January 1, 2024, was eliminated. A one-time, non-compounding benefit increase of 2.5 percent minus the actual 2024 adjustment will be payable in a lump sum for calendar year 2024 by March 31, 2024.

2022 - There were no changes in plan provisions since the previous valuation.

2021 - There were no changes in plan provisions since the previous valuation.

2020 - Augmentation for current privatized members was reduced to 2.0% for the period July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023 and 0.0% after. Augmentation was eliminated for privatizations occurring after June 30, 2020.

2019 – The employer supplemental contribution was changed prospectively, decreasing from \$31.0 million to \$21.0 million per year. The state’s special funding contribution was changed prospectively, requiring \$16.0 million due per year through 2031.

2018 – The augmentation adjustment in early retirement factors is eliminated over a five-year period starting July 1, 2019, resulting in actuarial equivalence after June 30, 2024. Interest credited on member contributions decreased from 4.00 percent to 3.00 percent, beginning July 1, 2018. Deferred augmentation was changed to 0.00 percent, effective January 1, 2019. Augmentation that has already accrued for deferred members will still apply. Contribution stabilizer provisions were repealed. Postretirement benefit increases were changed from 1.00 percent per year with a provision to increase to 2.50 percent upon attainment of 90.00 percent funding ratio to 50.00 percent of the Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment, not less than 1.00 percent and not more than 1.50 percent, beginning January 1, 2019. For retirements on or after January 1, 2024, the first benefit increase is delayed until the retiree reaches normal retirement age; does not apply to Rule of 90 retirees, disability benefit recipients, or survivors. Actuarial equivalent factors were updated to reflect revised mortality and interest assumptions.

2017 - The State’s contribution for the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund equals \$16,000,000 in 2017 and 2018, and \$6,000,000 thereafter. The Employer Supplemental Contribution for the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund changed from \$21,000,000 to \$31,000,000 in calendar years 2019 to 2031. The state’s contribution changed from \$16,000,000 to \$6,000,000 in calendar years 2019 to 2031.

2016 - No changes noted.

2015 - On January 1, 2015, the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund was merged into the General Employees Fund, which increased the total pension liability by \$1.1 billion and increased the fiduciary plan net position by \$892 million. Upon consolidation, state and employer contributions were revised.

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INDIVIDUAL FUND SCHEDULES AND TABLE  
TRIO WOLF CREEK  
DISTANCE LEARNING CHARTER SCHOOL NO. 4095  
CHISAGO CITY, MINNESOTA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2024

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TRIO Wolf Creek  
Distance Learning Charter School No. 4095  
Chisago City, Minnesota  
Comparative Balance Sheet  
June 30, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and temporary investments	\$ 2,542,743	\$ 2,236,444
Receivables		
Accrued interest	44,598	29,659
Accounts	6,660	2,500
Due from Minnesota Department of Education	146,460	273,833
Due from the Federal government	57,235	93,347
Due from other school districts	16,708	11,001
Prepaid items	19,429	7,386
Total Assets	\$ 2,833,833	\$ 2,654,170
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 15,982	\$ 10,035
Accrued salaries payable	163,516	104,048
Due to other school districts	227,164	182,818
Unearned revenue	3,372	4,322
Total Liabilities	410,034	301,223
<b>Fund Balance</b>		
Nonspendable prepaid items	19,429	7,386
Restricted for		
LTFM	184,464	155,384
Safe Schools	6,503	6,503
Library aid	20,000	-
Student support	20,000	-
Assigned for		
Operating capital	75,413	328,487
Staff development	54,217	170,365
Gifted and talented	9,322	43,040
Basic skills	-	31,616
Unassigned	2,034,451	1,610,166
Total Fund Balance	2,423,799	2,352,947
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 2,833,833	\$ 2,654,170

TRIO Wolf Creek  
Distance Learning Charter School No. 4095  
Chisago City, Minnesota  
General Fund

