

\$10,000,000*
Decorah Community School District, Iowa
General Obligation School Bonds
Series 2025

(FAST Closing)
(Book Entry Only)
(PARITY© Bidding Available)
(Bank Qualified)

DATE: Tuesday, December 2, 2025
TIME: 10:00 AM CST
PLACE: District Office
1732 Old Stage Road.
Decorah, IA 52101

Moody's Rating: "Aa3"

* Preliminary, subject to change

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3900 Ingersoll Ave., Suite 110
Des Moines, IA 50312
515/247-2340

OFFICIAL BID FORM

TO: Board of Directors of the Decorah Community School District, Iowa (the "Issuer")

Re: \$10,000,000* General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025, dated the date of delivery, of the Issuer (the "Bonds")

For all or none of the above Bonds, we will pay you \$ _____ for Bonds bearing interest rates and maturing in each of the stated years as follows:

<u>Coupon</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Due</u>	<u>Coupon</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Due</u>
_____	_____	June 1, 2026	_____	_____	June 1, 2042
_____	_____	June 1, 2039	_____	_____	June 1, 2043
_____	_____	June 1, 2040	_____	_____	June 1, 2044
_____	_____	June 1, 2041	_____	_____	June 1, 2045

_____ We hereby elect to have the following issued as term bonds:

<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Month and Year (Inclusive)</u>	<u>Maturity Month and Year</u>
\$ _____	_____ to _____	_____
\$ _____	_____ to _____	_____
\$ _____	_____ to _____	_____
\$ _____	_____ to _____	_____
\$ _____	_____ to _____	_____

Subject to mandatory redemption requirement in the amounts and at the times shown above

_____ We will not elect to have any bonds issued as term bonds

_____ We represent that we are a bidder with established industry reputation for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds

_____ We will elect to utilize bond insurance from company _____ at a premium of \$ _____

This bid is for prompt acceptance and for delivery of said Bonds to us in compliance with the Official Terms of Offering, which is made a part of this proposal, by reference. Award will be made on a True Interest Cost Basis (TIC).

According to our computations (the correct computation being controlling in the award), we compute the following (to the dated date):

NET INTEREST COST: \$ _____ TRUE INTEREST COST _____ %
 (Computed from the dated date)

 Account Manager

 Signature of Account Manager

The foregoing offer is hereby accepted by and on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Decorah Community School District, in the Counties of Allamakee and Winneshiek, State of Iowa, this 2nd day of December 2025.

ATTEST: _____
 District Secretary

 Board President

* _____
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OFFICIAL TERMS OF OFFERING

This section sets forth the description of certain of the terms of the Bonds as well as the terms of offering with which all bidders and bid proposals are required to comply, as follows:

The Bonds to be offered are the following:

GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2025, in the principal amount of \$10,000,000* dated the date of delivery in the denomination of \$5,000 or multiples thereof, and maturing as shown on the front page of the official statement.

ADJUSTMENTS TO PRINCIPAL AMOUNT AFTER DETERMINATION OF BEST BID. The aggregate principal amount of the Bonds, and each scheduled maturity thereof, are subject to increase or reduction by the Issuer or its designee after the determination of the Successful Bidder. The Issuer may increase or decrease each maturity in increments of \$5,000. Interest rates specified by the Successful Bidder for each maturity will not change. Final adjustments shall be in the sole discretion of the Issuer. Par Amount shall not exceed \$10,000,000.

The dollar amount bid by the Successful Bidder may be changed if the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds, as adjusted as described below, is adjusted, however the interest rates specified by the Successful Bidder for all maturities will not change. The Issuer's Municipal Advisor will make every effort to ensure that the percentage net compensation to the Successful Bidder (the percentage resulting from dividing (i) the aggregate difference between the offering price of the Bonds to the public and the price to be paid to the Issuer (not including accrued interest), less any bond insurance premium and credit rating fee, if any, to be paid by the Successful Bidder, by (ii) the principal amount of the Bonds) does not increase or decrease from what it would have been if no adjustment was made to principal amounts shown in the maturity schedule.

Optional Redemption: The Bonds maturing after June 1, 2034, may be called for redemption by the Issuer and paid before maturity on said date or any date thereafter, from any funds regardless of source, in whole or from time to time in part, in any order of maturity and within an annual maturity by lot. The terms of redemption shall be par, plus accrued interest to date of call.

Interest: Interest on said Bonds will be payable beginning on June 1, 2026 and semiannually on the 1st day of June and December thereafter. Interest shall be payable by check or draft of the Paying Agent mailed to the persons who were registered owners thereof as of the fifteenth day of the month immediately preceding the Interest Payment Date, to the addresses appearing on the registration books maintained by the Paying Agent or to such other address as is furnished to the Paying Agent in writing by a registered owner.

Book Entry System: The Bonds will be issued by means of a book entry system with no physical distribution of certificates made to the public. The Bonds will be issued in fully registered form and one certificate, representing the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds maturing in each year, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, which will act as securities depository of the Bonds. Individual purchases of the Bonds may be made in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any multiple thereof of a single maturity through book entries made on the books and records of DTC and its participants. Principal and interest are payable by the Issuer to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the Bonds. Transfer of principal and interest payments to participants of DTC will be the responsibility of such participants and other nominees of beneficial owners. The successful bidder, as a condition of delivery of the Bonds, will be required to deposit the certificates with DTC.

Good Faith Deposit: A Good Faith Deposit ("Deposit") in the form of a certified or cashier's check or a wire in the amount of \$100,000* for the Bonds, payable to the order of the Issuer, is required for each bid to be considered. If a check is used, it must accompany each bid. If a wire is to be used, it must be received by the Issuer not later than two hours after the time stated for receipt of bids. The Municipal Advisor or the Issuer will provide the apparent winning bidder (the "Purchaser") with wiring instructions, by email, within 10 minutes of the stated time when bids are due. If the wire is not received at the time indicated above, the Issuer will abandon its plan to award to the Purchaser, and will contact the next highest bidder received and offer said bidder the opportunity to become the Purchaser, on the terms as outlined in said bidder's bid, so long as said bidder submits a good faith wire within two hours of the time offered. The Issuer will not award the Bonds to the Purchaser absent receipt of the Deposit prior to action awarding the Bonds. No interest on the Deposit will accrue to the Purchaser. The Deposit will be applied to the purchase price of the Bonds. In the event the Purchaser fails to honor its bid, the Deposit will be retained by the Issuer.

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Form of Bids: All bids shall be unconditional for the entire issue of Bonds for a price of not less than 100% of par, plus accrued interest, and shall specify the rate or rates of interest in conformity to the limitations set forth herein. Bids must be submitted on or in substantial compliance with the Official Bid Form provided by the Issuer or through the Internet Bid System. The Issuer shall not be responsible for any malfunction or mistake made by any person, or as a result of the use of the electronic bid, facsimile facilities or the means used to deliver or complete a bid. The use of such facilities or means is at the sole risk of the prospective bidder who shall be bound by the terms of the bid as received.

No bid will be received after the time specified herein. The time as maintained by the Internet Bid System shall constitute the official time with respect to all Bids submitted. A bid may be withdrawn before the bid deadline using the same method used to submit the bid. If more than one bid is received from a bidder, the last bid received shall be considered.

Confidential information sent via secured portal: All confidential information exchanged between the Issuer and the Purchaser (including but not limited to closing details and good faith wire details) must be sent via a secure portal. As a condition to closing, the winning bidder will cooperate with the Issuer, its legal counsel and its municipal advisor to ensure that all confidential information is sent via a secure portal.

Sealed Bidding: Sealed bids may be submitted and will be received at the office of the Superintendent, Decorah Community School District, 1732 Old Stage Road, Decorah, IA.

Internet Bidding: Internet bids must be submitted through Parity® ("the Internet Bid System"). Information about the Internet Bid System may be obtained by calling 212-849-5000.

Each bidder shall be solely responsible for making necessary arrangements to access the Internet Bid System for purpose of submitting its internet bid in a timely manner and in compliance with the requirements of the Official Terms of Offering. The Issuer is permitting bidders to use the services of the Internet Bid System solely as a communication mechanism to conduct the internet bidding and the Internet Bid System is not an agent of the Issuer. Provisions of the Official Terms of Offering shall control in the events of conflict with information provided by the Internet Bid System. The Issuer shall not be responsible for any malfunction or mistake made by any person, or as a result of the use of the Internet Bid System. The use of such facilities or means is at the sole risk of the prospective bidder who shall be bound by the terms of the bid as received.

Electronic Facsimile Bidding: Electronic Facsimile Bids will not be accepted.

Rates of Interest: The rates of interest specified in the bidder's proposal must conform to the limitations following:

All Bonds of each annual maturity must bear the same interest rate.

Rates of interest bid may be in multiples of 1/8th, 1/20th, or 1/100th of 1%.

No rate bid may be higher than 8%.

Delivery: The Bonds will be delivered to the Purchaser via FAST delivery with the Paying Agent holding the Bonds on behalf of DTC, against full payment in immediately available cash or federal funds. The Bonds are expected to be delivered within sixty days after the sale. Should delivery be delayed beyond sixty days from date of sale for any reason except failure of performance by the Purchaser, the Purchaser may withdraw his bid and thereafter his interest in and liability for the Bonds will cease. (When the Bonds are ready for delivery, the Issuer may give the successful bidder five working days' notice of the delivery date and the Issuer will expect payment in full on that date, otherwise reserving the right at its option to determine that the bidder has failed to comply with the offer of purchase.)

Establishment of Issue Price: a) The winning bidder shall assist the Issuer in establishing the issue price of the Bonds and shall execute and deliver to the Issuer at Closing an "issue price" or similar certificate setting forth the reasonably expected initial offering price to the public or the sales price or prices of the Bonds, together with the supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, with such modifications as may be appropriate or necessary, in the reasonable judgment of the winning bidder, the Issuer and Bond Counsel. All communications required of the Issuer under this Official Terms of Offering to establish the issue price of the Bonds may be communicated on behalf of the Issuer by the Issuer's Municipal Advisor identified herein and any notice or report to be provided to the Issuer may be provided to the Issuer's Municipal Advisor.

(b) The Issuer intends that the provisions of Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-1(f)(3)(i) (defining "competitive sale" for purposes of establishing the issue price of the Bonds) will apply to the initial sale of the Bonds (the "competitive sale requirements") because:

- (1) the Issuer shall disseminate this Official Term of Offering to potential underwriters in a manner that is

reasonably designed to reach potential underwriters;

- (2) all bidders shall have an equal opportunity to bid;
- (3) the Issuer may receive bids from at least three underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds; and
- (4) the Issuer anticipates awarding the sale of the Bonds to the bidder who submits a firm offer to purchase the Bonds at the highest price (or lowest interest cost), as set forth in this Official Terms of Offering.

Any bid submitted pursuant to this Official Terms of Offering shall be considered a firm offer for the purchase of the Bonds, as specified in the bid.

(c) In the event that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied, the Issuer shall so advise the winning bidder. The Issuer may determine to treat (i) the first price at which 10% of a maturity of the Bonds (the “10% test”) is sold to the public as the issue price of that maturity and/or (ii) the initial offering price to the public as of the sale date of any maturity of the Bonds as the issue price of that maturity (the “hold-the-offering-price rule”), in each case applied on a maturity-by-maturity basis. The winning bidder shall advise the Issuer if any maturity of the Bonds satisfies the 10% test as of the date and time of the award of the Bonds. The Issuer shall promptly advise the winning bidder, at or before the time of award of the Bonds, which maturities of the Bonds shall be subject to the 10% test or shall be subject to the hold-the-offering-price rule. Bids will not be subject to cancellation in the event that the Issuer determines to apply the hold-the-offering-price rule to any maturity of the Bonds. **Bidders should prepare their bids on the assumption that some or all of the maturities of the Bonds will be subject to the hold-the-offering-price rule in order to establish the issue price of the Bonds.**

(d) By submitting a bid, the winning bidder shall (i) confirm that the underwriters have offered or will offer the Bonds to the public on or before the date of award at the offering price or prices (the “initial offering price”), or at the corresponding yield or yields, set forth in the bid submitted by the winning bidder and (ii) agree, on behalf of the underwriters participating in the purchase of the Bonds, that the underwriters will neither offer nor sell unsold Bonds of any maturity to which the hold-the-offering-price rule shall apply to any person at a price that is higher than the initial offering price to the public during the period starting on the sale date and ending on the earlier of the following:

- (1) the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the sale date; or
- (2) the date on which the underwriters have sold at least 10% of that maturity of the Bonds to the public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the public.

The winning bidder will advise the Issuer promptly after the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the sale date whether it has sold 10% of that maturity of the Bonds to the public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the public.

(e) If the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied, then until the 10% test has been satisfied as to each maturity of the Bonds, the winning bidder agrees to promptly report to the Issuer the prices at which the unsold Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the public. That reporting obligation shall continue, whether or not the Closing Date has occurred, until either (i) all Bonds of that maturity have been sold or (ii) the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity, provided that, the winning bidder’s reporting obligation after the Closing Date may be at reasonable periodic intervals or otherwise upon request of the Issuer or bond counsel.

(f) The Issuer acknowledges that, in making the representations set forth above, the winning bidder will rely on (i) the agreement of each underwriter to comply with the requirements for establishing issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable to the Bonds, as set forth in an agreement among underwriters and the related pricing wires, (ii) in the event a selling group has been created in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group to comply with the requirements for establishing issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable to the Bonds, as set forth in a selling group agreement and the related pricing wires, and (iii) in the event that an underwriter or dealer who is a member of the selling group is a party to a third-party distribution agreement that was employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, the agreement of each broker-dealer that is a party to such agreement to comply with the requirements for establishing issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable to the Bonds, as set forth in the third-party distribution agreement and the related pricing wires. The Issuer further acknowledges that each underwriter shall be solely liable for its failure to comply with its agreement regarding the requirements for establishing issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable to the Bonds, and that no underwriter shall be liable for the failure of any other underwriter, or of any dealer who is a member of a selling group, or of any broker-dealer that is a party to a third-party distribution agreement to comply with its corresponding agreement to comply with the requirements

for establishing issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable to the Bonds.

(g) By submitting a bid, each bidder confirms that: (i) any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each third-party distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter, each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and each broker-dealer that is a party to such third-party distribution agreement, as applicable:

(i)(A) to report the prices at which it sells to the public the unsold Bonds of each maturity allocated to it, whether or not the Closing Date has occurred, until either all Bonds of that maturity allocated to it have been sold or it is notified by the winning bidder that the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity, provided that, the reporting obligation after the Closing Date may be at reasonable periodic intervals or otherwise upon request of the winning bidder, and (ii) to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder and as set forth in the related pricing wires, (B) to promptly notify the winning bidder of any sales of Bonds that, to its knowledge, are made to a purchaser who is a related party to an underwriter participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public (each such term being used as defined below), and (C) to acknowledge that, unless otherwise advised by the underwriter, dealer or broker-dealer, the winning bidder shall assume that each order submitted by the underwriter, dealer or broker-dealer is a sale to the public.

(ii) any agreement among underwriters or selling group agreement relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter or dealer that is a party to a third-party distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public to require each broker-dealer that is a party to such third-party distribution agreement to (A) report the prices at which it sells to the public the unsold Bonds of each maturity allocated to it, whether or not the Closing Date has occurred, until either all Bonds of that maturity allocated to it have been sold or it is notified by the winning bidder or such underwriter that the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity, provided that, the reporting obligation after the Closing Date may be at reasonable periodic intervals or otherwise upon request of the winning bidder or such underwriter, and (B) comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if applicable, if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder or the underwriter and as set forth in the related pricing wires.

(h) Sales of any Bonds to any person that is a related party to an underwriter participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public (each such term being used as defined below) shall not constitute sales to the public for purposes of this Official Terms of Offering. Further, for purposes of this Official Terms of Offering:

(i) “public” means any person other than an underwriter or a related party,

(ii) “underwriter” means (A) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public and (B) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (A) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a third-party distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public),

(iii) a purchaser of any of the Bonds is a “related party” to an underwriter if the underwriter and the purchaser are subject, directly or indirectly, to (A) more than 50% common ownership of the voting power or the total value of their stock, if both entities are corporations (including direct ownership by one corporation of another), (B) more than 50% common ownership of their capital interests or profits interests, if both entities are partnerships (including direct ownership by one partnership of another), or (C) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interests or profit interests of the partnership, as applicable, if one entity is a corporation and the other entity is a partnership (including direct ownership of the applicable stock or interests by one entity of the other), and

(iv) “sale date” means the date that the Bonds are awarded by the Issuer to the winning bidder.

Official Statement: The Official Statement, when further supplemented by an addendum or addenda specifying the maturity dates, principal amounts, and interest rates of the Bonds, and any other information required by law or deemed appropriate by the Issuer, shall constitute a "Final Official Statement" of the Issuer with respect to the Bonds, as that term is defined in Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule"). By awarding the Bonds to any underwriter or underwriting syndicate submitting an Official Bid Form therefore, the Issuer agrees that, no more than seven (7) business days after the date of such award, it shall provide without cost to the senior managing underwriter of the syndicate to which the Bonds are awarded one “.pdf” copy of the Official Statement and the addendum described in the preceding sentence to permit each "Participating Underwriter" (as that term is defined in the Rule) to comply with the provisions of such Rule. The Issuer shall treat the senior managing underwriter of the syndicate to which the Bonds are awarded as its designated agent for purposes of distributing copies

of the Final Official Statement to each participating Underwriter. Any underwriter executing and delivering an Official Bid Form with respect to the Bonds agrees thereby that if its bid is accepted by the Issuer, (i) it shall accept such designation and (ii) it shall enter into a contractual relationship with all Participating Underwriters of the Bonds for purposes of assuring the receipt by each such Participating Underwriter of the Final Official Statement.

CUSIP Numbers: It is anticipated that CUSIP numbers will be printed on the Bonds. In no event will the Issuer be responsible for or Bond Counsel review or express any opinion of the correctness of such numbers, and incorrect numbers on said Bonds shall not be cause for the purchaser to refuse to accept delivery of the Bonds. The fee will be paid for by the Issuer.

Responsibility of Bidder: It is the responsibility of the bidder to deliver its signed, completed bid prior to the time of sale as posted on the front cover of the official statement. Neither the Issuer nor its Municipal Advisor will assume responsibility for the collection of or receipt of bids. Bids received after the appointed time of sale will not be opened.

Continuing Disclosure: In order to permit bidders for the Bonds and other participating underwriters in the primary offering of the Bonds to comply with paragraph (b)(5) of the Rule, the Issuer will covenant and agree, for the benefit of the registered holders or beneficial owners from time to time of the outstanding Bonds, in the Bond Resolution and pursuant to a Continuing Disclosure Certificate, to provide annual reports of specified information and notice of the occurrence of certain events, if material, as hereinafter described (the "Disclosure Covenants"). The information to be provided on annual basis, the events as to which notice is to be given, if material, and a summary of other provisions of the Disclosure Covenants, including termination, amendment and remedies, are set forth in Appendix C to this Official Statement.

Breach of the Disclosure Covenants will not constitute a default or an "Event of Default" under the Bonds or Bond Resolution. A broker or dealer is to consider a known breach of the Disclosure Covenants, however, before recommending the purchase or sale of the Bonds in the secondary market. Thus, a failure on the part of the Issuer to observe the Disclosure Covenants may adversely affect the transferability and liquidity of the Bonds and their market price.

For more information see the Continuing Disclosure section herein.

Bond Insurance: Application has not been made for municipal bond insurance. Should the Bonds qualify for the issuance of any policy of municipal bond insurance or commitment therefore at the option of the bidder, the purchase of any such insurance policy or the issuance of any such commitment shall be at the sole option and expense of the Purchaser. Any increased costs of issuance on the Bonds resulting from such purchase of insurance shall be paid by the Purchaser, except that, if the Issuer has requested and received a rating on the Bonds from a municipal bond rating service, the Issuer will pay that rating fee. Any other rating service fees shall be the responsibility of the Purchaser.

Requested modifications to the Bond Resolution or other issuance documents shall be accommodated by the Issuer at its sole discretion. In no event will modifications be made regarding the investment of funds created under the Bond Resolution or other issuance documents without prior Issuer consent, in its sole discretion. Either the Purchaser or the insurer must agree, in the insurance commitment letter or separate agreement acceptable to the Issuer in its sole discretion, to pay any future continuing disclosure costs of the Issuer associated with any rating changes assigned to the municipal bond insurer after closing (for example, if there is a rating change on the municipal bond insurer that require a material event notice filing by the Issuer, the Purchaser or the municipal bond insurer must agree to pay the reasonable costs associated with such filing). Failure of the municipal bond insurer to issue the policy after the Bonds have been awarded to the Purchaser shall not constitute cause for failure or refusal by the Purchaser to accept delivery of the Bonds.

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 25, 2025

NEW ISSUE - DTC BOOK ENTRY ONLY

Rating: "Aa3"

Assuming compliance with certain covenants, in the opinion of Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., Bond Counsel, under present law and assuming continued compliance with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and interest on the Bonds is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, such interest on the Bonds may be taken into account for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on certain corporations. Interest on the Bonds is not exempt from present Iowa income taxes. The Bonds will be designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations." See "TAX EXEMPTION AND RELATED CONSIDERATIONS" herein for a more detailed discussion.

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Decorah Community School District, Iowa
General Obligation School Bonds
Series 2025

Dated: Date of Delivery

The General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025 described above (the "Bonds") are issuable as fully registered Bonds in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof and, when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as Bondholder and nominee of the Depository Trust Company, New York, NY ("DTC"). DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Purchases of the Bonds will be made in book-entry form. Purchasers of the Bonds will not receive certificates representing their interest in the Bonds purchased. So long as DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., is the Bondholder, the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds will be paid by UMB Bank, n.a., as Registrar and Paying Agent (the "Registrar"), or its successor, to DTC, or its nominee, Cede & Co. Disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners is the responsibility of the DTC Participants as more fully described herein. Neither Decorah Community School District, Iowa (the "District" or the "Issuer"), nor the Registrar will have any responsibility or obligation to such DTC Participants, indirect participants or the persons for whom they act as nominee with respect to the Bonds.

Interest on the Bonds is payable on June 1, and December 1 in each year, beginning June 1, 2026 to the registered owners thereof. Interest shall be payable by check or draft of the Paying Agent mailed to the persons who were registered owners thereof as of the fifteenth day of the month immediately preceding the Interest Payment Date, to the addresses appearing on the registration books maintained by the Paying Agent or to such other address as is furnished to the Paying Agent in writing by a registered owner.

The Bonds maturing after June 1, 2034 may be called for redemption by the Issuer and paid before maturity on said date or any date thereafter, from any funds regardless of source, in whole or from time to time in part, in any order of maturity and within an annual maturity by lot. The terms of redemption shall be par, plus accrued interest to date of call.

MATURITY SCHEDULE

Table with 10 columns: Bonds Due, Amount*, Rate *, Yield *, Cusip #'s **, Bonds Due, Amount*, Rate *, Yield *, Cusip #'s **. Rows include dates from June 1, 2026 to June 1, 2041 with corresponding amounts and CUSIP numbers.

\$ _____ % Term bond due Priced to yield CUSIP # _____

The Bonds are being offered when, as and if issued by the Issuer and accepted by the Underwriter, subject to receipt of an opinion as to legality, validity and tax exemption by Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., Des Moines, Iowa, Bond Counsel. Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. is also serving as Disclosure Counsel to the Issuer in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. Piper Sandler & Co. is serving as Municipal Advisor to the Issuer in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. It is expected that the Bonds in the definitive form will be available for delivery through the facilities of DTC on or about December 18, 2025. The Underwriter intends to engage in secondary market trading of the Bonds subject to applicable securities laws. The Underwriter is not obligated, however, to repurchase any of the Bonds at the request of the holder thereof.

The Date of this Official Statement is _____, 2025

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** CUSIP numbers shown above have been assigned by a separate organization not affiliated with the Issuer. The Issuer has not selected nor is responsible for selecting the CUSIP numbers assigned to the Bonds nor do they make any representation as to the correctness of such CUSIP numbers on the Bonds or as indicated above.

This Preliminary Official Statement and the information contained herein are subject to completion or amendment. These securities may not be sold nor may offers to buy be accepted prior to the time the Official Statement is delivered in final form. Under no circumstances shall this Preliminary Official Statement constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of the securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction.

No dealer, salesperson or any other person has been authorized to give any information or to make any representations other than those contained in this Official Statement, and if given or made, such information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Issuer or the Underwriter. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of any offer to buy any of the securities offered hereby in any state to any persons to whom it is unlawful to make such offer in such state. Except where otherwise indicated, this Official Statement speaks as of the date hereof. Neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale hereunder shall under any circumstances create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Issuer since the date hereof.

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This Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract with the purchasers of the Bonds. The Issuer considers the Official Statement to be "near final" within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Statements contained in this Official Statement which involve estimates, forecasts or matters of opinion, whether or not expressly so described herein, are intended solely as such and are not to be construed as a representation of facts.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Official Statement, including appendices attached hereto, contains statements which should be considered "forward-looking statements," meaning they refer to possible future events or conditions. Such statements are generally identifiable by the words such as "anticipated," "plan," "expect," "estimate," "budget," "pro forma," "forecast," "intent," or similar words. THE ACHIEVEMENT OF CERTAIN RESULTS OR OTHER EXPECTATIONS CONTAINED IN SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS INVOLVE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN RISKS, UNCERTAINTIES AND OTHER FACTORS WHICH MAY CAUSE ACTUAL RESULTS, PERFORMANCE OR ACHIEVEMENTS EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED BY SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS TO DIFFER. THE DISTRICT DOES NOT EXPECT OR INTEND TO UPDATE OR REVISE ANY FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS CONTAINED HEREIN IF OR WHEN ITS EXPECTATIONS, OR EVENTS, CONDITIONS OR CIRCUMSTANCES ON WHICH SUCH STATEMENTS ARE BASED OCCUR. INCLUDED IN SUCH RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES ARE (i) THOSE RELATING TO THE POSSIBLE INVALIDITY OF THE UNDERLYING ASSUMPTIONS AND ESTIMATES, (ii) POSSIBLE CHANGES OR DEVELOPMENTS IN SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, BUSINESS, INDUSTRY, MARKET, LEGAL AND REGULATORY CIRCUMSTANCES, AND (iii) CONDITIONS AND ACTIONS TAKEN OR OMITTED TO BE TAKEN BY THIRD PARTIES, INCLUDING CUSTOMERS, SUPPLIERS, BUSINESS PARTNERS AND COMPETITORS, AND LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES AND OFFICIALS. ASSUMPTIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING INVOLVE JUDGMENTS WITH RESPECT TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, FUTURE ECONOMIC, COMPETITIVE, AND MARKET CONDITIONS AND FUTURE BUSINESS DECISIONS, ALL OF WHICH ARE DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT ACCURATELY. FOR THESE REASONS, THERE CAN BE NO ASSURANCE THAT THE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS INCLUDED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT WILL PROVE TO BE ACCURATE.

UNDUE RELIANCE SHOULD NOT BE PLACED ON FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. ALL FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS INCLUDED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT ARE BASED ON INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE DISTRICT ON THE DATE HEREOF, AND THE DISTRICT ASSUMES NO OBLIGATION TO UPDATE ANY SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS IF OR WHEN ITS EXPECTATIONS OR EVENTS, CONDITIONS OR CIRCUMSTANCES ON WHICH SUCH STATEMENTS ARE BASED OCCUR OR FAIL TO OCCUR, OTHER THAN AS INDICATED UNDER THE CAPTION "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE."

OFFICIAL STATEMENT
DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, IOWA
\$10,000,000* GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2025

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

This Official Statement presents certain information relating to the Decorah Community School District, Iowa (the “District” or the “Issuer”), in connection with the sale of the Issuer’s General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025 (the “Bonds”). The Bonds are being issued to provide funds to: (i) build, furnish, and equip a new elementary school building, including site improvements, and (ii) pay costs of issuance for the Bonds (the “Project”). See “**SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS**” herein. The Bonds will be issued pursuant to a Resolution authorizing the issuance of Bonds expected to be adopted on or about December 8, 2025 (the “Resolution” or the “Bond Resolution”).

This Preliminary Official Statement is deemed to be a final official statement within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, except for the omission of certain pricing and other information which is to be made available through a final Official Statement.

This Introductory Statement is only a brief description of the Bonds and certain other matters. Such description is qualified by reference to the entire Official Statement and the documents summarized or described herein. This Official Statement should be reviewed in its entirety.

The Bonds are general obligations of the Issuer, payable from and secured by a continuing annual ad-valorem tax levied against the taxable, real property within the boundaries of the Issuer. See “**THE BONDS – Source of Security for the Bonds**” herein.

All statements made in this Official Statement involving matters of opinion or of estimates, whether or not so expressly stated, are set forth as such and not as representations of fact, and no representation is made that any of the estimates will be realized.

THE BONDS

General

The Bonds are dated as of the date of delivery and will bear interest at the rates to be set forth on the cover page herein, interest payable on June 1 and December 1 in each year, beginning on June 1, 2026, calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days and twelve 30-day months. Interest shall be payable by electronic means, check, or draft of the Paying Agent mailed to the persons who were registered owners thereof as of the fifteenth day of the month immediately preceding the Interest Payment Date, to the addresses appearing on the registration books maintained by the Paying Agent or to such other address as is furnished to the Paying Agent in writing by a registered owner.

Authorization for the Issuance

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to Chapter 296 of the Code of Iowa, 2025, as amended, approval of the District voters for the issuance of not to exceed \$38,000,000 General Obligation Bonds to fund the Project at an election held on November 5, 2024, and the Resolution.

Book Entry Only System

The following information concerning The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), New York, New York and DTC’s book-entry system has been obtained from sources the Issuer believes to be reliable. However, the Issuer takes no responsibility as to the accuracy or completeness thereof and neither the Indirect Participants nor the Beneficial Owners should rely on the following information with respect to such matters but should instead confirm the same with DTC or the Direct Participants, as the case may be. There can be no assurance that DTC will abide by its procedures or that such procedures will not be changed from time to time.

The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), New York, NY will act as securities depository for the securities (the “Securities”). The Securities will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC’s partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered Security certificate will be issued for the Securities in the aggregate principal amount of such issue, and will be deposited with DTC.

* Preliminary, subject to change

DTC, the world's largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues and money market instrument (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC.

DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC").

DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has a Standard & Poor's rating of: AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

Purchases of Securities under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Securities on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each security ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interest in the Securities are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in Securities, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Securities is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Securities deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co. or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Securities with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other nominee do not affect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Securities; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Securities are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial Owners of Securities may wish to take certain steps to augment transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Securities, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the security documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Securities may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Securities for their benefit have agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners, in the alternative, Beneficial owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of the notices be provided directly to them.

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Securities within an issue are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participants in such issue to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor such other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the Securities unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to Issuer as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the Securities are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Redemption proceeds, distributions and dividend payments on the Securities will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts, upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from Issuer or Agent on payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered

in “street name,” and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC (nor its nominee), Agent, or Issuer, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of Issuer or Agent, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Securities at any time by giving reasonable notice to Issuer or Agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, Security certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

Issuer may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or successor securities depository). In that event Security certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.

The Issuer cannot and does not give any assurances that DTC, the Direct Participants or the Indirect Participants will distribute to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds (i) payments of principal of or interest and premium, if any, on the Bonds, (ii) certificates representing an ownership interest or other confirmation of beneficial ownership interest in the Bonds, or (iii) redemption or other notices sent to DTC or Cede & Co., its nominee, as the Registered Owner of the Bonds, or that they will do so on a timely basis, or that DTC, Direct Participants or Indirect Participants will serve and act in the manner described in this Official Statement. The current “Rules” applicable to DTC are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the current “Procedures” of DTC to be followed in dealing with Direct Participants are on file with DTC.

Neither the Issuer nor the Paying Agent will have any responsibility or obligation to any Direct Participant, Indirect Participant or any Beneficial Owner or any other person with respect to: (1) the accuracy of any records maintained by DTC or any Direct Participant or Indirect Participant; (2) the payment by DTC or any Direct Participant or Indirect Participant of any amount due to any Beneficial Owner in respect of the principal or redemption price of or interest on the Bonds; (3) the delivery by DTC or any Direct Participant or Indirect Participant of any notice to any Beneficial Owner which is required or permitted under the terms of the Resolution to be given to owners of Bonds; (4) the selection of the Beneficial Owners to receive payment in the event of any partial redemption of the Bonds; or (5) any consent given or other action taken by DTC as a Bondholder.

Transfer and Exchange

In the event that the Book Entry System is discontinued, any Bond may, in accordance with its terms, be transferred by the person in whose name it is registered, in person or by his duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of such Bond for cancellation at the principal corporate office of the Registrar accompanied by delivery of a duly executed written instrument of transfer in a form approved by the Registrar. Whenever any Bond or Bonds shall be surrendered for transfer, the Registrar shall execute and deliver a new Bond or Bonds of the same maturity, interest rate, and aggregate principal amount.

Bonds may be exchanged at the principal corporate office of the Registrar for a like aggregate principal amount of Bonds or other authorized denominations of the same maturity and interest rate; provided, however, that the Registrar is not required to transfer or exchange any Bonds which have been selected for prepayment and is not required to transfer or exchange any Bonds during the period beginning 15 days prior to the selection of Bonds for prepayment and ending the date notice of prepayment is mailed. The Registrar may require the payment by the Bond Owner requesting such exchange of any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such exchange. All Bonds surrendered pursuant to the provisions of this and the preceding paragraph shall be canceled by the Registrar and shall not be redelivered.

Prepayment

Optional Prepayment: The Bonds maturing after June 1, 2034, may be called for redemption by the Issuer and paid before maturity on said date or any date thereafter, from any funds regardless of source, in whole or from time to time in part, in any order of maturity and within an annual maturity by lot. The terms of redemption shall be par, plus accrued interest to date of call.

Notice of Prepayment. Prior to the redemption of any Bonds under the provisions of the Resolution, the Registrar shall give written notice not less than thirty (30) days prior to the redemption date to each registered owner thereof. Written notice shall be effective upon the date of transmission to the owner of record of the Bond.

Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption The Bonds maturing on _____ are subject to mandatory redemption (by lot, as selected by the Registrar) on _____ 1 in each of the years _____ through _____ at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed, plus accrued interest thereon to the redemption date in the following principal amounts:

(consisting primarily of an action in the nature of mandamus requiring the Issuer and certain other public officials to perform the terms of the resolution for the Bonds) may have to be enforced from year to year.

Changes in Property Taxation

The Bonds are general obligations of the Issuer secured by an unlimited ad valorem property tax as described in the “**THE BONDS - Source of Security for the Bonds**” herein.

From time to time the Iowa General Assembly has altered the method of property taxation and could do so again. Any alteration in property tax structure could affect the Issuer’s financial condition and/or the property tax revenues available to pay the Bonds. Historically, the Iowa General Assembly has applied changes in property taxation structure on a prospective basis; however, there is no assurance that future changes in property taxation structure by the Iowa General Assembly will not be retroactive. It is impossible to predict the outcome of future property tax changes by the Iowa General Assembly or its potential negative impact, if any, on the Issuer’s financial position. As noted in “**THE BONDS - Source of Security of the Bonds,**” under Iowa Code section 76.2 the Issuer has by resolution provided for the assessment of an annual levy upon all the taxable property in the political subdivision sufficient to pay the interest and principal of the bonds within a period named not exceeding twenty years.

Matters Relating to Enforceability of Agreements/Limitation or Delay in Remedies

There is no trustee or similar person to monitor or enforce the provisions of the resolution for the Bonds. The owners of the Bonds should, therefore, be prepared to enforce such provisions themselves if the need to do so arises. In the event of a default in the payment of principal of or interest on the Bond, there is no provision for acceleration of maturity of the principal of the Bonds. Consequently, the remedies of the owners of the Bonds (consisting primarily of an action in the nature of mandamus requiring the District and certain other public officials to perform the terms of the resolution for the Bonds) may have to be enforced from year to year. Holders of the Bonds shall have and possess all the rights of action and remedies afforded by the common law, the Constitution and statutes of the State of Iowa and of the United States of America for the enforcement of payment of the Bond, including, but not limited to, the right to a proceeding in law or in equity by suit, action or mandamus to enforce and compel performance of the duties required by Iowa law and the Bond Resolution.

The practical realization of any rights upon any default will depend upon the exercise of various remedies specified in the Bond Resolution. The remedies available to the owners of the Bonds upon an event of default under the Bond Resolution, in certain respects, may require judicial action, which is often subject to discretion and delay. Under existing law, including specifically the federal bankruptcy code, certain of the remedies specified in the Bond Resolution may not be readily available or may be limited. A court may decide not to order the specific performance of the covenants contained in these documents. The legal opinions to be delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds will be qualified as to the enforceability of the various legal instruments by limitations imposed by general principles of equity and public policy and by bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency or other similar laws affecting the rights of creditors generally.

No representation is made, and no assurance is given, that the enforcement of any remedies will result in sufficient funds to pay all amounts due under the Bond Resolution, including principal of and interest on the Bonds.

Secondary Market

There can be no guarantee that there will be a secondary market for the Bonds or, if a secondary market exists, that such Bonds can be sold for any particular price. Occasionally, because of general market conditions or because of adverse history of economic prospects connected with a particular issue, and secondary marketing practices in connection with a particular Bond or Bonds issue are suspended or terminated. Additionally, prices of bond or note issues for which a market is being made will depend upon then prevailing circumstances. Such prices could be substantially different from the original purchase price of the Bonds.

EACH PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSESSING THE MERITS AND RISKS OF AN INVESTMENT IN THE BONDS AND MUST BE ABLE TO BEAR THE ECONOMIC RISK OF SUCH INVESTMENT. THE SECONDARY MARKET FOR THE BONDS, IF ANY, COULD BE LIMITED.

Pension

The Issuer contributes to the Iowa Public Employees’ Retirement System (“IPERS”), which is a state-wide multiple-employer cost-sharing defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of Iowa. IPERS provides retirement and death benefits which are established by State statute to plan members and beneficiaries. All full-time employees of the Issuer are required to participate in IPERS. IPERS plan members are required to contribute a percentage of their annual salary, in addition to the Issuer being required to make monthly contributions to IPERS. Contribution amounts are set by State statute. The IPERS Annual

Comprehensive Financial Report for its fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 (the “IPERS ACFR”), indicates that as of June 30, 2024, the date of the most recent actuarial valuation for IPERS, the funded ratio of IPERS was 90.75%, and the unfunded actuarial liability was approximately \$4.375 billion. The IPERS ACFR identifies the IPERS Net Pension Liability at June 30, 2024, at approximately \$3.641 billion (market value), while its net pension liability at June 30, 2023, was approximately \$4.514 billion (market value). The IPERS ACFR is available on the IPERS website, or by contacting IPERS at 7401 Register Drive, Des Moines, IA 50321. See “APPENDIX D – AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE ISSUER” for additional information on IPERS.

Bond Counsel, Disclosure Counsel, the Municipal Advisor, counsel to the Municipal Advisor, and the Issuer undertake no responsibility for and make no representations as to the accuracy or completeness of the information available from the IPERS discussed above or included on the IPERS website, including, but not limited to, updates of such information on the State Auditor’s website or links to other Internet sites accessed through the IPERS website.

In fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the Issuer’s IPERS contribution totaled approximately \$1,261,006. The Issuer is current in its obligations to IPERS. Pursuant to Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68, IPERS has allocated the net pension liability among its members, with the Issuer’s identified portion at June 30, 2024, at approximately \$6,704,057. While the Issuer’s contributions to IPERS are controlled by state law, there can be no assurance the Issuer will not be required by changes in State law to increase its contribution requirement in the future, which may impact the finances of the Issuer. See “APPENDIX D – AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE ISSUER” for additional information on pension and liabilities of the Issuer.

Rating Loss

Moody’s Investor Service (“Moody”) has assigned a rating of “Aa3” to the Bonds. Generally, a rating agency bases its rating on the information and materials furnished to it and on investigations, studies and assumptions of its own. There is no assurance that the rating will continue for any given period of time, or that such rating will not be revised, suspended or withdrawn, if, in the judgment of the Rating Agency, circumstances so warrant. A revision, suspension or withdrawal of a rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Official Statement contains statements relating to future results that are “forward-looking statements” as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. When used in this Official Statement, the words “estimate,” “forecast,” “intend,” “expect” and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. Any forward-looking statement is subject to uncertainty. Accordingly, such statements are subject to risks that could cause actual results to differ, possibly materially, from those contemplated in such forward-looking statements. Inevitably, some assumptions used to develop forward-looking statements will not be realized or unanticipated events and circumstances may occur. Therefore, investors should be aware that there are likely to be differences between forward looking statements and the actual results. These differences could be material and could impact the availability of funds of the Issuer to pay debt service when due on the Bonds.

Legislative Change Related to School Choice

In 2023 the State of Iowa adopted Legislation (“HF68”) that establishes a general fund appropriation for an Education Savings Account Fund (the “Fund”) under the control of the Iowa Department of Education (the “Department of Education”). The Fund must be used to establish individual accounts for participating pupils and to make qualified education savings account payments on behalf of parents and guardians, including payment for nonpublic school tuition, textbooks, software, fees, curriculum materials, and other similar expenses. As of July 1, 2025, all students attending a nonpublic school became eligible for participation beginning fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

The annual amount per account in the Fund is determined by the State Cost Per Pupil (SCPP) for that fiscal year and changes each year based on the State Percent of Growth (SPG). For fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the SCPP is \$7,988, which amount will be deposited into the Fund, instead of being sent to the Issuer, for each qualifying student within the Issuer attending a nonpublic school. HF68 provides that a District is funded in an amount of \$1,176 per student for resident pupils who attend a nonpublic school. According to the Department of Education, there were 132 students who resided within the boundaries of the Issuer but attended non-public schools for the 2022-23 school year; 146 students for the 2023-24 school year and 170 for 2024-25 school year. It is unknown how many additional students, if any, will attend nonpublic schools in future years. If a significant number of eligible students in the Issuer transition to nonpublic schools, it could have an adverse impact on the Issuer’s finances given the reduction in per student funding the Issuer would otherwise receive. The Bonds are general obligations of the Issuer. See “THE BONDS – Source of Security for the Bonds” herein.

Proposed Federal Tax Legislation

From time to time, there are Presidential proposals, proposals of various federal committees, and legislative proposals are pending in Congress that could, if enacted, alter or amend one or more of the federal tax matters described herein in certain respects or would adversely affect the market value of the Bonds or otherwise prevent holders of the Bonds from realizing the full benefit of the tax exemption of interest on the Bonds. Further such proposals may impact the marketability or market value of the Bonds simply by being proposed. It cannot be predicted whether or in what forms any of such proposals, either pending or that may be introduced, may be enacted and there can be no assurance that such proposals will not apply to the Bonds. In addition, regulatory actions are from time to time announced or proposed, and litigation threatened or commenced, which if implemented or concluded in a particular manner, could adversely affect the market value, marketability or tax status of the Bonds. It cannot be predicted whether any such regulatory action will be implemented, how any particular litigation or judicial action will be resolved, or whether the Bonds would be impacted thereby.

DTC-Beneficial Owners

Beneficial Owners of the Bonds may experience some delay in the receipt of distributions of principal of and interest on the Bonds since such distributions will be forwarded by the Paying Agent to DTC and DTC will credit such distributions to the accounts of the Participants which will thereafter credit them to the accounts of the Beneficial Owner either directly or indirectly through indirect Participants. Neither the Issuer nor the Paying Agent will have any responsibility or obligation to assure that any such notice or payment is forwarded by DTC to any Participants or by any Participant to any Beneficial Owner.

In addition, since transactions in the Bonds can be effected only through DTC Participants, indirect participants and certain banks, the ability of a Beneficial Owner to pledge the Bonds to persons or entities that do not participate in the DTC system, or otherwise to take actions in respect of such Bonds, may be limited due to lack of a physical certificate. Beneficial Owners will be permitted to exercise the rights of registered Owners only indirectly through DTC and the Participants. See “**THE BONDS—Book-Entry Only System.**”

Risks as Employer

The Issuer is a major employer, combining a complex mix of full-time and part-time faculty, technical and clerical support staff and other types of workers in a single operation. As with all large employers, the Issuer bears a wide variety of risks in connection with its employees. These risks include discrimination claims, personal tort actions, work-related injuries, exposure to hazardous materials, interpersonal torts (such as between employees or between employees and students) and other risks that may flow from the relationships between employer and employee or between students and employees. Certain of these risks are not covered by insurance, and certain of them cannot be anticipated or prevented in advance.

Cybersecurity

The Issuer, like many other public and private entities, relies on a large and complex technology environment to conduct its operations. As such, it may face multiple cybersecurity threats including, but not limited to, hacking, viruses, malware and other attacks on computers or other sensitive digital systems and networks. There can be no assurances that any security and operational control measures implemented by the Issuer will be completely successful to guard against and prevent cyber threats and attacks. Failure to properly maintain functionality, control, security, and integrity of the Issuer's information systems could impact business operations and/or digital networks and systems and the costs of remedying any such damage could be significant. Along with significant liability claims or regulatory penalties, any security breach could have a material adverse impact on the Issuer's operations and financial condition.

The Issuer maintains cyber-insurance policies. The Issuer cannot predict whether these policies would be sufficient in the event of a cyber-incident.

Debt Payment History

The Issuer knows of no instance in which it has intentionally defaulted in the payment of principal and interest on any of its debt.

Redemption Prior to Maturity/Loss of Premium from Redemption

In considering whether the Bonds might be redeemed prior to maturity, Bondholders should consider the information included in this Official Statement under the heading "**THE BONDS - Prepayment.**" Any person who purchases the Bonds at a price in excess of their principal amount or who holds such Bonds trading at a price in excess of par should consider the fact that the Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the redemption prices described herein in the event such Bonds are redeemed prior to maturity. See “**THE BONDS – Prepayment**” herein.

Clean up Costs and Liens under Environmental Statutes

The Issuer is not aware of any enforcement actions currently in process with respect to any releases of pollutants or contaminants at the Project sites. However, there can be no assurance that an enforcement action or actions will not be instituted under such statutes at future date. In the event such enforcement actions were initiated, the Issuer could be liable for the costs of removing or otherwise treating pollutants or contaminants located at the Project sites. In addition, under applicable environmental statutes, in the event an enforcement action is initiated, a lien superior to any Bondholders' lien, if any, could attach to the Project, which may adversely affect the Bondholders' rights.

General Liability Claims

In recent years, the number of general liability suits and the dollar amounts of damage awards have increased nationwide, resulting in substantial increases in insurance premiums. Litigation may also arise against the Issuer from its business activities, such as its status as an employer. While the Issuer maintains general liability insurance coverage, the Issuer is unable to predict the availability or cost of such insurance in the future. In addition, it is possible that certain types of liability awards may not be covered by insurance as in effect at relevant times. Any negative impact resulting from such awards may impact the Issuer's ability to operate.

Project Completion; Risks of Construction

A delay in completion of the Project may arise from any number of other causes, including but not limited to, adverse weather conditions, unavailability of subcontractors, and negligence on the part of subcontractors, labor disputes, or unanticipated costs of construction, equipping or renovation. Any of these events or occurrences, separately or in combination, could have a material adverse effect on the Issuer's ability to complete the Project, or to complete it as planned and on schedule. The Issuer believes that the proceeds of the Bonds plus the proceeds of the issuance of the remaining General Obligation School Bonds authorized by the voters, expected to be issued in calendar years 2026 or 2027, and issuance of School infrastructure Sales, Services, and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, expected to be issued in calendar years 2026 or 2027, will be sufficient to complete the Project; however, the cost of construction of the Project may be affected by factors beyond the control of the Issuer, including strikes, material shortages, adverse weather conditions, trade tariffs, subcontractor defaults, delays, and unknown conditions.

Damage or Destruction to District's Facilities

Although the District maintains certain kinds of insurance, there can be no assurance that the District will not suffer uninsured losses in the event of damage to or destruction of the District's facilities, including the Project, due to fire or other calamity or in the event of other unforeseen circumstances

Financial Condition of the Issuer from time to time

No representation is made as to the future financial condition of the Issuer. Certain risks discussed herein could adversely affect the financial condition and/or operations of the Issuer in the future. For fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the auditor noted a significant deficiency in internal controls regarding segregation of duties, which is described in more detail in the audited financial statements attached as Appendix D. However, the Bonds are secured by an unlimited ad valorem property tax as described more fully in the "**THE BONDS – Source of Security for the Bonds**" herein.

Continuing Disclosure

A failure by the Issuer to comply with the continuing disclosure obligations (see "Continuing Disclosure" herein) will not constitute an event of default on the Bonds. Material failures must be disclosed in accordance with Rule 15c2-12 adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and may adversely affect the transferability and liquidity of the Bonds and their market price.

Suitability of Investment

The interest rate borne by the Bonds is intended to compensate the investor for assuming the risk of investing in the Bonds. Each prospective investor should carefully examine this Official Statement and its own financial condition to make a judgement as to its ability to bear the economic risk of such and investment, and whether or not the bonds are an appropriate investment for such investor.

Bankruptcy and Insolvency

The rights and remedies provided in the Resolution may be limited by and are subject to the provisions of federal bankruptcy

laws, to other laws or equitable principles that may affect the enforcement of creditor's rights, to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases and to limitations in legal remedies against exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases and to limitations on legal remedies against municipal corporations in the State of Iowa. The various opinions of counsel to be delivered with respect to the Bonds and the Resolution, including the opinion of Bond Counsel, will be similarly qualified. If the Issuer were to file a petition under chapter nine of the federal bankruptcy code, the owners of the Bonds could be prohibited from taking any steps to enforce their rights under the Resolution. In the event the Issuer fails to comply with its covenants under the Resolution or fails to make payments on the Bonds, there can be no assurance of the availability of remedies adequate to protect the interests of the holders of the Bonds.

Under sections 76.16 and 76.16A of the Code of Iowa, as amended, a city, county, or other political subdivision may become a debtor under chapter nine of the federal bankruptcy code, if it is rendered insolvent, as defined in 11 U.S.C. §101(32)(c), as a result of a debt involuntarily incurred. As used therein, "debt" means an obligation to pay money, other than pursuant to a valid and binding collective bargaining agreement or previously authorized bond issue, as to which the governing body of the city, county, or other political subdivision has made a specific finding set forth in a duly adopted resolution of each of the following: (1) that all or a portion of such obligation will not be paid from available insurance proceeds and must be paid from an increase in general tax levy; (2) that such increase in the general tax levy will result in a severe, adverse impact on the ability of the city, county, or political subdivision to exercise the powers granted to it under applicable law, including without limitation providing necessary services and promoting economic development; (3) that as a result of such obligation, the city, county, or other political subdivision is unable to pay its debts as they become due; and (4) that the debt is not an obligation to pay money to a city, county, entity organized pursuant to chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa, or other political subdivision.

Tax Matters, Bank Qualified, and Loss of Tax Exemption

As discussed under the heading "**TAX EXEMPTION AND RELATED CONSIDERATIONS**" herein, the interest on the Bonds could become includable in gross income for purposes of federal income taxation retroactive to the date of delivery of the Bonds, as a result of acts or omissions of the Issuer in violation of its covenants in the Resolution. Should such an event of taxability occur, the Bonds would not be subject to a special prepayment and would remain outstanding until maturity or until prepaid under the prepayment provisions contained in the Bonds, and there is no provision for an adjustment of the interest rate on the Bonds.

The Issuer will designate the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" under the exception provided in Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and has further covenanted to comply with certain other requirements, which affords banks and certain other financial institutions more favorable treatment of their deduction for interest expense than would otherwise be allowed under Section 265(b)(2) of the Code. However, the Issuer's failure to comply with such covenants could cause the Bonds not to be "qualified tax-exempt obligations" and banks and certain other financial institutions would not receive more favorable treatment of their deduction for interest expense than would otherwise be allowed under Section 265(b)(2) of the Code.

It is possible that legislation will be proposed or introduced that could result in changes in the way that tax exemption is calculated, or whether interest on certain securities are exempt from taxation at all. Prospective purchasers should consult with their own tax advisors regarding any pending or proposed federal income tax legislation. The likelihood of any pending or proposed federal income tax legislation being enacted or whether the proposed terms will be altered or removed during the legislative process cannot be reliably predicted.

It is also possible that actions of the Issuer after the closing of the Bonds will alter the tax status of the Bonds, and, in the extreme, remove the tax-exempt status from the Bonds. In that instance, the Bonds are not subject to mandatory prepayment, and the interest rate on the Bonds does not increase or otherwise reset. A determination of taxability on the Bonds, after closing of the Bonds, could materially adversely affect the value and marketability of the Bonds.