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance -  
Budget and Actual (Continued on the Following Page)  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024  
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended June 30, 2023)

	2024				2023
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget	Actual Amounts
	Original	Final			
<b>Revenues</b>					
Interest earned on investments	\$ 30,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 129,906	\$ 54,906	\$ 76,073
Revenue from state sources	2,277,829	2,390,885	2,330,577	(60,308)	2,231,866
Revenue from federal sources	65,266	110,814	104,992	(5,822)	148,505
Other local and county revenue	8,000	8,000	6,253	(1,747)	6,619
Sales and other conversion of assets	-	100	67	(33)	465
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>2,381,095</b>	<b>2,584,799</b>	<b>2,571,795</b>	<b>(13,004)</b>	<b>2,463,528</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
<b>Current</b>					
<b>Administration</b>					
Salaries	124,433	138,000	163,751	(25,751)	129,095
Fringe benefits	136,550	65,338	62,763	2,575	50,552
Purchased services	-	-	240	(240)	978
Other	6,000	6,000	3,501	2,499	3,318
<b>Total administration</b>	<b>266,983</b>	<b>209,338</b>	<b>230,255</b>	<b>(20,917)</b>	<b>183,943</b>
<b>District support services</b>					
Fringe benefits	9,000	9,000	2	8,998	(1,808)
Purchased services	44,500	79,500	117,893	(38,393)	83,255
Supplies and materials	500	500	283	217	2,356
Other	-	-	5,320	(5,320)	4,535
<b>Total district support services</b>	<b>54,000</b>	<b>89,000</b>	<b>123,498</b>	<b>(34,498)</b>	<b>88,338</b>
<b>Elementary and secondary regular instruction</b>					
Salaries	721,327	788,438	711,548	76,890	691,815
Fringe benefits	277,049	325,133	334,700	(9,567)	321,703
Purchased services	196,266	254,266	236,664	17,602	209,506
Supplies and materials	59,500	70,166	74,430	(4,264)	41,856
Other	2,000	9,000	8,435	565	2,959
<b>Total elementary and secondary regular instruction</b>	<b>1,256,142</b>	<b>1,447,003</b>	<b>1,365,777</b>	<b>81,226</b>	<b>1,267,839</b>
<b>Special education instruction</b>					
Salaries	217,237	217,237	164,704	52,533	151,059
Fringe benefits	66,943	66,943	88,051	(21,108)	73,044
Purchased services	23,020	23,020	36,470	(13,450)	18,380
Supplies and materials	1,100	1,100	906	194	1,087
<b>Total special education instruction</b>	<b>308,300</b>	<b>308,300</b>	<b>290,131</b>	<b>18,169</b>	<b>243,570</b>

TRIO Wolf Creek  
Distance Learning Charter School No. 4095  
Chisago City, Minnesota  
General Fund

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance -  
Budget and Actual (Continued)  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024  
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended June 30, 2023)