Factors Beyond Issuer's Control

Economic and other factors beyond the Issuer's control, such as economic recession, deflation of property values, or financial difficulty or bankruptcy by one or more major property taxpayers, or the complete or partial destruction of taxable property caused by, among other eventualities, earthquake, flood, fire or other natural disaster, could cause a reduction in the assessed value within the corporate boundaries of the Issuer. The State of Iowa, including the Issuer, is susceptible to tornados, flooding and extreme weather wherein winds and flooding have from time to time caused significant damage, which may have an adverse impact on the Issuer's financial position.

Changing priorities in federal policies can result in reductions to the level or priority of federal funding for a variety of federally funded programs, including education related programs. Such changes could have an adverse impact on the Issuer's operations or financial position.

Risk of Audit

The Internal Revenue Service has an ongoing program to audit tax-exempt obligations to determine the legitimacy of the tax status of such obligations. No assurance can be given as to whether the Internal Revenue Service will commence an audit of the Bonds. Public awareness of any audit could adversely affect the market value and liquidity of the Bonds during the pendency of the audit, regardless of the ultimate outcome of the audit.

Summary

The foregoing is intended only as a summary of certain risk factors attendant to an investment in the Bonds. In order for potential investors to identify risk factors and make an informed investment decision, potential investors should become thoroughly familiar with this entire Official Statement and the Appendices hereto.

LITIGATION

The District encounters litigation occasionally, as a course of business, however, no litigation currently exists that is not believed to be covered by current insurance carriers and no litigation has been proposed that questions the validity of the Bonds.

ACCOUNTANT

The accrual-basis financial statements of the Issuer included as APPENDIX D to this Official Statement have been examined by Hacker Nelson & Co., CPAs, to the extent and for the periods indicated in their report thereon. Such financial statements have been included herein without permission of said CPA, and said CPA expresses no opinion with respect to the Bonds or the Official Statement.

UNDERWRITING

The Bonds are being purchased, subject to certain conditions, by ____ (the "Underwriter"). The Underwriter has agreed, subject to certain conditions, to purchase all, but not less than all, of the Bonds at an aggregate purchase price of \$_____ plus accrued interest to the Closing Date.

The Underwriter may offer and sell the Bonds to certain dealers (including dealers depositing the Bonds into unit investment trusts, certain of which may be sponsored or managed by the Underwriter) at prices lower than the initial public offering prices stated on the cover page. The initial public offering prices of the Bonds may be changed, from time to time, by the Underwriter.

The Underwriter intends to engage in secondary market trading of the Bonds subject to applicable securities laws. The Underwriter is not obligated, however, to repurchase any of the Bonds at the request of the holder thereof.

THE PROJECT

The Bonds, are being issued to provide funds to: (i) build, furnish, and equip a new elementary school building, including site improvements, and (ii) pay costs of issuance for the Bonds.

SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS *

Sources of Funds	Bond Proceeds	\$10,000,000
	Reoffering Premium	TBD
	Total Sources of Funds	TBD
Uses of Funds	Deposit to Project fund	TBD
	Costs of Issuance	TBD
	Underwriter's Discount	TBD
	Total Uses of Funds	

* Preliminary, subject to change

TAX EXEMPTION AND RELATED CONSIDERATIONS

Tax Exemption

Federal tax law contains a number of requirements and restrictions that apply to the Bonds, including investment restrictions, periodic payments of arbitrage profits to the United States, requirements regarding the proper use of Bond proceeds and facilities financed with Bond proceeds, and certain other matters. The Issuer has covenanted to comply with all requirements that must be satisfied in order for the interest on the Bonds to be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Failure to comply with certain of such covenants could cause interest on the Bonds to become includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactively to the date of issuance of the Bonds.

Subject to the Issuer's compliance with the above-referenced covenants, under present law, in the opinion of Bond Counsel, the interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and interest on the Bonds is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax on individuals; however, such interest on the Bonds may be taken into account for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations.

Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should be aware that ownership of the Bonds may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to certain taxpayers, including, without limitation, corporations subject to the branch profits tax, financial institutions, certain insurance companies, certain S corporations, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred (or continued) indebtedness to purchase or carry tax-exempt obligations. Bond Counsel will not express any opinion as to such collateral tax consequences. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their tax advisors as to collateral federal income tax consequences.

The interest on the Bonds is not exempt from present Iowa income taxes. Ownership of the Bonds may result in other state and local tax consequences to certain taxpayers. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any such collateral consequences arising with respect to the Bonds. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their tax advisors regarding the applicability of any such state and local taxes.

Qualified Tax Exemption Obligations

The Bonds will be designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" under the exception provided in Section 265(b)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The Issuer has further covenanted to comply with certain other requirements, which affords banks and certain other financial institutions more favorable treatment of their deduction for interest expense than would otherwise be allowed under Section 265(b)(2) of the Code. Actions, or inactions, by the Issuer in violation of its covenants could affect the designation, which could also affect the pricing and marketability of the Bonds.

Discount and Premium Bonds

The initial public offering price of certain Bonds may be less than the amount payable on such Bonds at maturity ("Discount Bonds"). Owners of Discount Bonds should consult with their own tax advisors with respect to the determination of accrued original issue discount on Discount Bonds for income tax purposes and with respect to the state and local tax consequences of owning and disposing of Discount Bonds. It is possible that, under applicable provisions governing determination of state and local income taxes, accrued interest on Discount Bonds may be deemed to be received in the year of accrual even though there will not be a corresponding cash payment.

The initial public offering price of certain Bonds may be greater than the amount of such Bonds at maturity ("Premium Bonds"). Purchasers of the Premium Bonds should consult with their own tax advisors with respect to the determination of amortizable premium on Premium Bonds for income tax purposes and with respect to the state and local tax consequences of owning and disposing of Premium Bonds.

Other Tax Advice

In addition to the income tax consequences described above, potential investors should consider the additional tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership, and disposition of the Bonds. For instance, state income tax law may differ substantially from state to state, and the foregoing is not intended to describe any aspect of the income tax laws of any state. Therefore, potential investors should consult their own tax advisors with respect to federal tax issues and with respect to the various state tax consequences of an investment in Bonds.

Audits

The Internal Revenue Service (the "Service") has an ongoing program of auditing tax-exempt obligations to determine whether, in the view of the Service, interest on such tax-exempt obligations is includable in the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes. To the best of the Issuer's knowledge, no obligations of the Issuer are currently under examination by the Service. It cannot be predicted whether or not the Service will commence an audit of the Bonds. If an audit is commenced, under current procedures the Service may treat the Issuer as a taxpayer and the Bondholders may have no right to participate in

such procedure. The commencement of an audit could adversely affect the market value and liquidity of the Bonds until the audit is concluded, regardless of the ultimate outcome.

Reporting and Withholding

Payments of interest on, and proceeds of the sale, redemption or maturity of, tax-exempt obligations, including the Bonds, are in certain cases required to be reported to the Service. Additionally, backup withholding may apply to any such payments to any Bond owner who fails to provide an accurate Form W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification, or a substantially identical form, or to any Bond owner who is notified by the Service of a failure to report any interest or dividends required to be shown on federal income tax returns. The reporting and backup withholding requirements do not affect the excludability of such interest from gross income for federal tax purposes.

Tax Legislation

Legislation affecting tax-exempt obligations is regularly considered by the United States Congress and may be considered by the Iowa legislature. Court proceedings may also be filed, the outcome of which could modify the tax treatment. There can be no assurance that legislation enacted or proposed, or actions by a court, after the date of issuance of the Bonds will not have an adverse effect on the tax status of interest or other income on the Bonds or the market value or marketability of the Bonds. These adverse effects could result, for example, from changes to federal or state income tax rates, changes in the structure of federal or state income taxes (including replacement with another type of tax), or repeal (or reduction in the benefit) of the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal or state income tax purposes for all or certain taxpayers.

Current and future legislative proposals, including some that carry retroactive effective dates, if enacted into law, court decisions, or clarification of the Code may cause interest on the Bonds to be subject, directly or indirectly, to federal income taxation, or otherwise prevent owners of the Bonds from realizing the full current benefit of the tax status of such interest. The introduction or enactment of any other legislative proposals, clarification of the Code or court decisions may also affect, perhaps significantly, the market price for, or marketability of, the Bonds. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding any pending or proposed tax legislation, as to which Bond Counsel expresses no opinion other than as set forth in its legal opinion.

The Opinion

The FORM OF LEGAL OPINION, in substantially the form set out in APPENDIX B to this Preliminary Official Statement, will be delivered at closing.

Bond Counsel's opinion is not a guarantee of a result, or of the transaction on which the opinion is rendered, or of the future performance of parties to the transaction, but represents its legal judgment based upon its review of existing statutes, regulations, published rulings and court decisions and the representations and covenants of the Issuer described in this section. No ruling has been sought from the Service with respect to the matters addressed in the opinion of Bond Counsel and Bond Counsel's opinion is not binding on the Service, nor does the rendering of the opinion guarantee the outcome of any legal dispute that may arise out of the transaction. Bond Counsel assumes no obligation to update its opinion after the issue date to reflect any further action, fact or circumstance, or change in law or interpretation, or otherwise.

Enforcement

There is no trustee or similar person to monitor or enforce the terms of the resolution for issuance of the Bonds. In the event of a default in the payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds, there is no provision for acceleration of maturity of the principal of the Bonds. Consequently, the remedies of the owners of the Bonds (consisting primarily of an action in the nature of mandamus requiring the Issuer and certain other public officials to perform the terms of the resolution for the Bonds) may have to be enforced from year to year.

The owners of the Bonds cannot foreclose on property within the boundaries of the Issuer or sell such property in order to pay the debt service on the Bonds. In addition, the enforceability of the rights and remedies of owners of the Bonds may be subject to limitation as set forth in Bond Counsel's opinion. The opinion will state, in part, that the obligations of the Issuer with respect to the Bonds may be subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights heretofore or hereafter enacted to the extent constitutionally applicable, to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases and to the exercise by the State and its governmental bodies of the police power inherent in the sovereignty of the State and to the exercise by the United States of America of the powers delegated to it by the Constitution of the United States of America.

ALL POTENTIAL PURCHASERS OF THE BONDS SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR TAX ADVISORS WITH RESPECT TO FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL TAX CONSEQUENCES OF OWNERSHIP OF THE BONDS (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THOSE LISTED ABOVE).

LEGAL MATTERS

Legal matters incident to the authorization, issuance and sale of the Bonds and with regard to the tax-exempt status of the interest thereon (see “**TAX EXEMPTION AND RELATED CONSIDERATIONS**” herein) are subject to the approving legal opinion of Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., Des Moines, Iowa, Bond Counsel, a form of which is attached hereto as “APPENDIX B – FORM OF BOND COUNSEL OPINION.” Signed copies of the opinion, dated and premised on law in effect as of the date of original delivery of the Bonds, will be delivered to the Underwriter at the time of such original delivery. The Bonds are offered subject to prior sale and to the approval of legality of the Bonds by Bond Counsel. Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. is also serving as Disclosure Counsel for the Issuer in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. Certain matters will be passed upon for the Municipal Advisor by Dorsey & Whitney LLP, Des Moines, Iowa.

Bond Counsel has not examined nor attempted to examine or verify any of the financial or statistical statements, or data contained in this Preliminary Official Statement and will express no opinion with respect thereto. Bond Counsel has not participated in the preparation of this Preliminary Official Statement other than to review or prepare information describing the terms of the Bonds, Iowa and Federal law pertinent to the validity of the Bonds, and the tax status of interest on the Bonds which can be found generally under the sections “**THE BONDS**”, “**THE BONDS - Source of Security for the Bonds**”, and “**TAX EXEMPTION AND RELATED CONSIDERATIONS**”. Additionally, Bond Counsel has provided its form of bond counsel opinion and Issuer’s continuing disclosure certificate, found in Appendices B and C.

The legal opinion to be delivered will express the professional judgment of Bond Counsel, and by rendering a legal opinion, Bond Counsel does not become an insurer or guarantor of the result indicated by that expression of professional judgment or of the transaction or the future performance of the parties to the transaction.

MUNICIPAL ADVISOR

The Issuer has retained Piper Sandler & Co. as municipal advisor (the “Municipal Advisor”) in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The Municipal Advisor has not been engaged, nor has it undertaken, to independently verify the accuracy of, completion or fairness of such information and data in the Official Statement. The Municipal Advisor is not a public accounting firm and has not been engaged by the Issuer to compile, review, examine or audit any information in the Official Statement in accordance with accounting standards.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

The Issuer will covenant in a Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the “Undertaking”) for the benefit of the Owners and Beneficial Owners of the Bonds to provide annually certain financial information and operating data relating to the Issuer (the “Annual Report”), and to provide notices of the occurrence of certain enumerated events. The Annual Report is to be filed by the Issuer no later than April 15 after the close of each fiscal year, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, at its internet repository named “Electronic Municipal Market Access” (“EMMA”). The Issuer has also agreed to file its audited financial statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, when available. The notices of events, if any, are also to be filed with EMMA. See “APPENDIX C – FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE.” The specific nature of the information to be contained in the Annual Report or the notices of events, and the manner in which such materials are to be filed, are summarized in “APPENDIX C – FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE.” These covenants have been made in order to assist the Underwriter in complying with SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) (the “Rule”).

A failure by the District to comply with the Undertaking will not constitute a default under the Resolution and beneficial owners of the Bonds are limited to the remedies described in the Undertaking. Any Holder or Beneficial Owner of the Bonds may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the District to comply with its obligations under the Disclosure Certificate. Direct, indirect, consequential and punitive damages shall not be recoverable by any person for any default thereunder. If the District fails to comply with any provision of the Disclosure Certificate, the sole remedy available shall be an action to compel performance. A failure by the District to comply with the Undertaking must be reported in accordance with the Rule and must be considered by any broker, dealer or municipal securities dealer before recommending the purchase or sale of the Bonds in the secondary market. Consequently, such a failure may adversely affect the transferability and liquidity of the Bonds and their market price.

The Issuer provides the following information in accordance with the reporting requirement of paragraph (f)(3) of the Rule. For the previous five (5) year period, the Issuer believes it has complied with the Rule in all material respects.

Bond Counsel expresses no opinion as to whether the Undertaking complies with the requirements of Section (b)(5) of the Rule.

MISCELLANEOUS

Brief descriptions or summaries of the Issuer, the Bonds, and statutes are included in this Official Statement. The summaries or references herein to the Bonds and statutes referred to herein, and the description of the Bonds included herein, do not purport to be comprehensive or definitive, and such summaries, references and descriptions are qualified in their entirety by reference to such documents, and the description herein of the Bonds is qualified in its entirety by reference to the form thereof and the information with respect thereto included in the aforesaid documents. Copies of such documents may be obtained from the Issuer.

Any statements in this Official Statement involving matters of opinion or estimates, whether or not expressly so stated, are intended as such and not as representations of fact, and no representation is made that any of the estimates will be realized. This Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract or agreement between the Issuer and the purchasers or Owners of any of the Bonds.

The attached APPENDICES A, B, C, D and E are integral parts of this Official Statement and must be read together with all of the foregoing statements.

It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the Bonds, but neither the failure to print such numbers on any Bonds nor any error in the printing of such numbers shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the purchaser thereof to accept delivery of and pay for any Bonds.

The Issuer has reviewed the information contained herein which relates to it and has approved all such information for use within this Official Statement. The execution and delivery of this Official Statement has been duly authorized by the Issuer.

DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, IOWA

/s/ Darlene Woodhouse
Board Secretary

APPENDIX A – GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISSUER

**DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, IOWA
DISTRICT OFFICIALS**

PRESIDENT	Cindy Goodner
BOARD MEMBERS	Ron Fadness* Brad Darling Carole Sand Aaron Zander
SUPERINTENDENT	Tim Cronin
DISTRICT SECRETARY	Darlene Woodhouse**
DISTRICT TREASURER	Joan Loew
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.

CONSULTANTS

BOND COUNSEL	Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. Des Moines, Iowa
DISCLOSURE COUNSEL	Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. Des Moines, Iowa
MUNICIPAL ADVISOR	Piper Sandler & Co. Des Moines, Iowa
PAYING AGENT	UMB Bank, n.a. West Des Moines, Iowa

* On November 4, 2025, Lilly Jensen was elected to the District’s Board. She will replace Ron Fadness as a Board Member after the election results are certified.

** Darlene Woodhouse plans to retire effective December 19, 2025. Her replacement will be appointed prior to that date.

General Information

The Decorah Community School District is headquartered in the City of Decorah, Iowa, the Winneshiek County Seat, which is located in the northeastern part of the State of Iowa in Winneshiek and Allamakee Counties. The District is approximately 150 miles southeast of the Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN metropolitan area, 115 miles north from the City of Cedar Rapids, IA and approximately 80 miles northeast of the Cedar Falls/Waterloo metropolitan area. The District encompasses an area of approximately 175 square miles for the historical Decorah Community School District and approximately 135 square miles for the historical North Winneshiek Community School District.

District Facilities (1)

Presented below is a recap of the existing facilities of the Issuer:

<u>Building</u>	<u>Construction Date</u>	<u>Grades Served</u>
High School	1953, 1962 1968, 1974, 1991	9-12
Middle School	2006	5-8
Carrie Lee Elementary	1922, 1935, 1953, 1974, 2006	3-4
John Cline Elementary	1962, 1968, 1991	K-2
West Side Elementary	1935, 1962, 1968, 1991	Pre-K
Crossroads Academy	Rental facility – Wyalusing Academy	K-12

Enrollment (3)

Total enrollment in the Issuer in the fall of the past five school years has been as follows:

<u>Count Date</u>	<u>Fiscal Year effective</u>	<u>Certified (Resident) (4) (5)</u>	<u>Open Enroll In (6)</u>	<u>Open Enroll Out (6)</u>	<u>Total Served (6)</u>
October-24	2025-26	1,450.40	119.20	47.00	1,522.60
October-23	2024-25	1,508.60	125.50	41.00	1,593.10
October-22	2023-24	1,522.60	123.70	35.00	1,611.30
October-21	2022-23	1,530.50	121.90	33.00	1,619.40
October-20	2021-22	1,547.50	115.70	26.30	1,636.90

Staff (1)

Presented below is a list of the Issuer's 287 employees.

Administrators:	9	Media Specialists:	0
Teachers:	134	Nurses:	2
Teacher Aids:	71	Guidance:	0
Custodians:	14	Secretaries:	9
Food Service:	25	Transportation:	22
Other:	1	Maintenance:	2

Population (2)

Presented below are population figures for the periods indicated for the city of Decorah

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>
2020	7,587
2010	8,127
2000	8,172
1990	8,063
1980	8,068
1970	7,237

- (1) Source: the Issuer
- (2) Source: U.S. Census Bureau
- (3) Source: Iowa Department of Education
- (4) Used for Sales Tax distribution
- (5) Used for State Aid distribution
- (6) For each fiscal year, the school district into which any student open-enrolls, sends an invoice to the home-district in the amount of regular district cost per pupil, which is equal to the amount of State Aid the home-district receives from the State.

Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) (1)

Plan Description - The Issuer operates a single-employer health benefit plan which provides medical and prescription drug benefits for employees, retirees and their spouses.

Individuals who are employed by the Issuer and are eligible to participate in the group health plan are eligible to continue healthcare benefits upon retirement. Retirees under age 65 pay the same premium for the medical/prescription drug benefit as active employees, which results in an implicit subsidy and an OPEB liability.

Retired participants must be age 55 or older at retirement. At June 30, 2024, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	6
<u>Active employees</u>	<u>248</u>
 Total	 254

Total OPEB Liability – The Issuer’s total OPEB liability of \$1,137,942 was measured as of June 30, 2024, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023.

Actuarial Assumptions – the total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2024 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and the entry age normal actuarial cost method, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Rate of inflation (effective 6/30/24)	3.00%
Rates of salary increase (effective 6/30/24) including inflation	3.25%
Discount rate (effective 6/30/24) including inflation	3.65%
Healthcare cost trend rate (effective 6/30/24)	6.50% initial rate decreasing by .25% annually to an ultimate rate of 5.00%

Discount Rate – The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 3.65%, which reflects the index rate for 20-year tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher as of the measurement date.

Mortality rates are from the RP 2014 annuitant distinct mortality table adjusted to 2006 with MP 2021 generational project of future mortality improvement.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2024 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience studies with dates corresponding to those listed above.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability:

Total OPEB obligation – beginning of year	\$1,419,006
Changes for the year	
	Service Cost 100,492
	Interest 40,922
	Difference between expected & actual experiences (243,733)
	Change in assumption (130,515)
	<u>Benefit Payments (48,241)</u>
Net Changes	(281,064)
Net OPEB obligation – end of year	\$1,137,942

Changes of assumptions reflect a change in the discount rate from 2.14% in fiscal year 2023 to 3.65% in fiscal year 2024.

(1) Source: the Issuer

Employee Pension Plan (1)

Plan Description. Iowa Public Employees’ Retirement System (“IPERS”) membership is mandatory for employees of the Issuer. The Issuer’s employees are provided with pensions through a cost-sharing multiple employer defined pension plan administered by IPERS. IPERS benefits are established under Iowa Code, Chapter 97B and the administrative rules thereunder. The Issuer’s employee who completed seven years of covered service or has reached the age of 65 while in IPERS covered employment becomes vested. If the Issuer’s employee retires before normal retirement age, the employees’ monthly retirement benefit will be permanently reduced by an early-retirement reduction. IPERS provides pension benefits as well as disability benefits to Issuer employees and benefits to the employees’ beneficiaries upon the death of the eligible employee. See “**APPENDIX D–AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE ISSUER–NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**” for additional information on IPERS. Additionally, copies of IPERS annual financial report may be obtained from www.ipers.org. However, the information presented in such financial reports or on such websites is not incorporated into this Official Statement by any reference.

Contributions. Effective July 1, 2012, as a result of a 2010 law change, IPERS contribution rates for the Issuer and its employees are established by IPERS following the annual actuarial valuation (which applies IPERS’ Contribution Rate Funding Policy and Actuarial Amortization method.) State statute, however, limits the amount rates can increase or decrease each year to one (1) percentage point. Therefore, any difference between the actuarial contribution rates and the contributions paid is due entirely to statutorily set contributions that may differ from the actual contribution rates. As a result, while the contribution rate in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 equaled the actuarially required rate, there is no guarantee, due to this statutory limitation on rate increases, that the contribution rate will meet or exceed the actuarially required rate in the future.

The Issuer’s contributions to IPERS is not less than that which is required by law. The Issuer’s share of the contribution, payable from the applicable funds of the Issuer, is provided by a statutorily authorized annual levy of taxes without limit or restriction as to rate or amount. The Issuer has always made its full required contributions to IPERS.

The following table sets forth the contributions made by the Issuer and its employees to IPERS for the period indicated. The Issuer cannot predict the levels of funding that will be required in the future.

Table 1 – Issuer and Employees Contribution to IPERS.

Fiscal Year	Issuer Contribution		Issuer Employees’ Contribution	
	Amount Contributed	% of Covered Payroll	Amount Contributed	% of Covered Payroll
2020	\$1,141,533	9.44	\$667,492.15	6.29
2021	1,176,576	9.44	783,969.87	6.29
2022	1,210,851	9.44	806,700.13	6.29
2023	1,231,487	9.44	820,451.68	6.29
2024	1,261,006	9.44	840,225.64	6.29
2025*	1,300,089.87	9.44	866,268.57	6.29

The Issuer cannot predict the levels of funding that will be required in the future as any IPERS unfunded pension benefit obligation could be reflected in future years in higher contribution rates. The investment of moneys, assumptions underlying the same and the administration of IPERS is not subject to the direction of the Issuer. Thus, it is not possible to predict, control or prepare for future unfunded accrued actuarial liabilities of IPERS (“UAALs”). The UAAL is the difference between total actuarially accrued liabilities and actuarially calculated assets available for the payment of such benefits. The UAAL is based on assumptions as to retirement age, mortality, projected salary increases attributed to inflation, across-the-board raises and merit raises, adjustments, cost-of-living adjustments, valuation of current assets, investment return and other matters. Such UAAL could be substantial in the future, requiring significantly increased contributions from the Issuer which could affect other budgetary matters.

Table 2 – Recent returns of IPERS (1)

According to IPERS, the market value investment return on program assets is as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	Investment Return %
2020	3.39
2021	29.63
2022	-3.90
2023	5.41
2024	9.07

(1) SOURCE: The Issuer

The following table sets forth certain information about the funding status of IPERS that has been extracted from the annual comprehensive financial reports of IPERS (collectively, the “IPERS ACFRs”), and the actuarial valuation reports provided to IPERS by Cavanaugh MacDonald Consulting, LLC (collectively, the “IPERS Actuarial Reports”). Additional information regarding IPERS and its latest actuarial valuations can be obtained by contacting IPERS administrative staff.

Table 3 – Funding Status of IPERS (1)

Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets [a]	Market Value of Assets [b]	Actuarial Accrued Liability [c]	Unfunded Actuarial Liability (Actuarial Value) [c]-[a]	Funded Ratio (Actuarial Value) [a]/[c]	Unfunded Actuarial Liability (Market Value) [c]-[b]	Funded Ratio (Market Value) [b]/[c]	Covered Payroll [d]	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (Actuarial Value) [[c-a]/[d]]
2020	34,485,656,745	34,047,692,112	41,072,427,540	6,586,770,795	83.96	7,024,735,428	82.90	8,391,856,350	78.49
2021	37,584,987,296	42,889,875,682	42,544,648,750	4,959,661,454	88.34	-345,226,932	100.81	8,648,783,536	57.35
2022	39,354,232,379	40,191,566,259	43,969,714,606	4,615,482,227	89.50	3,778,148,347	91.40	9,018,019,950	51.18
2023	41,012,524,216	41,206,314,259	45,719,979,439	4,707,455,223	89.70	4,513,665,180	90.13	9,588,339,000	49.10
2024	42,927,257,062	43,661,123,300	47,302,619,657	4,375,362,595	90.75	3,641,496,357	92.30	10,003,675,315	43.74

Net Pension Liabilities (2)

At June 30, 2024, the Issuer reported a liability of \$6,704,057 for its proportional share of the IPERS 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 discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7%. The Issuer’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Issuer’s share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all IPERS participating employers. See “**APPENDIX D–AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE ISSUER–NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**” for additional information related to the Issuer’s deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, actuarial assumptions, discount rate and discount rate sensitivity.

Detailed information about the pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued IPERS financial report which is available on IPERS’ website at www.ipers.org.

Bond Counsel, Disclosure Counsel, the Issuer, the Underwriter, the Municipal Advisor and counsel to the Municipal Advisor undertake no responsibility for and make no representations as to the accuracy or completeness of the material available from IPERS as discussed above or included on the IPERS website, including, but not limited to, updates of such information on the Auditor of State’s website or links to other websites through the IPERS website.

Investment of Public Funds (2)

The Issuer invests its funds pursuant to Chapter 12B of the Code. Presented below is the Issuer’s investing activities as of October 31, 2025

<u>Type of Investment</u>	<u>Amount Invested</u>
Local Bank Money Market	\$0
Local Bank Deposit Accounts	9,245,808.09
Local Bank Time CD’s	0
ISJIT Money Market	0
ISJIT Time CD’s	0

(1) Source: IPERS Actuarial Reports. For a description of the assumptions used when calculating the funding status of IPERS for the fiscal year noted herein, see IPERS ACFRs

(2) Source: the Issuer

Major Employers (1)

Presented below is a summary of the largest employers in the District:

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>Approximate Employees</u>
Stanley Engfast Decorah	Industrial fasteners	500-999
Bruening Rock Products	Crushed rock	250-499
Deco Products Co	Nonferrous die castings	250-499
Winmed	Hospital	250-499
Decorah CSD	Education	250-499
Collins Aerospace	Aircraft components	100-249
Toppling Goliath Brewing	Brewery	100-249
Winneshiek County	Government	100-249
Hy-vee	Grocery store	100-249
Wal-Mart	Retail store	100-249
Decorah Parks & Rec	Parks	100-249
Decorah Bank & Trust	Banking	100-249
Aase Haugen Senior Services	Nursing home	100-249
Rockwell Collins	Search detection/navigation	50-99
Mabe's Pizza	Restaurant	50-99
McDonalds	Restaurant	50-99
Seed Savers Exchange	Seed farm	50-99
Wicks Construction	Concrete contractor	50-99
Gunderson Health Systems	Mental health	50-99
Helping Services for Youth	Crisis intervention	50-99
NE IA Community Action	Social services	50-99
Spectrum Painting	Vocational rehab	50-99
Barthell Eastern Star Nursing	Non profit	50-99
J Ashlyn	Non profit	50-99
Opportunity Homes	Non profit	50-99
Fareway	Grocery store	50-99
Oneota Food Co-Op	Grocery store	50-99
Quilliams Food Ranch	Grocery store	50-99
Grizzly Coolers	Beverage coolers	50-99

Property Tax Assessment (2) (3)

In compliance with section 441.21 of the Code of Iowa, as amended, the State Director of Revenue annually directs all county auditors to apply prescribed statutory percentages to the assessments of certain categories of real property. The final values, called Actual Valuation, are then adjusted by the County Auditor. Assessed or Taxable Valuation subject to tax levy is then determined by the application of State determined rollback percentages, principally to residential and commercial property.

Beginning in 1978, the State required a reduction in Actual Valuation to reduce the impact of inflation on its residents. The resulting value is defined as the Assessed or Taxable Valuation. The rollback percentages for residential, agricultural and commercial valuations are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Residential	Ag Land & Buildings	Commercial (3)	Multi-residential	Railroad (3)	Industrial (3)	Old Utilities	Ch 437 Utilities	Ch 428 & 438 Utilities
2026-27	44.5345	59.4401	90.0000	NA	90.0000	90.0000	NA	94.2059	98.0000
2025-26	47.4316	73.8575	90.0000	NA	90.0000	90.0000	100.0000	Utilities	Utilities
2024-25	46.3428	71.8370	90.0000	NA	90.0000	90.0000	100.0000	Utilities	Utilities
2023-24	54.6501	91.6430	90.0000	NA	90.0000	90.0000	100.0000	Utilities	Utilities
2022-23	54.1302	89.0412	90.0000	63.7500	90.0000	90.0000	100.0000	Utilities	Utilities

Property is assessed on a calendar year basis. The assessments finalized as of January 1 of each year are applied to the following fiscal year. For example, the assessments finalized on January 1, 2022 are used to calculate tax liability for the tax year starting July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Presented below are the historic property valuations of the Issuer by class of property.

(1) Source: Iowa Workforce Development.com/employer database

(2) Source: Iowa Department of Revenue

(3) In 2023, the Legislature created a rollback for small commercial, small railroad and small industrial properties that receive the same rollback rate as residential properties receive for said year, for the valuation of those classes up to \$150,000. Valuation above \$150,000 is taxed at the above rollback rate for each of commercial, railroad and industrial.

Property Valuations (1)

Actual Valuation					
Valuation as of January	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Fiscal Year	<u>2025-2026</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
Residential:	1,203,872,508	1,184,214,067	1,006,977,924	918,068,740	845,122,720
Agricultural Land:	213,207,220	213,344,750	172,070,380	172,289,890	184,471,650
Ag Buildings:	13,696,560	13,407,150	11,016,140	12,732,440	11,718,710
Commercial:	192,086,138	188,618,408	156,407,925	155,627,329	148,097,112
Industrial:	23,547,200	22,720,850	17,694,060	17,142,510	17,015,590
Multi-Residential	0	0	0	21,462,261	20,043,412
Reserved	0	0	0	0	0
Railroads:	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities:	6,715,845	6,854,388	6,548,419	7,815,607	9,299,317
Other:	0	0	0	0	0
Total Valuation:	1,653,125,471	1,629,159,613	1,370,714,848	1,305,138,777	1,235,768,511
Less Military:	2,088,000	2,112,000	961,188	1,022,304	1,077,864
Less Homestead:	7,676,500	3,497,000	0	0	0
Net Valuation:	1,643,360,971	1,623,550,613	1,369,753,660	1,304,116,473	1,234,690,647
TIF Valuation:	7,615,406	6,678,357	4,926,962	5,236,921	4,835,637
Utility Replacement:	84,406,190	68,371,227	64,713,991	60,235,098	58,334,534
Taxable Valuation					
Valuation as of January	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Fiscal Year	<u>2025-2026</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
Residential:	571,016,048	548,797,937	550,314,432	496,952,389	476,728,594
Agricultural Land:	157,469,513	153,260,475	157,690,435	153,409,008	155,012,452
Ag Buildings:	10,115,945	9,631,299	10,095,515	11,337,119	9,847,289
Commercial:	150,340,142	146,815,081	123,222,898	139,540,913	132,803,849
Industrial:	20,402,367	19,572,956	15,284,743	15,428,259	15,314,031
Multi-Residential	0	0	0	13,682,202	13,529,321
Reserved	0	0	0	0	0
Railroads:	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities:	6,715,845	6,854,388	6,548,419	7,815,607	9,164,370
Other:	0	0	0	0	0
Total Valuation:	916,059,860	884,932,136	863,156,442	838,165,497	812,399,906
Less Military:	2,088,000	2,112,000	961,188	1,022,304	1,077,864
Less Homestead:	7,676,500	3,497,000	0	0	0
Net Valuation:	906,295,360	879,323,136	862,195,254	837,143,193	811,322,042
TIF Valuation:	7,615,406	6,678,357	4,926,962	5,236,921	4,835,637
Utility Replacement:	10,718,318	8,421,852	8,626,861	8,284,209	8,367,322

Valuation	Fiscal	Actual	% Change in	Taxable	% Change in
<u>Year</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>Taxable</u>
		<u>w/ Utilities</u>	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>DS / PPEL</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
2024	2026	1,735,382,567	2.17%	924,629,084	3.38%
2023	2025	1,698,600,197	18.01%	894,423,345	2.13%
2022	2024	1,439,394,613	5.10%	875,749,077	2.95%
2021	2023	1,369,588,492	5.53%	850,664,323	3.17%
2020	2022	1,297,860,818	0.81%	824,525,001	2.44%

(1) Source: Iowa Department of Management

Tax Rates (1)

Presented below are the taxes levied by the Issuer for the fund groups as presented, for the period indicated:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Management Fund</u>	<u>Board PPEL</u>	<u>Voter PPEL</u>	<u>Play Ground</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>School House</u>	<u>Amana Library</u>	<u>Total Levy Rate</u>
2026	8.85214	0.70338	0.33000	1.34000	0.00000	1.94738	0.00000	0.00000	13.17290
2025	9.01906	1.18277	0.33000	1.34000	0.00000	0.44107	0.00000	0.00000	12.31290
2024	8.62895	1.41820	0.33000	1.34000	0.00000	0.63945	0.00000	0.00000	12.35660
2023	8.14073	1.12369	0.33000	1.34000	0.00000	1.42465	0.00000	0.00000	12.35907
2022	8.79056	0.48799	0.33000	1.34000	0.00000	1.46709	0.00000	0.00000	12.41564

Historic Tax Rates (1)

Presented below are the tax rates by taxing entity for residents of the City of Decorah.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Assessor</u>	<u>Ag Extens</u>	<u>Hospital</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Transit</u>	<u>Total Levy Rate</u>
2026	16.17306	13.17290	0.94143	0.00000	0.44583	0.19748	0.00000	7.67564	0.00000	38.60634
2025	16.27935	12.31290	0.94143	0.00180	0.45996	0.19985	0.00000	7.72000	0.00000	37.91529
2024	16.40184	12.35660	0.92871	0.00180	0.37071	0.19745	0.00000	6.79000	0.00000	37.04711
2023	15.90594	12.35907	0.90520	0.00240	0.44458	0.20074	0.00000	6.69000	0.00000	36.50793
2022	15.26203	12.41564	0.90520	0.00260	0.33469	0.20029	0.00000	6.55642	0.00000	35.67687

Tax Collection History (2)

Presented below are the actual ad-valorem tax levies and collections for the periods indicated:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount Levied</u>	<u>Amount Collected</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
2026	\$12,107,400	In collection	NA
2025	10,945,111	\$10,944,195	99.99%
2024	10,771,933	10,771,356	99.99%
2023	10,465,223	10,461,694	99.97%
2022	10,162,907	10,158,769	99.96%
2021	9,886,618	9,894,744	100.08%

(1) Source: Iowa Department of Management

(2) Source: the Issuer

Largest Taxpayers (1) (2)

Set forth in the following table are the persons or entities which represent the 2024 largest taxpayers within the Issuer. No independent investigation has been made of and no representation is made herein as to the financial condition of any of the taxpayers listed below or that such taxpayers will continue to maintain their status as major taxpayers in the Issuer. The Issuer's tax levy is uniformly applicable to all of the properties included in the table, and thus taxes expected to be received by the Issuer from such taxpayers will be in proportion to the assessed valuations of the properties. The total tax bill for each of the properties is dependent upon the tax levies of the other taxing entities which overlap the properties.

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>2024 Taxable Valuation</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	11,782,991	1.274%
Alliant Energy Corp.	6,794,038	0.735%
Gundersen Clinic, Ltd	6,667,279	0.721%
Iowa Rotocast Plastics Inc.	6,131,058	0.663%
Dairyland Power Cooperative	6,130,209	0.663%
Rush Holdings LLC	5,420,718	0.586%
Infastech Decorah LLC	4,990,664	0.540%
Decorah Hotel Partners LP	4,742,264	0.513%
Aase Haugen Properties Inc.	4,586,443	0.496%
Kwik Trip Inc.	4,258,372	0.461%
	<u>Total</u>	<u>6.65%</u>

(1) Source: Winneshiek County

(2) Utility Property Tax Replacement. Beginning in 1999, the State replaced its previous property tax assessment procedure in valuing the property of entities involved primarily in the production, delivery, service and sale of electricity and natural gas with a replacement tax formula based upon the delivery of energy by these entities. Electric and natural gas utilities now pay replacement taxes to the State in lieu of property taxes. All replacement taxes are allocated among local taxing cities by the State Department of Revenue and Finance and the Department of Management. This allocation is made in accordance with a general allocation formula developed by the Department of Management on the basis of general property tax equivalents. Properties of these utilities are exempt from the levy of property tax by political subdivisions. Utility property will continue to be valued by a special method as provided in the statute and taxed at the rate of three cents per one thousand dollars for the general fund of the State. The utility replacement tax statute states that the utility replacement tax collected by the State and allocated among local taxing cities (including the Issuer) shall be treated as property tax when received and shall be disposed of by the county treasurer as taxes on real estate. However, utility property is not subject to the levy of property tax by political subdivisions, only the utility replacement tax and statewide property tax. It is possible that the Issuer's authority to levy taxes to pay principal and interest on the Bonds could be adjudicated to be proportionately reduced in future years if the utility replacement tax were to be other than "taxable property" for purposes of computing the Issuer's levy limit under Iowa Code Section 298.18, as amended from time to time. There can be no assurance that future legislation will not (i) operate to reduce the amount of debt the Issuer can issue or (ii) adversely affect the Issuer's ability to levy taxes in the future for the payment of the principal of and interest on its outstanding debt obligations, including the Bonds.

Direct Debt

General Obligation School Bonds (Debt Service) (1)

The Issuer does not have any outstanding General Obligation School Bonds. Presented below is the estimated principal and interest payments due on the Bonds, presented by fiscal year and issue:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>12/18/25*</u>	<u>Gross Principal</u>	<u>Total Principal</u>	<u>Total Interest</u>	<u>Bond Admin</u>	<u>Total P&I</u>
6/30/26	1,605,000	1,605,000	1,605,000	183,755	1,600	1,790,355
6/30/27		0	0	335,800	0	335,800
6/30/28		0	0	335,800	0	335,800
6/30/29		0	0	335,800	0	335,800
6/30/30		0	0	335,800	0	335,800
6/30/31		0	0	335,800	0	335,800
6/30/32		0	0	335,800	0	335,800
6/30/33		0	0	335,800	0	335,800
6/30/34		0	0	335,800	0	335,800
6/30/35		0	0	335,800	0	335,800
6/30/36		0	0	335,800	0	335,800
6/30/37		0	0	335,800	0	335,800
6/30/38		0	0	335,800	0	335,800
6/30/39	1,060,000	1,060,000	1,060,000	335,800	1,600	1,397,400
6/30/40	1,105,000	1,105,000	1,105,000	293,400	1,600	1,400,000
6/30/41	1,150,000	1,150,000	1,150,000	249,200	1,600	1,400,800
6/30/42	1,195,000	1,195,000	1,195,000	203,200	1,600	1,399,800
6/30/43	1,245,000	1,245,000	1,245,000	155,400	1,600	1,402,000
6/30/44	1,295,000	1,295,000	1,295,000	105,600	1,600	1,402,200
6/30/45	1,345,000	1,345,000	1,345,000	53,800	1,600	1,400,400
Totals:	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	5,609,755	12,800	15,622,555

* Preliminary, subject to change

General Obligation School Capital Loan Notes (PPEL) (1)

The Issuer does not have any outstanding General Obligation School Capital Loan Notes.

Anticipatory Warrants (1)

The Issuer has not issued anticipatory warrants during the past five years.

School Infrastructure Sales, Services & Use Tax Revenue Bonds (1)

Presented below is the principal and interest payments due on the Issuer's outstanding School Infrastructure Sales, Services & Use Tax Revenue Bonds, presented by fiscal year and issue:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>3/25/21</u>	<u>Total Principal</u>	<u>Total Interest</u>	<u>Total Obligations</u>
6/30/26	400,000	400,000	88,500	488,500
6/30/27	430,000	430,000	68,500	498,500
6/30/28	460,000	460,000	47,000	507,000
6/30/29	480,000	480,000	24,000	504,000
Totals:	1,770,000	1,770,000	228,000	1,998,000

(1) Source: the Issuer

Debt Limit (1) (2) (3) (4)

The amount of general obligation debt a political subdivision of the State of Iowa can incur is controlled by the constitutional debt limit, which is an amount equal to 5% of the actual value of property within the corporate limits, taken from the last County Tax list. The Issuer's debt limit, based upon said valuation, amounts to the following:

Actual Valuation:	1,735,382,567
X	5%
Statutory Debt Limit:	86,769,128
Total General Obligation Debt:	10,000,000
Total Lease Purchases:	0
Capital Leases:	0
Total Debt Subject to Limit:	10,000,000
Percentage of Debt Limit Obligated:	11.52%

The constitutional debt limit calculation does not include the Issuer's School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds. If the Issuer's School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds are included in the constitutional debt limit calculation, the "Total Debt Subject to Limit" would increase \$1,770,000(3) to be \$11,770,000(3), or 13.56%(3) of the constitutional debt limit.

- (1) Direct debt source: the Issuer
- (2) Valuation data source: Iowa Department of Management
- (3) Preliminary, subject to change
- (4) Utility Property Tax Replacement

Beginning in 1999, the State replaced its previous property tax assessment procedure in valuing the property of entities involved primarily in the production, delivery, service and sale of electricity and natural gas with a replacement tax formula based upon the delivery of energy by these entities. Electric and natural gas utilities now pay replacement taxes to the State in lieu of property taxes. All replacement taxes are allocated among local taxing cities by the State Department of Revenue and Finance and the Department of Management. This allocation is made in accordance with a general allocation formula developed by the Department of Management on the basis of general property tax equivalents. Properties of these utilities are exempt from the levy of property tax by political subdivisions. Utility property will continue to be valued by a special method as provided in the statute and taxed at the rate of three cents per one thousand dollars for the general fund of the State.

It is possible that the general obligation debt capacity of the Issuer could be adjudicated to be proportionately reduced in future years if utility property were determined to be other than "taxable property" for purposes of computing the Issuer's debt limit under Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Iowa. There can be no assurance that future legislation will not (i) operate to reduce the amount of debt the Issuer can issue or (ii) adversely affect the Issuer's ability to levy taxes in the future for the payment of the principal of and interest on its outstanding debt obligations, including the Bonds.

Overlapping & Underlying Debt (1) (3)

Presented below is a listing of the overlapping and underlying debt outstanding of Issuers within the Issuer.

<u>Taxing Authority</u>	<u>GO Debt Outstanding</u>	<u>Taxable Valuation</u>	<u>Valuation Within Issuer</u>	<u>Percentage Applicable</u>	<u>Amount Applicable</u>
City Of Decorah	6,885,000	418,279,200	417,800,553	99.89%	6,877,121
Winneshiek County	0	1,429,873,473	894,185,336	62.54%	0
Allamakee County	2,970,000	1,026,812,139	238,009	0.02%	688
Northeast Iowa Cc	51,150,000	15,034,594,390	894,423,345	5.95%	3,042,966
Keystone Aea	38,000	15,034,594,390	894,423,345	5.95%	2,261
				Total:	9,923,036

Financial Summary (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

Actual Value of Property, 2024	1,735,382,567
Taxable Value of Property, 2024	924,629,084
Direct General Obligation Debt:	10,000,000
Overlapping Debt:	9,923,036
Direct & Overlapping General Obligation Debt:	19,923,036
Population, 2020 US Census:	13,154
Direct Debt per Capita:	760
Total Debt per Capita:	1,515
Direct Debt to Taxable Valuation:	1.082%
Total Debt to Taxable Valuation:	2.155%
Direct Debt to Actual Valuation:	0.576%
Total Debt to Actual Valuation:	1.148%
Actual Valuation per Capita:	131,928
Taxable Valuation per Capita:	70,293

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- (1) Valuation source: Iowa Department of Management
 - (2) Direct debt source: the Issuer
 - (3) Overlapping debt outstanding source: Treasurer, State of Iowa; where available, EMMA.MSRB.ORG
 - (4) Population source: U.S. Census Bureau
 - (5) Preliminary, subject to change

APPENDIX B – FORM OF LEGAL OPINION

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We hereby certify that we have examined a certified transcript of the proceedings of the Board of Directors of the Decorah Community School District in the Counties of Winneshiek and Allamakee, State of Iowa, and acts of administrative officers of the School District (the "Issuer"), relating to the issuance of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025, by said Issuer, dated December 18, 2025, in the denominations of \$5,000 or multiples thereof, in the aggregate amount of \$ _____ (the "Bonds").

We have examined the law and certified proceedings and other papers as we deem necessary to render this opinion as bond counsel.

As to questions of fact material to our opinion, we have relied upon representations of the Issuer contained in the Resolution authorizing issuance of the Bonds (the "Resolution") and in the certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials furnished to us, without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation.

Based on our examination and in reliance upon the certified proceedings and other certifications described above, we are of the opinion, under existing law, as follows:

1. The Issuer is duly created and validly existing as a body corporate and politic and political subdivision of the State of Iowa with the corporate power to adopt and perform the Resolution and issue the Bonds.
2. The Bonds are valid and binding general obligations of the Issuer.
3. All taxable property in the territory of the Issuer is subject to ad valorem taxation without limitation as to rate or amount to pay the Bonds. Taxes have been levied by the Resolution for the payment of the Bonds and the Issuer is required by law to include in its annual tax levy the principal and interest coming due on the Bonds to the extent the necessary funds are not provided from other sources.
4. Interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, such interest may be taken into account for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on certain corporations. The opinion set forth in the preceding sentence is subject to the condition that the Issuer comply with all requirements of the Code that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that the interest thereon be, and continue to be, excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The Issuer has covenanted to comply with all such requirements. Failure to comply with certain of such requirements may cause interest on the Bonds to be includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactively to the date of issuance of the Bonds.

The Issuer has designated the Bonds "qualified tax exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

We express no opinion regarding the accuracy, adequacy, or completeness of the Official Statement or other offering material relating to the Bonds. Further, we express no opinion regarding tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds other than as expressly set forth herein.

The rights of the owners of the Bonds and the enforceability of the Bonds are limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally, and by equitable principles, whether considered at law or in equity.

This opinion is given as of the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to revise or supplement this opinion to reflect any facts or circumstances that may later come to our attention, or any changes in law that may later occur.

AHLERS & COONEY, P.C.

APPENDIX C – FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

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CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

This Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the "Disclosure Certificate") is executed and delivered by the Decorah Community School District, State of Iowa (the "Issuer"), in connection with the issuance of \$ _____ General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025 (the "Bonds") dated December 18, 2025. The Bonds are being issued pursuant to a Resolution of the Issuer approved on _____, 2025 (the "Resolution"). The Issuer covenants and agrees as follows:

Section 1. Purpose of the Disclosure Certificate; Interpretation. This Disclosure Certificate is being executed and delivered by the Issuer for the benefit of the Holders and Beneficial Owners of the Bonds and in order to assist the Participating Underwriters in complying with S.E.C. Rule 15c2-12(b)(5). This Disclosure Certificate shall be governed by, construed and interpreted in accordance with the Rule, and, to the extent not in conflict with the Rule, the laws of the State. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to require more than required by the Rule.

Section 2. Definitions. In addition to the definitions set forth in the Resolution, which apply to any capitalized term used in this Disclosure Certificate unless otherwise defined in this Section, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

"Annual Financial Information" shall mean financial information or operating data of the type included in the final Official Statement, provided at least annually by the Issuer pursuant to, and as described in, Sections 3 and 4 of this Disclosure Certificate.

"Beneficial Owner" shall mean any person which (a) has the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or to dispose of ownership of, any Bonds (including persons holding Bonds through nominees, depositories or other intermediaries), or (b) is treated as the owner of any Bonds for federal income tax purposes.

"Business Day" shall mean a day other than a Saturday or a Sunday or a day on which banks in Iowa are authorized or required by law to close.

"Dissemination Agent" shall mean the Issuer or any Dissemination Agent designated in writing by the Issuer and which has filed with the Issuer a written acceptance of such designation.

"Financial Obligation" shall mean a (i) debt obligation; (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (iii) guarantee of (i) or (ii). The term "Financial Obligation" does not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with S.E.C. Rule 15c2-12.

"Holders" shall mean the registered holders of the Bonds, as recorded in the registration books of the Registrar.

"Listed Events" shall mean any of the events listed in Section 5(a) of this Disclosure Certificate.

"Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board" or "MSRB" shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, 1300 I Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005.

"National Repository" shall mean the MSRB's Electronic Municipal Market Access website, a/k/a "EMMA" (emma.msrb.org).

"Official Statement" shall mean the Issuer's Official Statement for the Bonds, dated _____, 2025.

"Participating Underwriter" shall mean any of the original underwriters of the Bonds required to comply with the Rule in connection with offering of the Bonds.

"Rule" shall mean Rule 15c2-12 adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (S.E.C.) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and any guidance and procedures thereunder published by the S.E.C., as the same may be amended from time to time.

"State" shall mean the State of Iowa.

Section 3. Provision of Annual Financial Information.

- a. The Issuer shall, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent to, not later than the 15th day of April of each year following the close of the Issuer's fiscal year (currently June 30), commencing with information for the 2025/2026 fiscal year, provide to the National Repository an Annual Financial Information filing consistent with the requirements of Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate. The Annual Financial Information filing must be submitted in such format as is required by the MSRB (currently in "searchable PDF" format). The Annual Financial Information filing may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a

package. The Annual Financial Information filing may cross-reference other information as provided in Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate; provided that the audited financial statements of the Issuer may be submitted separately from the balance of the Annual Financial Information filing and later than the date required above for the filing of the Annual Financial Information if they are not available by that date. If the Issuer's fiscal year changes, it shall give notice of such change in the same manner as for a Listed Event under Section 5(c).

- b. If the Issuer is unable to provide to the National Repository the Annual Financial Information by the date required in subsection (a), the Issuer shall send a notice to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, if any, in substantially the form attached as Exhibit A.
- c. The Dissemination Agent shall:
 - i. each year file Annual Financial Information with the National Repository; and
 - ii. (if the Dissemination Agent is other than the Issuer), file a report with the Issuer certifying that the Annual Financial Information has been filed pursuant to this Disclosure Certificate, stating the date it was filed.

Section 4. Content of Annual Financial Information. The Issuer's Annual Financial Information filing shall contain or incorporate by reference the following:

- a. The last available audited financial statements of the Issuer for the prior fiscal year, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles promulgated by the Financial Accounting Standards Board as modified in accordance with the governmental accounting standards promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board or as otherwise provided under State law, as in effect from time to time, or, if and to the extent such financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, noting the discrepancies therefrom and the effect thereof. If the Issuer's audited financial statements for the preceding years are not available by the time Annual Financial Information is required to be filed pursuant to Section 3(a), the Annual Financial Information filing shall contain unaudited financial statements of the type included in the final Official Statement, and the audited financial statements shall be filed in the same manner as the Annual Financial Information when they become available.
- b. A table, schedule or other information prepared as of the end of the preceding fiscal year, of the type contained in the final Official Statement under the caption "Property Valuations", "Tax Rates", "Historic Tax Rates", "Tax Collection History", "Direct Debt", "Debt Limit", and "Financial Summary".

Any or all of the items listed above may be included by specific reference to other documents, including official statements of debt issues of the Issuer or related public entities, which have been filed with the National Repository. The Issuer shall clearly identify each such other document so included by reference.

Section 5. Reporting of Significant Events.