	2024				2023
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget	Actual Amounts
	Original	Final			
Expenditures (Continued)					
Current (continued)					
Instructional support services					
Salaries	\$ 107,579	\$ 107,579	\$ 116,766	\$ (9,187)	\$ 96,608
Fringe benefits	47,260	47,260	49,503	(2,243)	49,361
Purchased services	9,000	9,000	25,986	(16,986)	1,079
Supplies and materials	1,000	1,000	6,737	(5,737)	2,119
Total instructional support services	<u>164,839</u>	<u>164,839</u>	<u>198,992</u>	<u>(34,153)</u>	<u>149,167</u>
Pupil support services					
Salaries	93,600	93,600	48,279	45,321	15,000
Fringe benefits	1,493	1,493	6,911	(5,418)	2,398
Supplies and materials	-	-	373	(373)	374
Total pupil support services	<u>95,093</u>	<u>95,093</u>	<u>55,563</u>	<u>39,530</u>	<u>17,772</u>
Sites and buildings					
Purchased services	45,000	45,000	45,769	(769)	54,747
Supplies and materials	3,000	3,000	2,260	740	1,020
Total sites and buildings	<u>48,000</u>	<u>48,000</u>	<u>48,029</u>	<u>(29)</u>	<u>55,767</u>
Total current	<u>2,193,357</u>	<u>2,361,573</u>	<u>2,312,245</u>	<u>49,328</u>	<u>2,006,396</u>
Capital outlay					
Elementary and secondary regular instruction	-	-	4,171	(4,171)	1,575
Instructional support services	-	-	5,597	(5,597)	1,796
Sites and buildings	10,000	10,000	18,805	(8,805)	708,739
Total capital outlay	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>28,573</u>	<u>(18,573)</u>	<u>712,110</u>
Debt service					
Principal	170,000	170,000	109,475	60,525	108,149
Interest and other charges	-	-	50,650	(50,650)	54,253
Total debt service	<u>170,000</u>	<u>170,000</u>	<u>160,125</u>	<u>9,875</u>	<u>162,402</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>2,373,357</u>	<u>2,541,573</u>	<u>2,500,943</u>	<u>40,630</u>	<u>2,880,908</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	7,738	43,226	70,852	27,626	(417,380)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Lease proceeds	-	-	-	-	706,297
Net Change in Fund Balance	7,738	43,226	70,852	27,626	288,917
Fund Balance, July 1	<u>2,352,947</u>	<u>2,352,947</u>	<u>2,352,947</u>	-	<u>2,064,030</u>
Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 2,360,685</u>	<u>\$ 2,396,173</u>	<u>\$ 2,423,799</u>	<u>\$ 27,626</u>	<u>\$ 2,352,947</u>