- a. Pursuant to the provisions of this Section, the Issuer shall give, or cause to be given, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds in a timely manner not later than 10 Business Days after the day of the occurrence of the event:
 - i. Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
 - ii. Non-payment related defaults, if material;
 - iii. Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
 - iv. Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements relating to the Bonds reflecting financial difficulties;
 - v. Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
 - vi. Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax-exempt status of the Series Bonds, or material events affecting the tax-exempt status of the Bonds;
 - vii. Modifications to rights of Holders of the Bonds, if material;
 - viii. Bond calls (excluding sinking fund mandatory redemptions), if material, and tender offers;
 - ix. Defeasances of the Bonds;
 - x. Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;
 - xi. Rating changes on the Bonds;
 - xii. Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Issuer;
 - xiii. The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Issuer or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
 - xiv. Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
 - xv. Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other terms of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer, any of which affect security holders, if material; and
 - xvi. Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial

Obligation of the Issuer, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

- b. Whenever the Issuer obtains the knowledge of the occurrence of a Listed Event, the Issuer shall determine if the occurrence is subject to notice only if material, and if so shall as soon as possible determine if such event would be material under applicable federal securities laws.
- c. If the Issuer determines that knowledge of the occurrence of a Listed Event is not subject to materiality, or determines such occurrence is subject to materiality and would be material under applicable federal securities laws, the Issuer shall promptly, but not later than 10 Business Days after the occurrence of the event, file a notice of such occurrence with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board through the filing with the National Repository.

Section 6. Additional Filing. The Issuer's audited financial statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, were not available for inclusion in the Final Official Statement. The Issuer agrees to file these audited financial statements in the same manner as the Annual Financial Information when they become available.

Section 7. Termination of Reporting Obligation. The Issuer's obligations under this Disclosure Certificate with respect to each Series of Bonds shall terminate upon the legal defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds of that Series or upon the Issuer's receipt of an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel to the effect that, because of legislative action or final judicial action or administrative actions or proceedings, the failure of the Issuer to comply with the terms hereof will not cause Participating Underwriters to be in violation of the Rule or other applicable requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Section 8. Dissemination Agent. The Issuer may, from time to time, appoint or engage a Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate, and may discharge any such Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent. The Dissemination Agent shall not be responsible in any manner for the content of any notice or report prepared by the Issuer pursuant to this Disclosure Certificate. The initial Dissemination Agent shall be the Issuer.

Section 9. Amendment; Waiver. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the Issuer may amend this Disclosure Certificate, and any provision of this Disclosure Certificate may be waived, provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

- a. If the amendment or waiver relates to the provisions of Section 3(a), 4, or 5(a), it may only be made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, change in law, or change in the identity, nature or status of an obligated person with respect to the Bonds, or the type of business conducted;
- b. The undertaking, as amended or taking into account such waiver, would, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of the original issuance of the Bonds, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances; and
- c. The amendment or waiver either (i) is approved by the Holders of the Bonds in the same manner as provided in the Resolution for amendments to the Resolution with the consent of Holders, or (ii) does not, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, materially impair the interests of the Holders or Beneficial Owners of the Bonds.

In the event of any amendment or waiver of a provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the Issuer shall describe such amendment in the next Annual Financial Information filing, and shall include, as applicable, a narrative explanation of the reason for the amendment or waiver and its impact on the type (or in the case of a change of accounting principles, on the presentation) of financial information or operating data being presented by the Issuer. In addition, if the amendment relates to the accounting principles to be followed in preparing financial statements, (i) notice of such change shall be given in the same manner as for a Listed Event under Section 5(c), and (ii) the Annual Financial Information filing for the year in which the change is made will present a comparison or other discussion in narrative form (and also, if feasible, in quantitative form) describing or illustrating the material differences between the financial statements as prepared on the basis of the new accounting principles and those prepared on the basis of the former accounting principles.

Section 10. Additional Information. Nothing in this Disclosure Certificate shall be deemed to prevent the Issuer from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Disclosure Certificate or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Financial Information filing or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is required by this Disclosure Certificate. If the Issuer chooses to include any information in any Annual Financial Information filing or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event in addition to that which is specifically required by this Disclosure Certificate, the Issuer shall have no obligation under this Certificate to update such information or include it in any future Annual Financial Information filing or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event.

Section 11. Default. In the event of a failure of the Issuer to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Certificate, any Holder or Beneficial Owner of the Bonds may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandate or specific performance by court order, to cause the Issuer to comply with its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate. Direct, indirect, consequential and punitive damages shall not be recoverable by any person for any default hereunder and are hereby waived to the extent permitted by law. A default under this

Disclosure Certificate shall not be deemed an event of default under the Resolution, and the sole remedy under this Disclosure Certificate in the event of any failure of the Issuer to comply with this Disclosure Certificate shall be an action to compel performance.

Section 12. Duties, Immunities and Liabilities of Dissemination Agent. The Dissemination Agent shall have only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Disclosure Certificate, and the Issuer agrees to indemnify and save the Dissemination Agent, its officers, directors, employees and agents, harmless against any loss, expense and liabilities which it may incur arising out of or in the exercise or performance of its powers and duties hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) of defending against any claim of liability, but excluding liabilities due to the Dissemination Agent's negligence or willful misconduct. The obligations of the Issuer under this Section shall survive resignation or removal of the Dissemination Agent and payment of the Bonds.

Section 13. Beneficiaries. This Disclosure Certificate shall inure solely to the benefit of the Issuer, the Dissemination Agent, the Participating Underwriters and Holders and Beneficial Owners from time to time of the Bonds, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

Section 14. Rescission Rights. The Issuer hereby reserves the right to rescind this Disclosure Certificate without the consent of the Holders in the event the Rule is repealed by the S.E.C. or is ruled invalid by a federal court and the time to appeal from such decision has expired. In the event of a partial repeal or invalidation of the Rule, the Issuer hereby reserves the right to rescind those provisions of this Disclosure Certificate that were required by those parts of the Rule that are so repealed or invalidated.

Date: _____ day of _____, 2025.

DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL
DISTRICT, STATE OF IOWA

By: _____
President

ATTEST:

By: _____
Secretary of the Board of Directors

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE TO NATIONAL REPOSITORY OF
FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Name of Issuer: Decorah Community School District, Iowa.

Name of Bond Issue: \$ _____ General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025

Dated Date of Issue: December 18, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Issuer has not provided Annual Financial Information with respect to the above-named Bonds as required by Section 3 of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate delivered by the Issuer in connection with the Bonds. The Issuer anticipates that the Annual Financial Information will be filed by _____.

Dated: _____ day of _____, 20__.

DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL
DISTRICT, STATE OF IOWA

By: _____
Its: _____

APPENDIX D – AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE ISSUER

This Appendix contains the entire 2024 audited financial statement of the issuer. The Auditor of State of the State of Iowa (the "State Auditor") maintains a webpage that contains prior years' audits of city, county, school district and community college, including audits of the Issuer.

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**DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DECORAH, IOWA**

FINANCIAL REPORT

JUNE 30, 2024

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DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS

Name	Title	Term Expires
<u>Board of Education</u>		
(Before 2023 Election)		
Ronald Fadness	President	2025
John Hjelle	Vice President	2023
Brian Petersburg	Board Member	2023
Ben Lange	Board Member	2023
Cindy Goodner	Board Member	2025
(After 2023 Election)		
Cindy Goodner	President	2025
Ronald Fadness	Vice President	2025
Brian Petersburg	Board Member	2027
Carole Sand	Board Member	2027
Aaron Zander	Board Member	2027
<u>School Officials</u>		
Tim Cronin	Superintendent	
Cathy Dietzenbach	Director of Business Services/Treasurer	
Darlene Woodhouse	Board Secretary	



Hacker Nelson & Co., CPAs

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Board of Education
Decorah Community School District
Decorah, Iowa

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Decorah Community School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District'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, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Decorah Community School District, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards 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 Decorah Community School District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's 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 the Decorah Community School District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Decorah Community School District'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.

Required Supplementary Information

U.S. generally accepted accounting principles require that the management's discussion and analysis, the budgetary comparison information, the schedule of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability, the schedule of District contributions and the schedule of changes in the District's total OPEB liability, related ratios and notes on pages 5 through 5i and pages 38 through 43 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental 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 U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, 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 Decorah Community School District's June 30, 2024 basic financial statements. We previously audited, in accordance with the standards referred to in the third paragraph of this report, the financial statements for the nine years ended June 30, 2023 (which are not presented herein) and expressed unmodified opinions on those financial statements. The supplementary information included in Schedules 1 through 6, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The supplementary information shown on Schedules 1 through 6, including the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate 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 U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. In our opinion, the supplementary information shown on Schedules 1 through 6, including the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the years ended June 30, 2015 through 2024 basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 19, 2025, on our consideration of the Decorah Community School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 Decorah Community School District'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 Decorah Community School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Hacker, Nelson + Co., CPAs

Decorah, Iowa
February 19, 2025

DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DECORAH, IOWA

Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Management of the Decorah Community School District provides this management's discussion and analysis of its financial statements. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at Decorah Community School District's financial performance as a whole with comparisons to the previous fiscal year activities. Readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

2024 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

In total, net position increased by \$3,419,628 or 10.14% from fiscal year 2023. Net position in governmental activities increased by \$3,329,853, which represented an 10.06% increase from fiscal year 2023. The District's expenses were up 7.52% from fiscal year 2023. The District's revenues increased 4.64% from fiscal year 2023. Net position in the business-type activities, which represents the District's food service operations and Viking Café, increased \$89,775, which represented an 14.31% increase from fiscal year 2023.

General fund revenues (which include the instructional support fund) accounted for \$23,027,867 in revenue or 78.91% of all governmental revenues. General fund expenditures (which include the instructional support fund) accounted for \$23,398,359 in expenditures or 77.17% of all governmental expenditures.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

These statements are organized so the reader can understand Decorah Community School District as a financial whole or as an entire operating entity. The annual report consists of a series of financial statements, notes to those statements and other information, as follows:

Management's discussion and analysis introduces the basic financial statements and provides an analytical overview of the District's financial activities.

The government-wide financial statements consist of a statement of net position and a statement of activities. These provide information about the activities of Decorah Community School District as a whole and present an overall view of the District's finances.

The fund financial statements tell how governmental and business-type activities services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements report Decorah Community School District's operations in more detail than the government-wide financial statements by providing information about the most significant funds with all other nonmajor funds presented in total in a single column.

Notes to financial statements provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

Required supplementary information further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the District's budget for the year, the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability and related contributions, as well as presenting the schedule of changes in the District's total OPEB liability, related ratios and notes.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)

Other supplementary information provides detailed information about the nonmajor funds and compares governmental fund activity to prior years. In addition, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards provides details of various federal programs benefiting the District.

REPORTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide financial statements report the District's net position and how it has changed. Net position is one way to measure the District's financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position is an indicator of whether financial position is improving or deteriorating. To assess the District's overall health, additional non-financial factors, such as changes in the District's property tax base and the condition of school buildings and other facilities, need to be considered.

In the government-wide financial statements, the District's activities are divided into two categories:

- **Governmental activities:** most of the District's programs and services are reported here, such as regular and special education, transportation and administration. Property tax and state aid finance most of these activities.
- **Business-type activities:** the District charges fees to help cover the costs of certain services it provides. The District's school nutrition program and the Viking Café are included here.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's funds focusing on its most significant or "major" funds - not the District as a whole. Funds are accounting devices the District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs.

Some funds are required by state law and by bond covenants. The District uses different funds in accordance with the Uniform Financial Accounting for Iowa LEA's, as required by the Iowa Department of Education, to record its financial transactions. The District establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes, such as accounting for student activity funds, or to show it is properly using certain revenues, such as federal grants.

However, these fund financial statements focus on the District's most significant funds. The District's major governmental funds for fiscal year 2024 are the general fund, the management levy-special revenue fund, the statewide sales, services and use tax-capital project fund, and the physical plant and equipment levy-capital project fund.

REPORTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

The District has two kinds of funds:

- 1) **Governmental funds:** most of the District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs.

The District's governmental funds include the general fund, the special revenue funds, the debt service fund, and the capital project funds.

The required financial statements for governmental funds include a balance sheet and a statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances.

- 2) **Proprietary funds:** services for which the District charges a fee are generally reported in the proprietary funds and are reported in the same way as the government-wide financial statements. The District's enterprise funds, one type of proprietary fund, is the same as its business-type activities but provides more detail and additional information, such as cash flows. The District's enterprise funds are the school nutrition fund and the Viking Café fund.

The required financial statements for proprietary funds include a statement of net position, a statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position and a statement of cash flows.

Reconciliations between the government-wide financial statements and the governmental fund financial statements follow the governmental fund financial statements.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of financial position. The District's net position at the end of fiscal year 2024 for governmental activities was \$36,416,077 and for business-type activities was \$716,958.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Continued)

The following is a summary perspective of the statement of net position of the District as a whole for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023.

	Condensed Statement of Net Position (Expressed in Thousands)					
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Current and other assets	\$ 23,100	\$ 23,895	\$ 713	\$ 756	\$ 23,813	\$ 24,651
Capital assets	37,775	36,364	169	60	37,944	36,424
Total assets	60,875	60,259	882	816	61,757	61,075
Deferred outflows of resources	2,514	1,643	97	55	2,611	1,698
Current liabilities	3,870	4,735	107	104	3,977	4,839
Noncurrent liabilities	10,218	11,041	115	101	10,333	11,142
Total liabilities	14,088	15,776	222	205	14,310	15,981
Deferred inflows of resources	12,885	13,040	41	39	12,926	13,079
Net position:						
Net investment in capital assets	34,107	30,794	169	60	34,276	30,854
Restricted	5,729	6,189	41	41	5,770	6,230
Unrestricted (deficit)	(3,420)	(3,897)	506	526	(2,914)	(3,371)
Total net position	\$ 36,416	\$ 33,086	\$ 716	\$ 627	\$ 37,132	\$ 33,713

The District's total net position at June 30, 2024 was \$37,133,035. The largest portion of the District's net position is invested in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, equipment, right-to-use equipment/building, and right-to-use IT subscription), less the related debt. The debt related to the investment in capital assets is liquidated with resources other than capital assets.

Restricted net position represents resources subject to external restrictions, constitutional provisions or enabling legislation on how they can be used. The District's restricted net position decreased approximately \$460,000 or 7.43%, from the prior year. This is primarily due to a decrease in the capital project funds which was partially offset by an increase in the management levy fund.

Unrestricted net position - the part of net position that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation or other legal requirements - increased approximately \$457,000 or 11.73%. This increase in unrestricted net position was primarily a result of receiving more property tax and grant revenues, which offset an increase in the District's net pension liability.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Continued)

As shown below, the following analysis shows the change in net position for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023.

	Changes in Net Position (Expressed in Thousands)					
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
REVENUES						
Program revenue:						
Charges for service	\$ 3,313	\$ 3,376	\$ 668	\$ 643	\$ 3,981	\$ 4,019
Operating grants	4,184	4,238	512	623	4,696	4,861
Capital grants			129		129	-
General revenue:						
Property taxes	11,792	11,436			11,792	11,436
Sales tax and surtax	2,006	2,098			2,006	2,098
Unrestricted state grants	7,019	6,859			7,019	6,859
American Rescue Plan Act	517	328			517	328
Unrestricted investment earnings	263	194	30	9	293	203
Gain (loss) on the sale of capital assets	244	(420)			244	(420)
Transfers	35	15	(35)	(15)	-	-
Other revenue	89	19			89	19
Total revenues	29,462	28,143	1,304	1,260	30,766	29,403
PROGRAM EXPENSES						
Instruction	15,617	14,283			15,617	14,283
Student support	8,611	8,147			8,611	8,147
Non-instructional programs			1,215	1,092	1,215	1,092
Other expenses	1,904	1,912			1,904	1,912
Total expenses	26,132	24,342	1,215	1,092	27,347	25,434
Change in net position	3,330	3,801	89	168	3,419	3,969
NET POSITION, beginning of year	33,086	29,285	627	459	33,713	29,744
NET POSITION, end of year	\$ 36,416	\$ 33,086	\$ 716	\$ 627	\$ 37,132	\$ 33,713

In fiscal year 2024, property tax, statewide sales, services and use tax, income surtax and unrestricted state grants accounted for 70.66% of the revenue from governmental activities while charges for services and operating grants accounted for 100% of the revenue from business-type activities.

The District's total revenues were approximately \$30.8 million, of which approximately \$29.5 million was for governmental activities and approximately \$1.3 million was for business-type activities.

The District as a whole experienced an 4.64% increase in revenues and an 7.52% increase in expenses. The increase in expenses is primarily related to the increase in the pension expense.

INDIVIDUAL FUND ANALYSIS

The Decorah Community School District uses fund accounting on the modified accrual basis of accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds Highlights

As the District completed the year, its governmental funds reported a fund balance of \$8,851,417, a \$840,420 decrease from the 2023 fiscal year end balance of \$9,691,837.

- The general fund received approximately \$1,136,000 more revenue during fiscal year 2024 than in the prior year. Overall expenditures increased by approximately \$1,254,000. The ending fund balance showed a decrease of \$335,927 compared to a decrease of \$161,375 in the prior year. The District did receive \$517,188 of Education Stabilization Fund for the American Rescue Plan School Emergency Relief Fund.
- The management levy fund received more revenue during fiscal year 2024 through property taxes. The management levy fund expenditures increased due to an increase in insurance premiums and early retirement payments in 2024. The ending fund balance showed an increase of \$571,920 to \$1,307,518.
- The statewide sales, services and use tax generated less revenue during fiscal year 2024. Overall expenditures increased due to the purchase of the Heivly property for the new elementary building location. The ending fund balance showed a decrease of \$506,552 from the prior year, with the ending balance of \$2,752,879.
- The capital project fund physical plant and equipment levy expenditures decreased due to more equipment purchases than in the prior year. Overall expenditures decreased by \$870,000 compared to the prior year. The ending fund balance showed a decrease of \$601,847 from the prior year, with the ending balance of \$347,460. The decrease was mainly due to transfers of approximately \$633,000 to the debt service fund.

Proprietary Funds Highlights

For the fiscal year 2024, the school nutrition fund net position increased \$89,864, representing an increase of approximately 14.39%. The District's school nutrition fund revenues increased from the prior fiscal year, primarily due to federal funding received for the Healthy Kids equipment grant funds and this was offset with a minimal increase in operating expenses allowing the school nutrition fund net position to increase.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The District's Board of Education annually adopts a budget as required by Iowa law. Proper public notice and a required public hearing are held before final approval of the budget. State statute requires approval of the budget on or before April 15 of each year. The budget document presents functional expenditures by fund and the legal level of control is at the expense level by total instruction, total support services, total non-instructional programs, total other expenditures, and total expenditures. The District amends the budget, as allowed by Iowa law, generally once per year to reflect the additional revenues and expenditures that may occur during the school year. Over the course of the year, Decorah Community School District adopted one budget amendment to reflect additional expenditures throughout the District.

The District's total revenues were \$1,061,000, more than total budgeted revenues, a variance of 3.60%. The most significant variance resulted from the District receiving more in local sources, causing the total amount received to be more than originally anticipated.

Total expenditures were less than budgeted, due primarily to the District's budget for instruction and support services. It is the District's practice to budget expenditures within the authorized spending authority for the general fund. The District then manages or controls general fund and other fund spending through its line-item budget. As a result, the District's certified budget should always exceed actual expenditures for the year.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS (Continued)

In spite of the District’s budgetary practice, the amended budget was exceeded in the non-instructional programs and other expenditures functions mainly from additional equipment and property acquisitions.

The following chart shows the original and final budget for fiscal year 2024 as well as the actual revenues and expenditures for the year:

	Budgetary Comparison Schedule (Expressed in Thousands)			
	Actual Basis	Budgeted Amounts		Variance
		Original	Final	
Revenues:				
Local sources	\$ 16,089	\$ 15,245	\$ 15,245	\$ 844
Intermediate sources		978	978	(978)
State sources	12,587	12,220	12,220	367
Federal sources	1,846	1,018	1,018	828
Total revenues	\$ 30,522	\$ 29,461	\$ 29,461	\$ 1,061
Expenditures/Expenses:				
Instruction	\$ 16,183	\$ 16,016	\$ 17,000	\$ 817
Support services	8,488	9,468	9,468	980
Non-instructional programs	1,215	1,167	1,167	(48)
Other expenditures	5,650	3,916	5,081	(569)
Total expenditures/expenses	\$ 31,536	\$ 30,567	\$ 32,716	\$ 1,180

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2024, the District’s governmental activities had invested \$37,774,658 (net of accumulated depreciation/amortization) in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings, vehicles, technology (including computer equipment), media/audio visual equipment and classroom equipment.

The District’s governmental activities had depreciation/amortization expense of \$2,473,987 for fiscal year 2024 and total accumulated depreciation/amortization of \$31,353,652 as of June 30, 2024.

The District’s business-type activities had invested \$169,498 (net of accumulated depreciation) in capital assets of equipment. The District’s business-type activities had depreciation expense of \$36,194 for fiscal year 2024 and total accumulated depreciation of \$1,148,650 as of June 30, 2024.

More detailed information about capital assets is available in Note 6 to the financial statements.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

The following chart shows the comparison in capital assets for 2024 and 2023.

	Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation)					
	(Expressed in Thousands)					
	Governmental		Business-type		Total	
	Activities		Activities			
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Land	\$ 2,684	\$ 709			\$ 2,684	\$ 709
Construction in progress	1,181	625			1,181	625
Land improvements	1,762	1,554			1,762	1,554
Buildings	28,264	29,106			28,264	29,106
Furniture and equipment	3,874	4,350	\$ 169	\$ 60	4,043	4,410
Right-to-use IT subscription	10	20			10	20
Total	\$ 37,775	\$ 36,364	\$ 169	\$ 60	\$ 37,944	\$ 36,424

As of June 30, 2024, the District had \$3,865,722 in long-term debt and other liabilities outstanding compared to \$5,763,624 from the prior year. More detailed information about the District’s long-term debt can be found in Note 7 to the financial statements.

The following chart shows the debt comparison between 2024 and 2023.

	Long-term Debt Obligations			
	Balance			Balance
	June 30, 2023	Additions	Reductions	June 30, 2024
Bonds/Capital Loan Notes:				
General obligation bonds	\$ 940,000		\$ 550,000	\$ 390,000
Tax revenue bonds	2,500,000		355,000	2,145,000
Capital loan notes	560,000		560,000	-
Total bonds/capital loan notes	4,000,000	\$ -	1,465,000	2,535,000
Other Liabilities:				
Equipment purchase agreements	1,549,798		426,965	1,122,833
IT subscription liability	19,895		9,784	10,111
Compensated absences	93,306	159,028	93,306	159,028
Termination benefits	100,625		61,875	38,750
Total other liabilities	1,763,624	159,028	591,930	1,330,722
Total long-term debt	\$ 5,763,624	\$ 159,028	\$ 2,056,930	\$ 3,865,722

ECONOMIC FACTORS BEARING ON THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE

Current Issues

At the time these financial statements were prepared and audited, the District was aware of several existing circumstances that could significantly affect its financial health in the future:

- The District purchased the Heivly Island from the City of Decorah. This property included one half of the tennis courts and the City softball field, half of the baseball field and the school softball field. The Board has started looking at building designs and hired an architect and a Construction Manager At-Risk to help in the building design process to keep costs down.
- The 2023-24 was the last year of the agreement with Mabel-Canton Public School where students could attend from Decorah. Parents and students attended the December 11, 2023 board meeting to plead their case to renew the agreement. In the 2024-25 school year, these parents set up Educational Guardianships for their students to attend the Mabel-Canton Public School. This is the reduction of 27 students to the 2024-25 Certified Enrollment and will reflect in less state aide in the 2025-26 school year.
- Certified Enrollment for 2024-25 was down 58 students. This will affect the funding the District receives in the 2025-26 school year. Half of the students were due to the Mabel-Canton students. The remainder of the loss of students was due to Montessori setting up an accredited school district status.
- The 2023-24 school year was the final year of ESSER funding and expenditures. The District had two teachers that were being paid from ESSER Funds. These staff are current staff in 2024-25 and their salary and benefits are general fund general expenditures and Teacher Leadership Compensation expenditures.
- The District went out for a \$38 million dollar bond issue on November 5, 2024, which passed at 66.7% yes votes. This was more than 60% of the majority vote needed. The Board of Education will pursue with the schematic design work from November to January 2025 and the design development from January to April 2025.
- With the influx of new English Learner students, the Board approved the hiring of a third English Language Learner teacher for 2024-25. Any reimbursement not received from the Iowa Department of Education can be requested through modified allowable growth.
- In 2023-24, the District had operational sharing positions with Howard-Winneshiek and Eastern Allamakee. Both agreements were cancelled for the 2024-25 school year.
- The District requested to be a part of the Upper Iowa Athletic Conference but was denied. The District requested a hearing with the Iowa Department of Education. At that hearing, the District presented a letter from WaMaC conference regarding various factors, including how distance between Decorah and the other schools would be a detriment. Dr. Snow from the Iowa Department of Education denied the requests, so the District is now an independent school for the 2025-26 school year. The District will plan to engage with key decision-makers involved in the process to gather their insights and guide the District's planning process.
- The boilers at West Side have been acting up. The District is hoping they make it through the 2024-25 school year. If they do not, the District is working on a contingency plan to provide service to the Early Childhood students at West Side in other District facilities.

ECONOMIC FACTORS BEARING ON THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE (Continued)

Current Issues (Continued)

- The state set up a new Chronic Absenteeism policy for all public schools in Iowa. Chronic Absenteeism occurs when a student misses 10% or more of scheduled school days or instructional hours. Both excused and unexcused absences contribute to this total. However, exempt absences—such as those for legitimate medical reasons with documentation, religious services, or court-ordered activities—do not count toward the chronic absenteeism threshold. Only non-exempt absences, excused or unexcused (such as family vacations), are included in calculating a student's absenteeism rate. Truancy applies to students aged 6 to 16 (if they have yet to turn 16 by September 15 of the current school year) as defined by Iowa's compulsory education law. A student is considered truant if they accumulate 20% or more non-exempt absences, including excused but non-exempt absences (such as family vacations or undocumented medical appointments) and unexcused absences (such as skipping school or failing to provide a reason). Truancy is determined solely by non-exempt absences, regardless of whether the school has excused or approved them. The District is working with these parameters to notify parents of their children's attendance.
- The Decorah High School received the National Blue Ribbons Schools Award. There were 5 out of the State of Iowa. Schools recognized through the National Blue Ribbon Schools program must display high achievements such as either an Exemplary High-Performing School or an Exemplary Achievement Gap-Closing School. Selection is based on student assessment scores, student group scores and graduation rates. Iowa's five awardees were honored as Exemplary High-Performing Schools, which are measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests. Each of these schools performed in the top 15 percent of all Iowa public schools based on overall performance on school accountability indicators, including student proficiency, growth, graduation rates, and postsecondary readiness.

Iowa's 2024 National Blue Ribbons Schools are:

- Alta-Aurelia Middle School, Alta-Aurelia Community School District
- Decorah High School, Decorah Community School District
- Nodaway Valley Middle School, Nodaway Valley Community School District
- Rock Run Elementary, Iowa Falls Community School District
- Rock Valley Elementary, Rock Valley Community School District

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide the District's citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of Decorah Community School District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, please contact Ms. Cathy Dietzenbach, Director of Business Services/Treasurer, Decorah Community School District, 1732 Old Stage Road, Decorah, Iowa 52101.

DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,177,312	\$ 704,627	\$ 10,881,939
Receivables:			
Property tax:			
Delinquent	45,100		45,100
Succeeding year	10,841,413		10,841,413
Accounts	679,725		679,725
Due from other funds	22,823	(22,823)	-
Due from other governments	1,333,689	6,764	1,340,453
Inventories		24,550	24,550
Capital assets, non-depreciable	3,865,233		3,865,233
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization	33,909,425	169,498	34,078,923
Total assets	<u>60,874,720</u>	<u>882,616</u>	<u>61,757,336</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
OPEB related deferred outflows	152,172	4,676	156,848
Pension related deferred outflows	2,362,048	92,772	2,454,820
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>2,514,220</u>	<u>97,448</u>	<u>2,611,668</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 63,388,940</u>	<u>\$ 980,064</u>	<u>\$ 64,369,004</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 130,156		\$ 130,156
Salaries and benefits payable	2,271,067	\$ 74,520	2,345,587
Unearned revenues	82,176	32,615	114,791
Accrued interest payable	11,421		11,421
Long-term liabilities:			
Portion due within one year:			
Bonds payable	765,000		765,000
IT subscription liability	10,111		10,111
Equipment purchase agreements	413,087		413,087
Compensated absences	159,028		159,028
Termination benefits	27,500		27,500
Portion due after one year:			
Bonds payable	1,770,000		1,770,000
Equipment purchase agreements	709,746		709,746
Termination benefits	11,250		11,250
Net pension liability	6,623,463	80,594	6,704,057
Total OPEB liability	1,103,585	34,357	1,137,942
Total liabilities	<u>14,087,590</u>	<u>222,086</u>	<u>14,309,676</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Succeeding year property tax	10,841,413		10,841,413
Pension related deferred inflows	559,495	22,667	582,162
OPEB related deferred inflows	560,532	18,353	578,885
Other	923,833		923,833
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>12,885,273</u>	<u>41,020</u>	<u>12,926,293</u>
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	34,106,714	169,498	34,276,212
Restricted for:			
Debt service	395,166		395,166
School infrastructure	2,753,032		2,753,032
Management levy purposes	1,307,518		1,307,518
Student activities	333,567		333,567
Physical plant and equipment	347,460		347,460
Categorical funding	592,535		592,535
Nutrition meal donations		41,241	41,241
Unrestricted (deficit)	(3,419,915)	506,219	(2,913,696)
Total net position	<u>36,416,077</u>	<u>716,958</u>	<u>37,133,035</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	<u>\$ 63,388,940</u>	<u>\$ 980,064</u>	<u>\$ 64,369,004</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Functions and Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants	Capital Grants	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES							
Instruction:							
Regular	\$ 7,562,147	\$ 1,030,812	\$ 2,385,980		\$ (4,145,355)		\$ (4,145,355)
Special	4,561,557	1,561,316	498,638		(2,501,603)		(2,501,603)
Other	3,493,015	695,081	91,283		(2,706,651)		(2,706,651)
	<u>15,616,719</u>	<u>3,287,209</u>	<u>2,975,901</u>	\$ -	<u>(9,353,609)</u>	\$ -	<u>(9,353,609)</u>
Support services:							
Student	1,120,223	7,482			(1,112,741)		(1,112,741)
Instructional staff	1,093,464				(1,093,464)		(1,093,464)
Administration	2,199,567	18,037			(2,181,530)		(2,181,530)
Operation and maintenance plant	2,508,909				(2,508,909)		(2,508,909)
Transportation	1,689,359		453,406		(1,235,953)		(1,235,953)
	<u>8,611,522</u>	<u>25,519</u>	<u>453,406</u>	-	<u>(8,132,597)</u>	-	<u>(8,132,597)</u>
Other:							
Long-term debt interest	153,464				(153,464)		(153,464)
Facilities acquisition	22,199				(22,199)		(22,199)
AEA flowthrough	754,266		754,266		-		-
Depreciation/amortization (unallocated)*	973,725				(973,725)		(973,725)
	<u>1,903,654</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>754,266</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,149,388)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,149,388)</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>26,131,895</u>	<u>3,312,728</u>	<u>4,183,573</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(18,635,594)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(18,635,594)</u>
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES							
Non-instructional programs:							
Nutrition services	1,214,545	667,564	512,625	128,555		94,199	94,199
Viking Café	511	422				(89)	(89)
Total business-type activities	<u>1,215,056</u>	<u>667,986</u>	<u>512,625</u>	<u>128,555</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>94,110</u>	<u>94,110</u>
Total	<u>\$ 27,346,951</u>	<u>\$ 3,980,714</u>	<u>\$ 4,696,198</u>	<u>\$ 128,555</u>	<u>(18,635,594)</u>	<u>94,110</u>	<u>(18,541,484)</u>
GENERAL REVENUES							
Property taxes levied for:							
General purposes					8,533,917		8,533,917
Management levy purposes					1,235,395		1,235,395
Physical plant and equipment					1,462,547		1,462,547
Debt service					560,016		560,016
Statewide sales, services and use tax					2,005,815		2,005,815
Unrestricted state grants					7,019,226		7,019,226
American Rescue Plan Act					517,188		517,188
Unrestricted investment earnings					263,291	30,230	293,521
Transfer in (out)					34,565	(34,565)	-
Gain on sale of capital assets					244,343		244,343
Other					89,144		89,144
Total general revenues					<u>21,965,447</u>	<u>(4,335)</u>	<u>21,961,112</u>
Change in net position					3,329,853	89,775	3,419,628
NET POSITION, beginning of year					33,086,224	627,183	33,713,407
NET POSITION, end of year					<u>\$ 36,416,077</u>	<u>\$ 716,958</u>	<u>\$ 37,133,035</u>

*This amount excludes the depreciation/amortization included in the direct expenses of the various programs.

See Notes to Financial Statements.

DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2024

	General	Special	Capital Project Funds		Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
		Revenue Fund Management Levy	Statewide Sales, Services and Use Tax	Physical Plant and Equipment Levy		
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,211,176	\$ 1,302,342	\$ 2,584,808	\$ 346,165	\$ 732,821	\$ 10,177,312
Receivables:						
Property tax:						
Delinquent	31,495	5,176		6,095	2,334	45,100
Succeeding year	7,930,965	1,040,037		1,479,622	390,789	10,841,413
Accounts	674,298				5,427	679,725
Due from other funds	22,823					22,823
Due from other governments	1,149,125		184,564			1,333,689
Total assets	\$ 15,019,882	\$ 2,347,555	\$ 2,769,372	\$ 1,831,882	\$ 1,131,371	\$ 23,100,062
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES						
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$ 108,588		\$ 16,493	\$ 4,800	\$ 275	\$ 130,156
Salaries and benefits payable	2,271,067					2,271,067
Unearned revenues	82,176					82,176
Total liabilities	2,461,831	\$ -	16,493	4,800	275	2,483,399
Deferred inflows of resources:						
Unavailable revenues:						
Succeeding year property tax	7,930,965	1,040,037		1,479,622	390,789	10,841,413
Other	923,833					923,833
Total deferred inflows of resources	8,854,798	1,040,037	-	1,479,622	390,789	11,765,246
Fund balances:						
Restricted for:						
Debt service					406,587	406,587
Categorical funding	592,535					592,535
Management levy purposes		1,307,518				1,307,518
Student activities					333,567	333,567
Physical plant and equipment				347,460		347,460
School infrastructure			2,752,879		153	2,753,032
Unassigned	3,110,718					3,110,718
Total fund balances	3,703,253	1,307,518	2,752,879	347,460	740,307	8,851,417
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$ 15,019,882	\$ 2,347,555	\$ 2,769,372	\$ 1,831,882	\$ 1,131,371	\$ 23,100,062

See Notes to Financial Statements.

DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2024

RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO NET POSITION

Total governmental fund balances		\$	8,851,417
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:			
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as assets in the governmental funds, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization of: \$31,353,652.			37,774,658
Pension and OPEB related deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources are not due and payable in the current year and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds, as follows:			
Deferred outflows of resources	\$	2,514,220	
Deferred inflows of resources		(1,120,027)	1,394,193
Some liabilities, including bonds payable, equipment purchase agreements, IT subscription liability, accrued interest, compensated absences payable, total OPEB liability and net pension liability, are not due and payable in the current year and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds:			
Bonds payable		(2,535,000)	
Equipment purchase agreements		(1,122,833)	
IT subscription liability		(10,111)	
Accrued interest		(11,421)	
Compensated absences		(159,028)	
Termination benefits		(38,750)	
Net pension liability		(6,623,463)	
Net OPEB liability		(1,103,585)	(11,604,191)
Net position of governmental activities per Exhibit A		\$	<u>36,416,077</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General	Special	Capital Project Funds		Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
		Revenue Fund Management Levy	Statewide Sales, Services and Use Tax	Physical Plant and Equipment Levy		
REVENUES						
Local sources:						
Local property tax	\$ 8,533,917	\$ 1,235,395		\$ 1,462,547	\$ 560,016	\$ 11,791,875
Tuition	1,544,016					1,544,016
Other	1,230,949	12,753	\$ 75,730	46,902	688,766	2,055,100
State sources	10,507,705	25,510	2,005,815	30,039	11,500	12,580,569
Federal sources	1,211,280					1,211,280
Total revenues	23,027,867	1,273,658	2,081,545	1,539,488	1,260,282	29,182,840
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
Instruction:						
Regular	8,109,211	93,410				8,202,621
Special	4,561,557					4,561,557
Other	2,721,218			39,876	657,843	3,418,937
	15,391,986	93,410	-	39,876	657,843	16,183,115
Support services:						
Student	1,012,761					1,012,761
Instructional staff	1,093,351	7,500		113		1,100,964
Administration	1,973,981	19,310	31	28,181		2,021,503
Operation and maintenance plant	2,019,074	430,845	8,831	121,454		2,580,204
Transportation	1,152,940	103,003		516,903		1,772,846
	7,252,107	560,658	8,862	666,651	-	8,488,278
Other:						
Long-term debt:						
Principal					1,886,568	1,886,568
Interest and fiscal charges					160,840	160,840
Facilities acquisition			1,997,199	851,330		2,848,529
AEA flowthrough	754,266					754,266
	754,266	-	1,997,199	851,330	2,047,408	5,650,203
Total expenditures	23,398,359	654,068	2,006,061	1,557,857	2,705,251	30,321,596
(DEFICIENCY) EXCESS OF REVENUES (UNDER) OVER EXPENDITURES	(370,492)	619,590	75,484	(18,369)	(1,444,969)	(1,138,756)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Operating transfers in	34,565			50,000	1,487,405	1,571,970
Operating transfers (out)		(47,670)	(845,807)	(633,478)	(10,450)	(1,537,405)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets			263,771			263,771
	34,565	(47,670)	(582,036)	(583,478)	1,476,955	298,336
Change in fund balances	(335,927)	571,920	(506,552)	(601,847)	31,986	(840,420)
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	4,039,180	735,598	3,259,431	949,307	708,321	9,691,837
FUND BALANCES, end of year	\$ 3,703,253	\$ 1,307,518	\$ 2,752,879	\$ 347,460	\$ 740,307	\$ 8,851,417

See Notes to Financial Statements.

DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	(840,420)
 Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Capital outlays to purchase or build capital assets are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, for governmental activities those costs are shown in the statement of net position and allocated over their estimated useful lives as annual depreciation/amortization expenses in the statement of activities. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeds depreciation/amortization in the current year, as follows:		
Depreciation/amortization	\$ (2,473,987)	
Capital outlays	3,903,886	1,429,899
 Repayment of long-term debt principal is an expenditures in the governmental funds, but it reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position and does not affect the statement of activities.		
		1,901,749
 The net effect of disposal of capital assets.		
		(19,428)
 Interest on long-term debt in the statement of activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recorded as an expenditure in the governmental funds when due. In the statement of activities, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due.		
		1,979
 The current year District IPERS contributions are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds but are reported as deferred outflows of resources in the statement of net position.		
		1,221,509
 Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds, as follows:		
Compensated absences	(65,722)	
Termination benefits	61,875	
Pension expense	(309,878)	
OPEB expense	(51,710)	(365,435)
 Change in net position of governmental activities per Exhibit B		
	\$	3,329,853

See Notes to Financial Statements.

DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
June 30, 2024

	School Nutrition Fund	Viking Café Fund	Total Proprietary Funds
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 702,220	\$ 2,407	\$ 704,627
Due from other governments	6,764		6,764
Inventories	24,550		24,550
Total current assets	733,534	2,407	735,941
NONCURRENT ASSETS			
Furniture and equipment	1,212,859	105,289	1,318,148
Less accumulated depreciation	(1,043,361)	(105,289)	(1,148,650)
Total noncurrent assets	169,498	-	169,498
Total assets	903,032	2,407	905,439
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
OPEB related deferred outflows	4,676		4,676
Pension related deferred outflows	92,772		92,772
Total deferred outflows of resources	97,448	-	97,448
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 1,000,480	\$ 2,407	\$ 1,002,887
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Due to other funds	\$ 22,823		\$ 22,823
Salaries and benefits payable	74,520		74,520
Unearned revenues	32,615		32,615
Total current liabilities	129,958	\$ -	129,958
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES			
Net pension liability	80,594		80,594
Total OPEB liability	34,357		34,357
Total noncurrent liabilities	114,951	-	114,951
Total liabilities	244,909	-	244,909
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Pension related deferred inflows	22,667		22,667
OPEB related deferred inflows	18,353		18,353
Total deferred inflows of resources	41,020	-	41,020
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	169,498		169,498
Restricted for meal donations	41,241		41,241
Unrestricted	503,812	2,407	506,219
Total net position	714,551	2,407	716,958
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	\$ 1,000,480	\$ 2,407	\$ 1,002,887

See Notes to Financial Statements.

DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	School Nutrition Fund	Viking Café Fund	Total Proprietary Funds
OPERATING REVENUES			
Local sources:			
Charges for services	\$ 667,564	\$ 422	\$ 667,986
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Non-instructional programs:			
Food service operations:			
Salaries and benefits	571,145		571,145
Purchased services	1,775		1,775
Supplies	605,431	511	605,942
Depreciation	36,194		36,194
Total operating expenses	1,214,545	511	1,215,056
Operating loss	(546,981)	(89)	(547,070)
NONOPERATING REVENUES			
Interest income	30,230		30,230
State sources	6,453		6,453
Federal sources	634,727		634,727
Total nonoperating revenues	671,410	-	671,410
Income before transfers	124,429	(89)	124,340
TRANSFER OUT	(34,565)	-	(34,565)
Change in net position	89,864	(89)	89,775
NET POSITION, beginning of year	624,687	2,496	627,183
NET POSITION, end of year	\$ 714,551	\$ 2,407	\$ 716,958

See Notes to Financial Statements.

DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	School Nutrition Fund	Viking Café Fund	Total Proprietary Funds
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash received from sale of lunches and breakfasts	\$ 668,196		\$ 668,196
Cash received from miscellaneous operating activities		\$ 422	422
Cash paid to employees for services	(431,492)		(431,492)
Cash paid to suppliers for goods or services	(499,812)	(511)	(500,323)
Cash paid on employees' behalf	(163,219)		(163,219)
Other payments	(1,775)		(1,775)
Net cash used in operating activities	(428,102)	(89)	(428,191)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Transfer out	(34,565)		(34,565)
State and federal grants received	555,191		555,191
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	520,626	-	520,626
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of equipment	(145,712)	-	(145,712)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Interest on investments	30,230	-	30,230
Net decrease in cash	(22,958)	(89)	(23,047)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year	725,178	2,496	727,674
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of year	\$ 702,220	\$ 2,407	\$ 704,627
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:			
Operating loss	\$ (546,981)	\$ (89)	\$ (547,070)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:			
Depreciation	36,194		36,194
Commodities used	81,143		81,143
Change in assets and liabilities:			
Inventories	1,941		1,941
Accounts payable	(288)		(288)
Due to other funds	22,823		22,823
Salaries and benefits payable	3,086		3,086
Unearned revenues	632		632
Pension liability	23,594		23,594
OPEB liability	(9,642)		(9,642)
Deferred outflows of resources	(42,859)		(42,859)
Deferred inflows of resources	2,255		2,255
Net cash used in operating activities	\$ (428,102)	\$ (89)	\$ (428,191)
Non-cash, noncapital financing activities:			
During the year ended June 30, 2024, the District received commodities valued at:	\$ 81,143		

See Notes to Financial Statements.

DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Nature of Operations and Significant Accounting Policies

a. Nature of Operations

The Decorah Community School District (the District) is a political subdivision of the State of Iowa. The District's primary purpose is to provide education from grades kindergarten through twelve, including special education and pre-kindergarten. The geographic area served includes the City of Decorah, Iowa, and the predominate agricultural territory in a portion of Winneshiek County. It is supported financially by local property taxes, state aid and state and federal grants for special projects. The District is governed by a five-member Board of Education whose members are elected on a non-partisan basis. The District has taxing authority and fundraising capabilities of its own. Final approval of the District's annual program and budget plans rests with the local Board of Education.

The District's financial statements are prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

b. Significant Accounting Policies

Scope of Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, Decorah Community School District has included all funds, organizations, agencies, boards, commissions and authorities. The District has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the District are such that exclusion would cause the District's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board 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 District 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 District; or the organization is fiscally dependent on the primary government. Also, any other organizations that due to the nature or significance of their relationship with the District should be included in the financial statements as component units. The District has no component units which meet the Governmental Accounting Standards Board criteria.

Joint Ventures

The District participates in jointly governed organizations that provide services to the District and meets the criteria of a joint venture since there is ongoing financial interest or responsibility by the participating governments. The District is a member of the Northeast Iowa Conference Schools 28E Retention Pool Trust and Decorah MetroNet.

Jointly Governed Organizations

The District participates in a jointly governed organization that provides services to the District but does not meet the criteria of a joint venture since there is no ongoing financial interest or responsibility by the participating governments. The District is a member of the Winneshiek County Assessor's Conference Board.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The statement of net position and the statement of activities report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the District. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by tax and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for service.

1. Nature of Operations and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

b. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Government-wide Financial Statements (Continued)

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 clearly identifiable with a specific function. 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 and 2) grants, contributions and interest restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Property tax and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. The general fund, the management levy-special revenue fund, the statewide sales, services and use tax-capital project fund, and the physical plant and equipment levy-capital project fund are the major governmental funds for the District. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor governmental funds.

The major funds of the financial reporting entity are described below:

Governmental

General Fund

The general fund is the general operating fund of the District. All general tax revenues and other revenues not allocated by law or contractual agreement to some other fund are accounted for in this fund. From the fund are paid the general operating expenditures, including instructional, support and other costs.

Special Revenue Funds

The special revenue funds are used to account for revenues derived from specific sources which are restricted or committed for expenditure for specific purposes other than debt or capital project. The major fund in this category is the management levy.

Capital Project Funds

The capital project funds are utilized to account for all resources used in the acquisition and construction of capital facilities and other capital assets, with the exception of those that are financed through enterprise funds. The major funds in this category are the statewide sales, services and use tax, and the physical plant and equipment levy.

The statewide sales, services and use tax are used to account for the purchase of capital assets using statewide sales tax and use tax proceeds.

The physical plant and equipment levy fund is used to account for the purchase of capital assets using property tax revenue.

Proprietary Funds

Enterprise Funds

The District's proprietary funds are the school nutrition fund and Viking Café fund. These funds are used to account for the food service operations and catering program of the District.

1. Nature of Operations and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

b. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The government-wide and proprietary fund 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. Property tax is recognized as revenue in the year for which it is levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been satisfied.

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. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days after year end.

Property tax, intergovernmental revenues (shared revenues, grants and reimbursements from other governments) and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, principal and interest on long-term debt, claims and judgments and compensated absences are recognized as expenditures only when payment is due. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under equipment purchase agreements and IT subscription liability are reported as other financing sources.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the District funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net position available to finance the program. It is the District's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs and then general revenues.

When an expenditure is incurred in governmental funds which can be paid using either restricted or unrestricted resources, the District's policy is generally to first apply the expenditure toward restricted fund balance and then to less-restrictive classifications - committed, assigned and then unassigned fund balances.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the District's enterprise funds are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for the enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

The District maintains its financial records on the cash basis. The financial statements of the District are prepared by making memorandum adjusting entries to the cash basis financial records.

1. Nature of Operations and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

b. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balance/Net Position

The following accounting policies are followed in preparing the financial statements:

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The District maintains one primary demand deposit account for each fund through which the cash resources are processed. All investment activity is carried on by the District in each individual fund. Investments are stated at fair value except for the investment in the Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust which is valued at amortized cost and non-negotiable certificates of deposit which are stated at amortized cost.

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, all short-term cash investments that are highly liquid are considered to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and, at the day of purchase, have a maturity date no longer than three months.

Property Tax Receivable

Property tax in governmental funds is accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Property tax receivable is recognized in these funds on the levy or lien date, which is the date the tax asking is certified by the Board of Education. Delinquent property tax receivable represents unpaid taxes for the current and prior years. The succeeding year property tax receivable represents taxes certified by the Board of Education to be collected in the next fiscal year for the purposes set out in the budget for the next fiscal year. By statute, the District is required to certify its budget to the County Auditor by April 15 of each year for the subsequent fiscal year. However, by statute, the tax asking and budget certification for the following fiscal year becomes effective on the first day of that year. Although the succeeding year property tax receivable has been recorded, the related revenue is reported as a deferred inflow of resources in both the government-wide and fund financial statements and will not be recognized as revenue until the year for which it is levied.

Property tax revenue recognized in these funds become due and collectible in September and March of the fiscal year with a 1 1/2% per month penalty for delinquent payments; is based on January 1, 2022 assessed property valuations; is for the tax accrual period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and reflects the tax asking contained in the budget certified to the County Board of Supervisors in April 2023.

Interfund Transactions

During the course of its operations, the District has numerous transactions between funds. To the extent that certain transactions between funds had not been paid or received as of June 30, 2024, balances of interfund amounts receivable or payable have been recorded in the fund financial statements. Most of the interfund transactions have been eliminated on the government-wide statements.

Due from Other Governments

Due from other governments represents amounts due from the State of Iowa, various shared revenues, grants and reimbursements from other governments.

Inventories

Inventories are valued at cost using the first-in, first-out method for purchased items and government commodities. Inventories of proprietary funds are recorded as expenses when consumed rather than when purchased or received.

1. Nature of Operations and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

b. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balance/Net Position (Continued)

The following accounting policies are followed in preparing the financial statements (continued):

Capital Assets

Capital assets are tangible and intangible assets, which include property, furniture and equipment are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide statement of net position. When purchased, such assets are recorded as expenditures in the governmental funds and capitalized. Capital assets in the proprietary funds are capitalized in the fund in which they are utilized. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repair that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost in excess of the following thresholds and estimated useful lives in excess of two years:

Asset Class	Amount
Land	\$ 2,000
Buildings	2,000
Improvements other than buildings	2,000
Intangibles	100,000
Right-to-use IT subscription assets	2,000
Furniture and equipment:	
School nutrition fund equipment	500
Other furniture and equipment	2,000

Land and construction in progress are not depreciated. Capital assets are depreciated/amortized using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Asset Class	Estimated Useful Lives
Buildings	50 years
Improvements other than buildings	20 - 50 years
Intangibles	5 - 10 years
Right-to-use IT subscription assets	2 - 15 years
Furniture and equipment	5 - 15 years

Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA)

Decorah Community School District has entered into a contract that conveys control of the right to use information technology software. The District has recognized an IT subscription liability and an intangible right-to-use IT subscription asset in the government-wide financial statements. The District recognized IT subscription liabilities with an initial, individual value of \$2,000 or more.

1. Nature of Operations and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

b. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balance/Net Position (Continued)

The following accounting policies are followed in preparing the financial statements (continued):

Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA) (Continued)

At commencement of the IT subscription term, the District initially measures the subscription liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the subscription term. Subsequently, the IT subscription liability is reduced by the principal portion of payments made. The right-to-use an IT subscription asset is initially measured as the sum of the initial IT subscription liability, adjusted for payments made at or before the commencement date, plus capitalization implementation costs less any incentives received from the SBITA vendor at or before the commencement of the subscription term. Subsequently, the right-to-use IT subscription asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life.

Key estimates and judgments related to IT subscription arrangements include how Decorah Community School District determines the discount rate it uses to discount the expected payments to present value, term and payments.

Decorah Community School District uses the interest rate charged by the IT subscription vendor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the vendor is not provided, the District generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate.

The IT subscription term includes the noncancellable period of the subscription. Payments included in the measurement of the liability are composed of fixed payments.

The District monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its IT subscription and will remeasure the right-to-use IT subscription asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the subscription liability.

Right-to-use IT subscription assets are reported with other capital assets and IT subscription liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position.

Deferred Outflows of Resources

Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position applicable to a future year(s) which will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. Deferred outflows of resources consist of unrecognized items not yet charged to pension and OPEB expense, the unamortized portion of the net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments and contributions from the District after the measurement date but before the end of the District's reporting period.

Salaries and Benefits Payable

Payroll and related expenditures for teachers with annual contracts corresponding to the current school year, which are payable in July and August, have been accrued as liabilities. Also, wages for hourly employees earned in June and paid in July have been accrued as liabilities. The rate in effect at June 30, 2024 was used to calculate the salaries payable.

1. Nature of Operations and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

b. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balance/Net Position (Continued)

The following accounting policies are followed in preparing the financial statements (continued):

Unearned Revenues

Government-wide and proprietary funds defer revenue recognition in connection with resources that have been received but not earned. Unearned revenues consist primarily of hot lunch proceeds and student fees collected for the next school year.

Compensated Absences

District employees accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation for subsequent use or for payment upon termination, death or retirement. The compensated absences liability has been computed based on rates of pay in effect at June 30, 2024. The compensated absences liability attributable to the governmental activities will be paid primarily by the general fund.