**Fiscal Compliance Report - 6/30/2024  
District: TRIO WOLF CREEK DISTANCE (4095-7)**

	<b>Audit</b>	<b>UFARS</b>	<b>Audit - UFARS</b>		<b>Audit</b>	<b>UFARS</b>	<b>Audit - UFARS</b>
<b>01 GENERAL FUND</b>				<b>06 BUILDING CONSTRUCTION</b>			
Total Revenue	\$2,571,795	<u>\$2,571,786</u>	<u>\$9</u>	Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Expenditures	\$2,500,943	<u>\$2,500,934</u>	<u>\$9</u>	Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<i>Non Spendable:</i>				<i>Non Spendable:</i>			
4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance	\$19,429	<u>\$19,429</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<i>Restricted / Reserved:</i>				<i>Restricted / Reserved:</i>			
4.01 Student Activities	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.07 Capital Projects Levy	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.02 Scholarships	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.13 Funded by COP/FP	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.03 Staff Development	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.67 LTFM	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.07 Capital Projects Levy	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<i>Restricted:</i>			
4.08 Cooperative Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.64 Restricted Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.12 Literacy Incentive Aid	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<i>Unassigned:</i>			
4.14 Operating Debt	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.63 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.16 Levy Reduction	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>				
4.17 Taconite Building Maint	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>07 DEBT SERVICE</b>			
4.20 American Indian Education Aid	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.24 Operating Capital	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.26 \$25 Taconite	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<i>Non Spendable:</i>			
4.27 Disabled Accessibility	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.28 Learning & Development	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<i>Restricted / Reserved:</i>			
4.34 Area Learning Center	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.25 Bond Refundings	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.35 Contracted Alt. Programs	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.33 Maximum Effort Loan Aid	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.36 State Approved Alt. Program	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.51 QZAB Payments	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.38 Gifted & Talented	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.67 LTFM	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.39 English Learner	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<i>Restricted:</i>			
4.40 Teacher Development and Evaluation	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.64 Restricted Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.41 Basic Skills Programs	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<i>Unassigned:</i>			
4.43 School Library Aid	\$20,000	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.63 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.48 Achievement and Integration	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>				
4.49 Safe Schools Levy	\$6,503	<u>\$6,503</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>08 TRUST</b>			
4.51 QZAB Payments	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.52 OPEB Liab Not In Trust	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.53 Unfunded Sev & Retirement Levy	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<i>Restricted / Reserved:</i>			
4.59 Basic Skills Extended Time	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.01 Student Activities	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.67 LTFM	\$184,464	<u>\$184,464</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.02 Scholarships	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.71 Student Support Personnel Aid	\$20,000	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.22 Unassigned Fund Balance (Net Assets)	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.72 Medical Assistance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>				
<i>Restricted:</i>				<b>18 CUSTODIAL</b>			
4.64 Restricted Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.75 Title VII Impact Aid	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.76 Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<i>Restricted / Reserved:</i>			
<i>Committed:</i>				4.01 Student Activities	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.18 Committed for Separation	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.02 Scholarships	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.61 Committed Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.48 Achievement and Integration	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<i>Assigned:</i>				4.64 Restricted Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.62 Assigned Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>				
<i>Unassigned:</i>				<b>20 INTERNAL SERVICE</b>			
4.22 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$2,173,403	<u>\$2,173,405</u>	<u>(\$2)</u>	Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
				Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>02 FOOD SERVICES</b>				4.22 Unassigned Fund Balance (Net Assets)	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>				
Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>25 OPEB REVOCABLE TRUST</b>			
<i>Non Spendable:</i>				Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
68 Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance <i>Restricted / Reserved:</i>	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.52 OPEB Liab Not In Trust <i>Restricted:</i>	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.64 Restricted Fund Balance <i>Unassigned:</i>	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.63 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**04 COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<i>Non Spendable:</i>			
4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance <i>Restricted / Reserved:</i>	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.26 \$25 Taconite	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.31 Community Education	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.32 E.C.F.E	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.40 Teacher Development and Evaluation	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.44 School Readiness	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.47 Adult Basic Education	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.52 OPEB Liab Not In Trust <i>Restricted:</i>	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.64 Restricted Fund Balance <i>Unassigned:</i>	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.63 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

4.22 Unassigned Fund Balance (Net Assets)	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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**45 OPEB IRREVOCABLE TRUST**

Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.22 Unassigned Fund Balance (Net Assets)	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**47 OPEB DEBT SERVICE**

Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<i>Non Spendable:</i>			
4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance <i>Restricted:</i>	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.25 Bond Refundings	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.64 Restricted Fund Balance <i>Unassigned:</i>	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.63 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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OTHER REQUIRED REPORTS

TRIO WOLF CREEK  
DISTANCE LEARNING CHARTER SCHOOL NO. 4095  
CHISAGO CITY, MINNESOTA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2024

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
ON MINNESOTA LEGAL COMPLIANCE**

Board of Education  
TRIO Wolf Creek  
Distance Learning Charter School No. 4095  
Chisago City, Minnesota

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 the governmental activities and the major fund of the TRIO Wolf Creek Distance Learning Charter School No. 4095 (the Charter School), Chisago City, Minnesota as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Charter School's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 5, 2024.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the Charter School failed to comply with the provisions of the uniform financial accounting and reporting standards, and charter schools' sections the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Guide for Charter Schools*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 6.65, insofar as they relate to accounting matters. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding the Charter School's noncompliance with the above referenced provisions, insofar as they relate to accounting matters.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



**Abdo**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
December 5, 2024

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Board of Education  
TRIO Wolf Creek  
Distance Learning Charter School No. 4095  
Chisago City, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with the 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 the governmental activities and the major fund of the TRIO Wolf Creek Distance Learning Charter School No. 4095 (the Charter School), Chisago City, Minnesota as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Charter School's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 5, 2024.

**Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Charter School'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 Charter School's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Charter School'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 entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph 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.

**Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Charter School'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 Charter School'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 Charter School's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



**Abdo**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
December 5, 2024