Long-term Liabilities

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities column in the statement of net position. Termination benefits liability has been paid primarily by the nonmajor governmental management levy fund.

Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS) and additions to/deductions from IPERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by IPERS. For this purpose, benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions, are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value. The net pension liability attributable to the governmental activities will be paid primarily by the general fund.

Total OPEB Liability

For purposes of measuring the total OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB and OPEB expense, information has been determined based on the District's actuary report. For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The total OPEB liability attributable to the governmental activities and business-type activities will be paid primarily by the general fund and the enterprise fund-school nutrition fund.

Deferred Inflows of Resources

Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position applicable to a future year(s) which will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. Although certain revenues are measurable, they are not available. Available means collected within the current year or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. Deferred inflows of resources in the governmental fund financial statements represent the amount of assets that have been recognized, but the related revenue has not been recognized since the assets are not collected within the current year or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. Deferred inflows of resources in the fund financial statements consist of succeeding year property tax receivable, income surtax and other unavailable receivables.

1. Nature of Operations and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

b. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balance/Net Position (Continued)

The following accounting policies are followed in preparing the financial statements (continued):

Deferred Inflows of Resources (Continued)

Deferred inflows of resources in the statement of net position consist of succeeding year property tax receivable that will not be recognized until the year for which it is levied, income surtax and unrecognized items not yet charged to pension and OPEB expense.

Fund Balance

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balances are classified as follows:

Restricted - amounts restricted to specific purposes when constraints placed on the use of the resources are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors or state or federal laws or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unassigned - is the remaining fund balance, which is not included in other restricted classifications.

Net Position

The statement of net position presents the District's nonfiduciary assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Net position is reported in the following categories:

Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

Restricted net position consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws and regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Enabling legislation did not result in any restricted net position. Restricted net position is used first when an expense is incurred for purposes for both restricted and unrestricted net position.

Unrestricted net position consists of net position not meeting the definition of the preceding categories. Unrestricted net position is often subject to constraints imposed by management which can be removed or modified.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The budgetary comparison and related disclosures are reported as required supplementary information. During the year ended June 30, 2024, expenditures exceeded the certified budget amounts in the non-instructional programs and other expenditures functions.

Management Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The District's deposits in banks at June 30, 2024 were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the depositories to ensure there will be no loss of public funds.

The District is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the Board of Education; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

At June 30, 2024, the District had investments in the Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust (ISJIT) as follows:

	Amortized Cost
Diversified portfolio	\$ 2,758,717
Direct government obligations portfolio	2,309,446
Total	\$ 5,068,163

There were no limitations or restrictions on withdrawals of the ISJIT investments. The investments in ISJIT were rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's Financial Services.

The District had no investments meeting the disclosure requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 72.

3. Due from Other Governments

Due from other governments consist of the following at June 30, 2024:

Governmental:	
General fund:	
Title I	\$ 65,519
ESSER funds	79,680
Income surtax	923,833
Various programs	80,093
	1,149,125
Capital project fund:	
Statewide sales, services and use tax	184,564
Business-type activities:	
School nutrition fund	6,764
Total due from other governments	\$ 1,340,453

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

4. Due From and Due to Other Funds

The detail of interfund receivables and payables at June 30, 2024 is as follows:

	Due from Other Funds	Due to Other Funds
General fund	\$ 22,823	
School nutrition fund		\$ 22,823
Total	\$ 22,823	\$ 22,823

The interfund receivables and payables are for school nutrition fund reimbursing the general fund for indirect costs.

5. Interfund Transfers

The detail of interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2024 is as follows:

	Transfers In	Transfers Out
General fund	\$ 34,565	
Debt service fund	1,487,405	
Capital project funds:		
Statewide sales, services and use tax fund		\$ 845,807
Physical plant and equipment levy fund	50,000	633,478
Special revenue funds:		
Management levy		47,670
Student activity		10,450
Business-type activities:		
School nutrition fund		34,565
Total	\$ 1,571,970	\$ 1,571,970

The transfer to the general fund from the school nutrition fund was for administrative costs.

Transfers from the statewide sales, services and use tax fund and physical plant and equipment levy fund-capital project funds to the debt service fund were to move resources to help pay bond expenses.

The transfer from statewide sales, services, and use tax fund-capital project fund to the physical plant and equipment levy fund-capital project fund was for a bus purchase.

The transfer from the student activity fund to the debt service fund was to move resources to pay the right-to-use IT subscription.

The transfer from management levy-special revenue fund to the debt service fund was to move resources to pay for the device insurance coverage portion of equipment purchase agreements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

6. Capital Assets

Capital assets activity for the governmental activities for the year ended June 30, 2024 is as follows:

	Balance June 30, 2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2024
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 709,051	\$ 1,975,000		\$ 2,684,051
Construction in progress	624,859	851,330	\$ 295,007	1,181,182
Total capital assets not being depreciated	1,333,910	2,826,330	295,007	3,865,233
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Land improvements	3,792,498	322,271		4,114,769
Buildings and improvements	46,744,818	132,703		46,877,521
Furniture and equipment	13,634,188	917,589	311,335	14,240,442
Total capital assets being depreciated	64,171,504	1,372,563	311,335	65,232,732
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Land improvements	2,238,200	115,021		2,353,221
Buildings	17,638,928	975,354		18,614,282
Furniture and equipment	9,284,329	1,373,497	291,907	10,365,919
Total accumulated depreciation	29,161,457	2,463,872	291,907	31,333,422
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	35,010,047	(1,091,309)	19,428	33,899,310
Intangible right-to-use subscription	30,345			30,345
Less accumulated amortization	10,115	10,115		20,230
Intangible right-to-use subscription, net	20,230	(10,115)	-	10,115
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets, net	\$ 36,364,187	\$ 1,724,906	\$ 314,435	\$ 37,774,658

Capital assets activity for the business-type activities for the year ended June 30, 2024 is as follows:

	Balance June 30, 2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2024
Business-type activities:				
Furniture and equipment	\$ 1,172,436	\$ 145,712		\$ 1,318,148
Less accumulated depreciation	1,112,456	36,194		1,148,650
Business-type activities:				
Capital assets, net	\$ 59,980	\$ 109,518	\$ -	\$ 169,498

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

6. Capital Assets (Continued)

Depreciation/amortization expense was charged to the governmental functions of the District as follows:

Governmental activities:	
Instruction:	
Regular	\$ 742,475
Other	174,447
Support services:	
Instructional staff services	107,462
Administration services	26,959
Operation and maintenance plant services	34,723
Transportation services	414,196
Unallocated depreciation/amortization	973,725
Total depreciation/amortization expense:	
Governmental activities	\$ 2,473,987
Business-type activities:	
Food services	\$ 36,194

7. Long-term Debt Obligations

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

	Balance June 30, 2023	Additions	Reductions	Balance June 30, 2024	Amounts Due Within One Year
Governmental activities:					
General obligation bonds	\$ 940,000		\$ 550,000	\$ 390,000	\$ 390,000
Capital loan notes	560,000		560,000	-	-
Tax revenue bonds	2,500,000		355,000	2,145,000	375,000
Total	4,000,000	\$ -	1,465,000	2,535,000	765,000
Other liabilities:					
Termination benefits	100,625		61,875	38,750	27,500
Compensated absences	93,306	159,028	93,306	159,028	159,028
Equipment purchase agreements	1,549,798		426,965	1,122,833	413,087
IT subscription liability	19,895		9,784	10,111	10,111
Total other liabilities	1,763,624	159,028	591,930	1,330,722	609,726
Governmental activities:					
Long-term liabilities	\$ 5,763,624	\$ 159,028	\$ 2,056,930	\$ 3,865,722	\$ 1,374,726

Bond Indebtedness

\$390,000 General Obligation School Refunding Bond, Series 2021A, due annually in varying installments June 1, 2024 through June 1, 2025 plus interest semiannually with interest rate of 1.00%.

\$2,145,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021, with principal due June 1, 2024 through June 1, 2029 plus interest semiannually with interest rate of 5.00%.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

7. Long-term Debt Obligations (Continued)

Bond Indebtedness (Continued)

Interest costs incurred and charged to expenses was \$140,000 for the year ended June 30, 2024. A summary of the bond principal and interest maturities is as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Governmental Activities					
	General Obligation Bonds		Tax Revenue Bonds		Total	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 390,000	\$ 3,900	\$ 375,000	\$ 107,250	\$ 765,000	\$ 111,150
2026			400,000	88,500	400,000	88,500
2027			430,000	68,500	430,000	68,500
2028			460,000	47,000	460,000	47,000
2029			480,000	24,000	480,000	24,000
Total	\$ 390,000	\$ 3,900	\$ 2,145,000	\$ 335,250	\$ 2,535,000	\$ 339,150

The District has pledged future statewide sales, services and use tax revenue to repay the \$2,145,000 bonds issued in February 2021. The bonds were issued for the purpose of providing funds for the items listed within the revenue purpose statement. The bonds are payable solely from the proceeds of the statewide sales, services and use tax revenue received by the District. The bonds are not a general obligation of the District. However, the debts are subject to the constitutional debt limitation of the District. Annual principal and interest payments on the bonds is expected to require nearly 18% of the statewide sales, services and use tax revenue. The total principal and interest remaining to be paid on the bonds is \$2,480,250. For the current year, principal of \$355,000 and interest of \$125,000 was paid on the bonds and total statewide sales, services and use tax revenue was \$2,005,815.

The resolution providing for the issuance of the School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2021, includes the following provisions:

- a) \$377,620 of the proceeds from the issuance of the revenue bonds shall be deposited to a reserve account to be used solely for the purpose of paying principal and interest on the bonds if insufficient money is available in the sinking account. The balance of the proceeds shall be deposited to the project account. This amount is reported in the capital project funds and is restricted.
- b) All proceeds from the statewide sales, services and use tax shall be placed in a revenue account.
- c) Monies in the revenue account shall be disbursed into a sinking account to pay the principal and interest requirements of the revenue bonds for the fiscal year.
- d) Any monies remaining in the revenue account after the required transfer to the sinking account may be transferred to the project account to be used for any lawful purpose.

The District complied with all of the revenue bond provisions during the year ended June 30, 2024. The required reserve account was established by the District and required transfers were made to the sinking account. At June 30, 2024, the debt issued by the District did not exceed its legal debt margin compiled as follows:

Total assessed valuation	\$ 1,439,394,613
Debt limit - 5% of total assessed valuation	\$ 71,969,731
Debt applicable to debt limit:	
General obligation:	
Bonded debt outstanding	(390,000)
Tax revenue bonds	(2,145,000)
Equipment purchase agreements	(1,122,833)
Legal debt margin	\$ 68,311,898

7. Long-term Debt Obligations (Continued)

Termination Benefits

The District offered a voluntary early retirement plan to its certified employees. Eligible employees must be at least age fifty-five and the sum of the employee's age and the total number of years of public-school employment must equal at least eighty years on August 15, 2019. Employees must complete an application, which is subject to approval by the Board of Education. The early retirement incentive for each eligible certified employee age fifty-five or over is 50% of the employee's current regular salary schedule. The District is obligated to pay between \$630 and \$730 per month of health insurance for eight years or until the employee reaches the age sixty-five, whichever comes first.

Termination benefits will be paid in three equal installments over a three-year period beginning in January following the start of retirement, with subsequent payments each January for two more years.

At June 30, 2024, the District has obligations to four participants with a total liability of \$38,750. Actual termination benefits expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2024 totaled \$61,875.

Equipment Purchase Agreements

On October 21, 2021, the District entered into an equipment purchase agreement for computers. An initial liability was recorded in the amount of \$262,087. The agreement requires annual payments of \$67,178 over four years with an implicit interest rate of 1.67% and final payment due October 9, 2024.

On June 20, 2023, the District entered into an additional equipment purchase agreement for computers. An initial liability was recorded in the amount of \$1,418,773. The agreement requires annual payments of \$362,877 over four years with an implicit interest rate of 1.50% and final payment due July 5, 2026.

During the year ended June 30, 2024, principal and interest paid were \$426,965 and \$3,090, respectively.

The following is a schedule by year of future payments:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 413,086	\$ 16,969	\$ 430,055
2026	352,231	10,646	362,877
2027	357,516	5,361	362,877
Total	<u>\$ 1,122,833</u>	<u>\$ 32,976</u>	<u>\$ 1,155,809</u>

IT Subscription Liability

On May 19, 2022, the District entered into an IT subscription license and services information technology agreement with Hudl for extra-circular activities broadcasting. An initial IT subscription liability was recorded in the amount of \$30,345. The agreement requires annual payments of \$10,450 over three years with an initial payment made July 22, 2022 for \$10,450, with an implicit interest rate of 3.4% and final payment due July 22, 2024. During the year ended June 30, 2024, principal and interest paid was \$10,450. Future principal and interest payments as of June 30, 2024 are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	<u>\$ 10,111</u>	<u>\$ 339</u>	<u>\$ 10,450</u>

8. Pension Plan

Plan Description

IPERS membership is mandatory for employees of the District, except for those covered by another retirement system. Employees of the District are provided with pensions through a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS). IPERS issues a stand-alone financial report which is available to the public by mail at P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-9117 or at www.ipers.org.

IPERS benefits are established under Iowa Code Chapter 97B and the administrative rules thereunder. Chapter 97B and the administrative rules are the official plan documents. The following brief description is provided for general informational purposes only. Refer to the plan documents for more information.

Pension Benefits

A Regular member may retire at normal retirement age and receive monthly benefits without an early-retirement reduction. Normal retirement age is age 65, any time after reaching age 62 with 20 or more years of covered employment or when the member's years of service plus the member's age at the last birthday equals or exceeds 88, whichever comes first. These qualifications must be met on the member's first month of entitlement to benefits. Members cannot begin receiving retirement benefits before age 55. The formula used to calculate a Regular member's monthly IPERS benefit includes:

- A multiplier based on years of service.
- The member's highest five-year average salary, except members with service before June 30, 2012 will use the highest three-year average salary as of that date if it is greater than the highest five-year average salary.

If a member retires before normal retirement age, the member's monthly retirement benefit will be permanently reduced by an early-retirement reduction. The early-retirement reduction is calculated differently for service earned before and after July 1, 2012. For service earned before July 1, 2012, the reduction is 0.25% for each month the member receives benefits before the member's earliest normal retirement age. For service earned on or after July 1, 2012, the reduction is 0.50% for each month the member receives benefits before age 65.

Generally, once a member selects a benefit option, a monthly benefit is calculated and remains the same for the rest of the member's lifetime. However, to combat the effects of inflation, retirees who began receiving benefits prior to July 1990 receive a guaranteed dividend with their regular November benefit payments.

Disability and Death Benefits

A vested member who is awarded federal Social Security disability or Railroad Retirement disability benefits is eligible to claim IPERS benefits regardless of age. Disability benefits are not reduced for early retirement. If a member dies before retirement, the member's beneficiary will receive a lifetime annuity or a lump-sum payment equal to the present actuarial value of the member's accrued benefit or calculated with a set formula, whichever is greater. When a member dies after retirement, death benefits depend on the benefit option the member selected at retirement.

Contributions

Contribution rates are established by IPERS following the annual actuarial valuation which applies IPERS' Contribution Rate Funding Policy and Actuarial Amortization Method. State statute limits the amount rates can increase or decrease each year to 1 percentage point. IPERS Contribution Rate Funding Policy requires the actuarial contribution rate be determined using the "entry age normal" actuarial cost method and the actuarial assumptions and methods approved by the IPERS Investment Board. The actuarial contribution rate covers normal cost plus the unfunded actuarial liability payment based on a 30-year amortization period. The payment to amortize the unfunded actuarial liability is determined as a level percentage of payroll based on the Actuarial Amortization Method adopted by the Investment Board.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

8. Pension Plan (Continued)

Contributions (Continued)

In fiscal year 2024, pursuant to the required rate, Regular members contributed 6.29% of covered payroll and the District contributed 9.44% of covered payroll, for a total rate of 15.73%.

The District's contributions to IPERS for the year ended June 30, 2024 totaled \$1,261,006.

Net Pension Liability, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2024, the District reported a net pension liability of \$6,704,057 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023 and the total net pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's share of contributions to IPERS relative to the contributions of all IPERS participating employers. At June 30, 2023, the District's proportion was 0.148528%, which was a decrease of 0.010711% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of \$321,044. At June 30, 2024, the District reported 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 experience	\$ 567,172	\$ 27,556
Changes of assumptions		106
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on IPERS' investments	620,877	
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and the District's proportionate share of contributions	5,765	554,500
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	1,261,006	
Total	\$ 2,454,820	\$ 582,162

\$1,261,006 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Amount
2025	\$ (412,127)
2026	(649,105)
2027	1,449,566
2028	208,509
2029	14,809
Total	\$ 611,652

There were no non-employer contributing entities to IPERS.

8. Pension Plan (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions

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

Rate of inflation (effective June 30, 2017)	2.60% per annum.
Rates of salary increase (effective June 30, 2017)	3.25% to 16.25% average, including inflation. Rates vary by membership group.
Long-term investment rate of return (effective June 30, 2017)	7.00% compounded annually, net of investment expense, including inflation.
Wage growth (effective June 30, 2017)	3.25% per annum, based on 2.60% inflation and 0.65% real wage inflation.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2023 valuation were based on the results of a quadrennial experience study covering the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021.

Mortality rates used in the 2023 valuation were based on the PubG-2010 mortality tables with future mortality improvements modeled using Scale MP-2021.

The long-term expected rate of return on IPERS' investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates (expected returns, net of 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	Asset Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic equity	21.0%	4.56%
International equity	16.5	6.22
Global smart beta equity	5.0	5.22
Core plus fixed income	23.0	2.69
Public credit	3.0	4.38
Cash	1.0	1.59
Private equity	17.0	10.44
Private real assets	9.0	3.88
Private credit	4.5	4.60
Total	100.0%	

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total net pension liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed employee contributions will be made at the contractually required rate and contributions from the District will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, IPERS' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on IPERS' investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total net pension liability.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

8. Pension Plan (Continued)

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate 1% lower (6.00%) or 1% higher (8.00%) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 14,254,319	\$ 6,704,057	\$ 376,813

IPERS' Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about IPERS' fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued IPERS financial report which is available on IPERS' website at www.ipers.org.

Payables to IPERS

At June 30, 2024, the District had no payables to report for the defined benefit pension plan for legally required District contributions and legally required employee contributions, which had been withheld from employee wages but not yet remitted to IPERS.

9. Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

Plan Description

The District administers a single-employer benefit plan which provides medical and prescription drug benefits for employees, retirees and their spouses. Group insurance benefits are established under Iowa Code Chapter 509A.13. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75.

OPEB Benefits

Individuals who are employed by the District and are eligible to participate in the group medical and dental plans are eligible to continue healthcare benefits upon retirement after attaining at least age 55. Coverage during retirement continues in the group medical and dental plans up to age 65. The group medical benefits are provided through a fully insured plan with partial self-funding to a lower deductible. Retirees covered by the plan make contributions toward the plan premiums.

Retired participants must be age 55 or older at retirement. At June 30, 2024, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	6
Active employees	248
Total	254

Total OPEB Liability

The District's total OPEB liability of \$1,137,942 was measured as of June 30, 2024 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

9. Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions

The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2024 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and the entry age normal actuarial cost method, applied to all periods included in the measurement.

Rate of inflation (effective June 30, 2024)	3.00% per annum.
Rates of salary increase (effective June 30, 2024)	3.25% per annum, based on general wage growth assumption of IPERS actuarial valuation.
Discount rate (effective June 30, 2024)	3.65% compounded annually, including inflation.
Healthcare cost trend rate (effective June 30, 2024)	6.50% initial rate decreasing by .25% annually to an ultimate rate of 5.00%.

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 3.65% which reflects the index rate for 20-year tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher as of the measurement date.

Mortality rates are from the RP 2014 annuitant distinct mortality table adjusted to 2006 with MP 2021 generational projection of future mortality improvement.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2024 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study with dates corresponding to those listed above.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

	<u>Total OPEB Liability</u>
Total OPEB liability beginning of year	\$ 1,419,006
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	100,492
Interest cost	40,922
Difference between expected and actual experiences	(243,722)
Changes in assumptions	(130,515)
Benefit payments	(48,241)
Net change	<u>(281,064)</u>
Total OPEB liability end of year	<u>\$ 1,137,942</u>

Changes of assumptions reflect a change in the discount rate from 2.14% in fiscal year 2023 to 3.65% in fiscal year 2024.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

9. Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) (Continued)

Sensitivity of the District's Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1% lower (2.65%) or 1% higher (4.65%) than the current discount rate.

	1% Decrease (2.65%)	Discount Rate (3.65%)	1% Increase (4.65%)
Total OPEB liability	\$ 1,230,337	\$ 1,137,942	\$ 1,052,523

Sensitivity of the District's Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1% lower (5.50%) or 1% higher (7.50%) than the current healthcare cost trend rates.

	1% Decrease (5.50%)	Healthcare Cost Trend Rate (6.50%)	1% Increase (7.50%)
Total OPEB liability	\$ 1,023,308	\$ 1,137,942	\$ 1,272,595

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$53,547. At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following resources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experiences	\$ 41,556	\$ 460,343
Changes in assumptions	115,292	118,542
Total	\$ 156,848	\$ 578,885

The amount reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized as OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Amount
2025	\$ (39,626)
2026	(39,626)
2027	(39,626)
2028	(41,501)
2029	(48,978)
Thereafter	(212,680)
Total	\$ (422,037)

10. Employee Insurance Plan

Monthly payments of service fees and plan contributions are recorded as expenditures in the general fund at the time of payment to the Northeast Iowa Schools Insurance Trust (trust) maintained by Midwest Group Benefits Consultants, Inc. The trust offers 3 Blue Choice, and 3 Blue Choice HMO plans to the member schools. Deductibles and out of pocket maximums vary with each of the plans.

The District may be contingently liable for any claims in excess of funds available at June 30, 2024, since the pool arrangement allows the trust to make additional assessments to members. The District's share of the trust's liability for any unreported claim or assessment on June 30, 2024 was unavailable as of February 19, 2025. The District's contributions to the trust for the years ended June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022 were \$2,448,857, \$2,401,833, and \$2,384,447, respectively, which equaled the required contributions each year. The employees paid \$65,572 in dental insurance for the year ended June 30, 2024.

The District does not report a liability for losses in excess of stop loss insurance unless it is deemed probable that such losses have occurred and the amount of such a loss can be reasonably estimated. Accordingly, at June 30, 2024, no liability has been recorded in the District's financial statements. As of June 30, 2024, settled claims have not exceeded the risk pool or reinsurance company coverage.

11. Flexible Fringe Benefit Plan

The District sponsors a flexible fringe benefit plan as a part of its contractual obligation with its employees. The benefit available under the plan is insurance and dependent care. Participating employees can choose among medical and dental insurance, health insurance, HSA, vision insurance and dependent care. The District contributes \$660 per month for full time staff and administration staff. The difference between the District's contribution and the amount of programs selected by the employee is added or subtracted from the employee's salary. There were 8 participants in the plan for the year ended June 30, 2024.

12. Risk Management

Decorah Community School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft; damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by the purchase of commercial insurance. The District assumes liability for any deductibles and claims in excess of coverage limitations. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

13. Area Education Agency

The District is required by the Code of Iowa to budget for its share of special education support, media and educational services provided through the Area Education Agency. The District's actual amount for this purpose totaled \$754,266 for the year ended June 30, 2024 and is recorded in the general fund by making a memorandum adjusting entry to the cash basis financial statements.

14. Facility Use Agreement

In September 2023, the District entered into a facility use agreement with Kingpin Entertainment for use of the bowling lanes for the sport of bowling which expires June 2025.

Total facility use expense for the year ended June 30, 2024 was \$15,750. Future payments under the facility use agreement is \$15,750 to be paid in fiscal year 2025.

15. Joint Venture

The District participates in Decorah MetroNet, a jointly governed organization formed pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa. The District appoints a member to the MetroNet Board and has access to the broadband service provided by MetroNet. MetroNet's audited financial statements are included in the City of Decorah's financial statements and are available from the City of Decorah at City Hall, Decorah, Iowa 52101.

16. Contingencies

a. Grant Funding

The District participates in a number of federal and state programs that are fully or partially funded by grants received from other governmental units. Expenditures financed by grants were subjected to local audit but still remain open to audit by the appropriate grantor government. If expenditures are disallowed by the grantor government due to noncompliance with grant program regulations, the District may be required to reimburse the grantor government. As of June 30, 2024, significant amounts of grant expenditures have not been audited by granting authorities but the District believes that disallowed expenditures, if any, based on subsequent audits will not have a material effect on any of the individual governmental funds or the overall financial position of the District.

b. Insurance Plan

As discussed in Note 10, the District is contingently liable for any unreported claim or assessment in excess of their balance in the insurance pool.

17. Commitments

The total outstanding construction and other commitments of the District at June 30, 2024 amounted to \$566,046.

18. Categorical Funding

In accordance with Iowa Administrative Code Section 98.1, categorical funding is financial support from the state and federal governments targeted for particular categories of students, special programs, or special purposes. This support is in addition to school district or area education agency general purpose revenue, for purposes beyond the basic educational program and most often has restrictions on its use. Any portion of categorical funding provided by the state that is not expended by the end of the fiscal year must be carried forward as a restricted fund balance. The following is a schedule of the categorical funding restricted in the general fund at June 30, 2024.

Program	Amount
Four-year old Preschool State Aid	\$ 8,974
Teacher Leadership	81,188
Teacher Salary Supplement	68,953
Home School Assistance Program	196,139
Professional Development	11,624
Therapeutic Classroom	223,793
Successful Progression for Early Readers	1,864
Total	\$ 592,535

19. Net Position Deficit

The governmental unrestricted fund has a deficit net position as of June 30, 2024. This deficit was incurred due to the implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - an Amendment of GASB No. 27*.

20. Tax Abatements

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 77 defines tax abatements as a reduction in tax revenues that results from an agreement between one or more governments and an individual or entity in which (a) one or more governments promise to forgo tax revenues to which they are otherwise entitled and (b) the individual or entity promises to take a specific action after the agreement has been entered into that contributes to economic development or otherwise benefits the governments or the citizens of those governments.

20. Tax Abatements (Continued)

Tax Abatements of Other Entities

Other entities within the District provide tax abatements for urban renewal and economic development projects pursuant to Chapters 15 and 403 of the Code of Iowa. Additionally, the City of Decorah offered an urban revitalization tax abatement program pursuant to Chapter 404 of the Code of Iowa. With prior approval by the governing body, this program provides for an exemption of taxes based on a percentage of the actual value added by improvements.

Property tax revenues of the District were reduced by the following amount for the year ended June 30, 2024 under an agreement entered into by the following entity:

Entity	Tax Abatement Program	Amount of Tax Abated
City of Decorah	Urban renewal and economic development projects	\$ 46,826

The State of Iowa reimburses the District an amount equivalent to the increment of valuation on which property tax is divided times \$5.40 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation. For the year ended June 30, 2024, this reimbursement amounted to \$103,955.

21. Change in Area Education Agency Funding

The Governor signed House File 2612 on March 27, 2024, which changes the percentage of educational and media services funding generated through local property taxes by Districts which flow through to each Area Education Agency (AEA) beginning July 1, 2024. For fiscal year 2025, 40% of the educational and media services funds generated by Districts will continue to flow through to each AEA, while 60% of the funding will be retained by the District that generated the funds.

22. Subsequent Events

During November 2024, voters approved the issuance of a \$38 million general obligation bond to fund the construction of a new elementary school. Construction is scheduled to start in spring 2026, with a projected completion in summer 2027. In addition, during September 2024 voters approved increasing the District's debt service levy.

Management has evaluated subsequent events through February 19, 2025, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

Required Supplementary Information

DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN BALANCES-
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS AND PROPRIETARY FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Governmental Funds Actual	Proprietary Funds Actual	Total Actual	Budgeted Amounts		Final to Actual Variance- Positive (Negative)
				Original	Final	
REVENUES						
Local sources	\$ 15,390,991	\$ 698,216	\$ 16,089,207	\$ 15,244,774	\$ 15,244,774	\$ 844,433
Intermediate sources				978,331	978,331	(978,331)
State sources	12,580,569	6,453	12,587,022	12,220,180	12,220,180	366,842
Federal sources	1,211,280	634,727	1,846,007	1,017,696	1,017,696	828,311
Total revenues	29,182,840	1,339,396	30,522,236	29,460,981	29,460,981	1,061,255
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES						
Instruction	16,183,115		16,183,115	16,015,670	17,000,000	816,885
Support services	8,488,278		8,488,278	9,468,064	9,468,064	979,786
Non-instructional programs		1,215,056	1,215,056	1,166,990	1,166,990	(48,066)
Other expenditures	5,650,203		5,650,203	3,916,577	5,081,427	(568,776)
Total expenditures/expenses	30,321,596	1,215,056	31,536,652	30,567,301	32,716,481	1,179,829
(DEFICIENCY) EXCESS OF REVENUES (UNDER) OVER EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	(1,138,756)	124,340	(1,014,416)	(1,106,320)	(3,255,500)	2,241,084
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES), NET	298,336	(34,565)	263,771	608,378	608,378	(344,607)
Change in balances	(840,420)	89,775	(750,645)	(497,942)	(2,647,122)	1,896,477
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	9,691,837	627,183	10,319,020	7,727,075	7,727,075	2,591,945
FUND BALANCES, end of year	\$ 8,851,417	\$ 716,958	\$ 9,568,375	\$ 7,229,133	\$ 5,079,953	\$ 4,488,422

See Notes to Required Budgetary Information and Independent Auditor's Report.

DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - BUDGETARY REPORTING
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

This budgetary comparison is presented as required supplementary information in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 41 for governments with significant budgetary perspective differences resulting from not being able to present budgetary comparisons for the general fund and each major special revenue fund.

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the Board of Education annually adopts a budget following required public notice and hearing for all funds. The budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures. The District's budget is prepared on a GAAP basis.

Formal and legal budgetary control for the certified budget is based upon four major classes of expenditures known as functions, not by fund. These four functions are instruction, support services, non-instructional programs, and other expenditures. Although the budget document presents function expenditures or expenses by fund, the legal level of control is at the aggregated function level, not by fund. The Code of Iowa also provides District expenditures in the general fund may not exceed the amount authorized by the school finance formula. During the year, the District adopted one budget amendment, increasing the budgeted expenditures by \$2,149,180.

During the year ended June 30, 2024, expenditures exceeded budget amounts in the non-instructional programs and other expenditures functions.

See Independent Auditor's Report.

DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
 SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
 IOWA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
 For the Last Ten Years*
 (In Thousands)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019**	2018**	2017**	2016**	2015**
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.148528%	0.159239%	-0.062352%	0.152371%	0.170781%	0.169981%	0.168003%	0.174537%	0.175703%	0.179217%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 6,704	\$ 6,016	\$ 215	\$ 10,704	\$ 9,889	\$ 10,757	\$ 11,191	\$ 10,984	\$ 8,681	\$ 7,253
District's covered payroll	\$ 13,044	\$ 12,825	\$ 12,464	\$ 12,093	\$ 12,995	\$ 12,769	\$ 12,542	\$ 12,520	\$ 12,040	\$ 11,969
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	51.40%	46.91%	1.72%	88.51%	76.10%	84.24%	89.23%	87.73%	72.10%	60.60%
IPERS' net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	90.13%	91.40%	100.81%	82.90%	85.45%	83.62%	82.21%	81.82%	85.19%	87.61%

* In accordance with GASB Statement No. 68, the amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30 of the preceding year.

**Amounts shown for the District's proportionate share of net pension liability and the District's covered payroll reflect the sum of those amounts for the former Decorah Community School District and North Winneshiek Community School District. These Districts reorganized to form Decorah Community School District on July 1, 2019.

See Notes to Required Pension Liability Information and Independent Auditor's Report.

DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
 SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS
 IOWA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
 For the Last Ten Years
 (In Thousands)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019*	2018*	2017*	2016*	2015*
Statutorily required contribution	\$ 1,261	\$ 1,231	\$ 1,211	\$ 1,176	\$ 1,142	\$ 1,227	\$ 1,140	\$ 1,120	\$ 1,118	\$ 1,075
Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution	(1,261)	(1,231)	(1,211)	(1,176)	(1,142)	(1,227)	(1,140)	(1,120)	(1,118)	(1,075)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered payroll	\$13,358	\$13,044	\$12,825	\$12,464	\$12,093	\$12,995	\$12,769	\$12,542	\$12,520	\$12,040
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	9.44%	9.44%	9.44%	9.44%	9.44%	9.44%	8.93%	8.93%	8.93%	8.93%

* Amounts shown for fiscal year 2019 and prior years reflect the sum of those amounts for the former Decorah Community School District and North Winneshiek Community School District. These Districts reorganized to form Decorah Community School District on July 1, 2019.

See Notes to Required Pension Liability Information and Independent Auditor's Report.

DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - PENSION LIABILITY
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Changes of Benefit Terms:

There are no significant changes in benefit terms.

Changes of Assumptions:

The 2022 valuation incorporated the following refinements after a quadrennial experience study:

- Changed mortality assumptions to the PubG-2010 mortality tables with mortality improvements modeled using Scale MP-2021.
- Adjusted retirement rates for Regular members.
- Lowered disability rates for Regular members.
- Adjusted termination rates for all membership groups.

The 2018 valuation implemented the following refinements as a result of a demographic assumption study dated June 28, 2018:

- Changed mortality assumptions to the RP-2014 mortality tables with mortality improvements modeled using Scale MP-2017.
- Adjusted retirement rates.
- Lowered disability rates.
- Adjusted the probability of a vested Regular member electing to receive a deferred benefit.
- Adjusted the merit component of the salary increase assumption.

The 2017 valuation implemented the following refinements as a result of an experience study dated March 24, 2017:

- Decreased the inflation assumption from 3.00% to 2.60%.
- Decreased the assumed rate of interest on member accounts from 3.75% to 3.50% per year.
- Decreased the discount rate from 7.50% to 7.00%.
- Decreased the wage growth assumption from 4.00% to 3.25%.
- Decreased the payroll growth assumption from 4.00% to 3.25%.

See Independent Auditor's Report.

DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
 SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY, RELATED RATIOS AND NOTES
 For the Last Seven Years

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019*	2018*
Service cost	\$ 100,492	\$ 116,707	\$ 113,033	\$ 104,533	\$ 101,243	\$ 88,418	\$ 86,014
Interest cost	40,922	30,821	30,002	55,065	53,711	55,492	53,723
Difference between expected and actual experiences	(243,722)		(338,559)		(71,806)		23,676
Changes in assumptions	(130,515)		119,863		5,629	(379)	148,011
Benefit payments	(48,241)	(104,038)	(112,822)	(128,693)	(110,401)	(101,668)	(83,774)
Net change in total OPEB liability	(281,064)	43,490	(188,483)	30,905	(21,624)	41,863	227,650
Total OPEB liability beginning of year	1,419,006	1,375,516	1,563,999	1,533,094	1,554,718	1,512,855	1,285,205
Total OPEB liability end of year	<u>\$ 1,137,942</u>	<u>\$ 1,419,006</u>	<u>\$ 1,375,516</u>	<u>\$ 1,563,999</u>	<u>\$ 1,533,094</u>	<u>\$ 1,554,718</u>	<u>\$ 1,512,855</u>
Covered-employee payroll	\$11,561,786	\$11,800,838	\$11,429,383	\$11,039,719	\$10,692,222	\$11,138,371	\$10,841,422
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	9.84%	12.02%	12.03%	14.17%	14.34%	13.96%	13.95%

Notes to Schedule of Changes in the District's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios

No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75.

Changes in Benefit Terms:

There were no significant changes in benefit terms.

Changes in Assumptions:

Changes in assumptions and other inputs reflect the effects of changes in the discount rate each period. The following are the discount rates used in each period:

Year Ended June 30, 2024	3.65%
Year Ended June 30, 2023	2.14%
Year Ended June 30, 2022	2.14%
Year Ended June 30, 2021	3.50%
Year Ended June 30, 2020	3.50%
Year Ended June 30, 2019	3.58%
Year Ended June 30, 2018	3.58%
Year Ended June 30, 2017	2.50%

*Amounts shown for fiscal year 2019 and prior years reflect the sum of those amounts for the former Decorah Community School District and North Winneshiek Community School District. These Districts reorganized to form Decorah Community School District on July 1, 2019.

See Independent Auditor's Report.

Other Supplementary Information

DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
 NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 June 30, 2024

	Special Revenue Fund Student Activity	Capital Project Fund High School	Debt Service	Total Nonmajor Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 328,415	\$ 153	\$ 404,253	\$ 732,821
Receivables:				
Property tax:				
Delinquent			2,334	2,334
Succeeding year			390,789	390,789
Accounts receivable	5,427			5,427
Total assets	\$ 333,842	\$ 153	\$ 797,376	\$ 1,131,371
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 275	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 275
Deferred inflows of resources:				
Unavailable revenues:				
Succeeding year property tax	-	-	390,789	390,789
Fund balances:				
Restricted for:				
Student activities	333,567			333,567
Debt service			406,587	406,587
School infrastructure		153		153
Total fund balances	333,567	153	406,587	740,307
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$ 333,842	\$ 153	\$ 797,376	\$ 1,131,371

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DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Special Revenue Fund Student Activity	Capital Project Fund High School	Debt Service	Total Nonmajor Funds
REVENUES				
Local sources:				
Property taxes			\$ 560,016	\$ 560,016
Other	\$ 670,367		18,399	688,766
State sources			11,500	11,500
Total revenues	670,367	\$ -	589,915	1,260,282
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Other	657,843			657,843
Long-term debt:				
Principal			1,886,568	1,886,568
Interest and fiscal charges			160,840	160,840
Total expenditures	657,843	-	2,047,408	2,705,251
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES UNDER (OVER) EXPENDITURES	12,524	-	(1,457,493)	(1,444,969)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Operating transfers in			1,487,405	1,487,405
Operating transfers out	(10,450)			(10,450)
	(10,450)	-	1,487,405	1,476,955
Change in fund balances	2,074	-	29,912	31,986
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	331,493	153	376,675	708,321
FUND BALANCES, end of year	\$ 333,567	\$ 153	\$ 406,587	\$ 740,307

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DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
 STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Balance June 30, 2023	Revenues and Transfers	Expenditures and Transfers	Balance June 30, 2024
High School Football	\$ 9,705	\$ 36,330	\$ 40,349	\$ 5,686
High School Basketball	9,296	46,802	55,818	280
High School Wrestling	3,694	17,451	19,489	1,656
High School Baseball	6,356	46,380	46,431	6,305
High School Golf	1,813	4,371	4,726	1,458
High School Track	4,376	23,132	22,520	4,988
High School Softball	1,610	12,031	8,466	5,175
High School Volleyball	4,060	14,225	9,667	8,618
High School Tennis	3,178	6,303	4,064	5,417
High School Cross Country	4,380	14,962	17,918	1,424
High School Student Council	1,794			1,794
High School Community Club	300			300
High School Bowling	-	8,844	5,393	3,451
High School Swimming	-	9,203	9,031	172
High School Soccer	8,804	14,804	13,721	9,887
"D" Club	1,973	2,374	3,235	1,112
Art Club	3,636	461	170	3,927
Culture Club	77	792	638	231
Science Club	56			56
Future Farmers of America	50,389	74,231	72,491	52,129
Horticulture Club	1,071	2,079	2,517	633
Student Assistance	4,595	2,644	1,632	5,607
High School Music	201	17,517	17,363	355
High School Instrumental Music	1,105	71,394	72,499	-
High School Yearbook	30,443	32,199	33,631	29,011
High School Speech	-	19,171	19,171	-
High School Dramatics	8,783	25,900	23,699	10,984
High School Madrigal	10,852	5,001	4,316	11,537
High School Fire Squad	-	1,345	1,345	-
High School Cheerleading	2,983	6,968	6,636	3,315
CTE Viking Store	-	355	355	-
Class 2024	5,294	1,160	2,677	3,777
Class 2025	-	6,213	2,753	3,460
High School General	10,604	33,795	31,262	13,137
First Lego League	-	150	108	42
Middle School Football	-	2,035	2,035	-
Middle School Cross Country	-	841	841	-
Middle School Basketball	-	4,241	3,991	250
Middle School Wrestling	-	1,631	1,631	-
Middle School Track	232	966	1,068	130
Middle School Volleyball	-	2,502	2,418	84
Middle School Cheerleading	85			85
Middle School Yearbook	16,410	5,935	6,389	15,956
Scholarships	6,640	5,980	6,640	5,980
Middle School General	614	278	278	614
Middle School Fundraising	38,501	45,672	41,456	42,717
Middle School Student Council	2,924	493	1,560	1,857
Middle School Summer Tag	2,646			2,646
Middle School Arts	515	50		565
Family Services	582	38	620	-
Investments	3,844	2,556		6,400
Subtotals	264,421	631,805	623,018	273,208

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DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Balance June 30, 2023	Revenues and Transfers	Expenditures and Transfers	Balance June 30, 2024
Subtotals	\$ 264,421	\$ 631,805	\$ 623,018	\$ 273,208
Vocational Ag	234			234
Vocational	1,256			1,256
A/P Exam Testing	4,113	16,627	15,235	5,505
West Side Yearbook	210			210
DVABC	2,315	50,463	52,778	-
Decorah Craft Show	-	2,701	2,496	205
DHS Wall of Fame	-	155		155
District Speech	1,401			1,401
Elementary Playground	453		148	305
Wellness	1,052			1,052
Youth Marketplace	2,439			2,439
First Tech Challenge	18,099	10,509	4,510	24,098
West Side Elementary General	35,500	3,127	15,128	23,499
Totals	<u>\$ 331,493</u>	<u>\$ 715,387</u>	<u>\$ 713,313</u>	<u>\$ 333,567</u>

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DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF REVENUES BY SOURCE AND EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION
 ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 For the Years Ended June 30,

	Modified Accrual Basis									
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019*	2018*	2017*	2016*	2015*
REVENUES										
Local sources:										
Local property tax	\$ 11,791,875	\$ 11,436,278	\$ 11,035,808	\$ 10,804,937	\$ 10,778,647	\$ 11,289,480	\$ 10,889,755	\$ 11,335,310	\$ 10,942,214	\$ 11,003,120
Tuition	1,544,016	1,591,669	1,430,392	1,460,916	1,648,002	4,333,822	4,082,656	4,017,019	4,186,885	4,277,595
Other	2,055,100	1,997,265	2,125,090	1,623,504	1,752,331	1,418,841	1,457,086	1,590,291	1,318,633	2,578,131
State sources	12,580,569	12,484,029	12,033,467	11,930,220	11,813,700	11,094,909	10,664,483	10,914,926	10,851,559	8,850,591
Federal sources	1,211,280	1,038,937	1,537,243	715,633	528,844	596,894	601,286	509,074	425,831	474,612
Total revenues	\$ 29,182,840	\$ 28,548,178	\$ 28,162,000	\$ 26,535,210	\$ 26,521,524	\$ 28,733,946	\$ 27,695,266	\$ 28,366,620	\$ 27,725,122	\$ 27,184,049
EXPENDITURES										
Current:										
Instruction:										
Regular	\$ 8,202,621	\$ 9,023,450	\$ 7,488,067	\$ 7,568,498	\$ 7,200,712	\$ 9,328,932	\$ 8,631,311	\$ 8,486,031	\$ 9,082,310	\$ 8,896,984
Special	4,561,557	3,951,172	3,972,741	3,724,342	3,720,856	3,658,229	4,005,009	3,926,739	4,125,848	4,391,860
Other	3,418,937	3,143,836	3,973,450	3,095,714	3,143,836	3,075,466	3,446,241	3,366,364	2,916,648	4,535,706
Support services:										
Student	1,012,761	1,151,801	1,054,928	957,013	1,009,399	613,426	602,000	606,884	595,092	463,845
Instructional staff	1,100,964	1,141,089	2,298,325	1,279,884	1,307,035	1,609,301	1,442,684	1,430,149	1,420,000	1,224,249
Administration	2,021,503	1,938,306	1,886,192	2,065,277	1,793,872	2,295,784	2,306,130	2,122,505	1,968,068	2,009,002
Operation and maintenance plant	2,580,204	2,586,545	2,316,259	2,145,031	2,165,591	2,183,956	1,987,025	2,378,874	2,002,314	2,097,470
Transportation	1,772,846	1,773,954	1,666,541	1,357,196	1,174,199	1,258,613	1,293,850	1,328,048	1,060,512	1,409,487
Non-instructional								9,373	7,465	7,522
Other:										
Facilities acquisition	2,848,529	2,145,526	126,482	566,788	437,886	2,021,452	301,028	426,369	538,443	220,831
Long-term debt:										
Principal	1,886,568	2,571,922	2,486,864	11,361,497	2,482,948	2,063,764	2,388,716	2,396,804	2,486,748	2,603,652
Interest and fiscal charges	160,840	187,862	261,963	372,249	417,885	453,408	507,302	528,296	595,012	605,799
AEA flowthrough	754,266	761,541	761,221	761,858	739,390	732,374	727,729	716,363	717,545	709,040
Total expenditures	\$ 30,321,596	\$ 30,377,004	\$ 28,293,033	\$ 35,255,347	\$ 25,593,609	\$ 29,294,705	\$ 27,639,025	\$ 27,722,799	\$ 27,516,005	\$ 29,175,447

* Amounts shown for fiscal year 2019 and prior years reflect the sum of those amounts for the former Decorah Community School District and North Winneshiek Community School District. These Districts reorganized to form Decorah Community School District on July 1, 2019.

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DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Part I: Summary of the Independent Auditor's Results:

1. The auditor's report expresses unmodified opinions on whether the financial statements of Decorah Community School District were prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.
2. One significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting was disclosed by the audit of the financial statements. No material weaknesses are reported.
3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of Decorah Community School District, which would be required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, were disclosed during the audit.
4. One significant deficiency in internal control over the major federal award programs was disclosed by the audit of the financial statements. No material weaknesses are reported.
5. The auditor's report on compliance for the major federal award programs for Decorah Community School District expresses an unmodified opinion on all major federal programs.
6. The audit disclosed no audit findings which are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR Section 200.516(a).
7. The programs tested as major programs were as follows:
 - Education Stabilization Fund (ESF):
 - Federal Assistance Listing Number 84.425B:
 - Discretionary Grants: Rethink K-12 Education Models Grant (ARP)
 - Federal Assistance Listing Number 84.425W:
 - American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief – Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY)
 - Federal Assistance Listing Number 84.425U:
 - American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER III)
8. The threshold used for distinguishing between Type A and B programs was \$750,000.
9. Decorah Community School District was determined to be a low-risk auditee.

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DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Part II: Findings Related to the Financial Statements:

Instances of noncompliance: no matters were noted.

Internal control deficiency:

Finding 2024-001 Overlapping Duties

Condition: The District's offices are not large enough to permit an adequate segregation of duties for effective internal controls. Management has not separated incompatible activities of personnel, thereby creating risks related to the safeguarding of cash and the accuracy of the financial statements.

Criteria: Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control. A good system of internal control provides for adequate segregation of duties so no one individual handles a transaction from its inception to completion. In order to maintain proper internal control, duties should be segregated so the authorization, custody and recording of transactions are not under the control of the same employee. This segregation of duties helps prevent losses from employee error or dishonesty and maximizes the accuracy of the District's financial statements.

Cause: The concentration of closely related duties and responsibilities such as the recording and processing of cash receipts, preparing grant expenditure reports, preparing financial information for posting and analyzing financial information by a small staff makes it impossible to establish an adequate system of automatic internal checks on the accuracy and reliability of the accounting records.

Effect: This deficiency results in a reasonable possibility that the District would not be able to detect misstatements that would be material in relation to the financial statements and/or federal award programs in a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

Recommendation: The District should review the operating procedures of the District offices to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances utilizing currently available staff. While we do recognize that the District is not large enough to permit a segregation of duties for effective internal controls, we believe it is important the Board be aware that this condition does exist.

Repeat Finding: Yes.

**Views of Responsible
Officials and Planned**

Corrective Actions: Management is cognizant of this limitation and will implement additional procedures where possible.

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DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Part III: Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal Awards:

Instances of noncompliance: no matters were noted.

Internal control deficiency:

Education Stabilization Fund (ESF):

Federal Assistance Listing Number 84.425B:

Discretionary Grants: Rethink K-12 Education Models Grant (ARP)

Federal Assistance Listing Number 84.425W:

American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief – Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY)

Federal Assistance Listing Number 84.425U:

American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER III)

Federal Award Year: 2024

Passed through the Iowa Department of Education

See 2024-001 above.

Part IV: Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting:

See management letter dated February 19, 2025.

See Independent Auditor's Report.

DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Comment Reference	Comment Title	Status	If Not Corrected, Provide Planned Corrective Action or Other Explanation
2023-001 2022-001	Overlapping duties	Partially corrected	District's offices are not large enough to prevent overlapping duties, will implement procedures where possible to obtain maximum internal controls utilizing current staff.

See Independent Auditor's Report.

DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Grantor/Program Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Grant Number	Expenditures
U.S. Department of Agriculture:			
Indirect:			
Passed through Iowa Department of Education:			
Child Nutrition Cluster:			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	FY24	\$ 39,641
National School Lunch Program	10.555	FY24	435,492 *
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			<u>475,133</u>
Local Food for Schools	10.185	FY24	<u>16,000</u>
Passed through Action for Healthy Kids:			
School Lunch Equipment Grant Stabilization	10.579	FY24	<u>143,594</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			<u>634,727</u>
U.S. Department of Education:			
Passed through Iowa Department of Education:			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	FY24	157,133
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grant	84.367	FY24	27,497
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	FY24	19,449
Passed through Keystone Area Education Agency:			
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048	FY24	<u>13,355</u>
Subtotal U.S. Department of Education			<u>217,434</u>
Passed through Keystone Area Education Agency:			
Special Education Cluster (IDEA):			
Special Education Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	84.027	FY24	70,985
Passed through Iowa Department of Education:			
Special Education Cluster (IDEA):			
Special Education Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	84.027	FY24	<u>32,363</u>
Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA)			<u>103,348</u>
Passed through Iowa Department of Education:			
Education Stabilization Fund (ESF):			
Discretionary Grants: Rethink K-12 Education Models Grant (ARP)	84.425B	FY24	29,616
American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief - Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY)	84.425W	FY24	3,156
American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER III)	84.425U	FY24	<u>484,416</u>
Total Education Stabilization Fund			<u>517,188</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>837,970</u>
Total Federal Financial Assistance			<u>\$ 1,472,697</u>

*Includes \$81,143 of non-cash awards.

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DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Basis of Presentation:

- The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the schedule) includes the federal award activity of Decorah Community School District under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Decorah Community School District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of Decorah Community School District.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

- Expenditures reported on the schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.
- Pass-through entity identifying numbers are presented where available.

Indirect Cost Rate:

- Decorah Community School District has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

Subrecipients:

- There were no awards passed through to subrecipients.

See Independent Auditor's Report.



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*

To the Board of Education
Decorah Community School District
Decorah, Iowa

We have audited, in accordance with the U.S. generally accepted auditing standards 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, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Decorah Community School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Decorah Community School District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 19, 2025.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-001 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Decorah Community School District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Decorah Community School District's Response to Finding

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Decorah Community School District's response to the finding identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Decorah Community School District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Hacker, Nelson + Co., CPAs

Decorah, Iowa
February 19, 2025



Hacker Nelson & Co., CPAs

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the Board of Education
Decorah Community School District
Decorah, Iowa

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Decorah Community School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Decorah Community School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. Decorah Community School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Decorah Community School District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

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

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

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

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, as described below, we did identify a certain deficiency in internal control over compliance that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-001 to be a significant deficiency.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance (Continued)

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Decorah Community School District's response to the internal control over compliance finding identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Decorah Community School District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Hacker, Nelson + Co., CPAs

Decorah, Iowa
February 19, 2025



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MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Board of Education
Decorah Community School District
Decorah, Iowa

In planning and performing our audit of the basic financial statements of Decorah Community School District for the year ended June 30, 2024, we considered the District's internal control to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing opinions on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control or state statutory compliance matters, accordingly, we provide no such assurance.

In accordance with Chapter 11 of the Code of Iowa, we are required to report on the District's compliance with certain sections of the Iowa Code, Attorney General's Opinions, and other matters. Items 1 through 13 below are compliance comments required by the Iowa Auditor of State. A separate report dated February 19, 2025, contains our report on the District's internal control over financial reporting. This letter does not affect our report dated February 19, 2025, on the basic financial statements of the Decorah Community School District. Comment number 1 is an unresolved comment from the prior year. All other prior year comments have been resolved. These comments are not intended to and do not constitute legal opinions. We did not audit the District's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the District's operations for the year ended June 30, 2024 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statements of the District. Since our audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

1. Certified Budget

Expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2024, exceeded the amended certified budget amounts in the non-instructional programs and other expenditures functions.

Recommendation

The certified budget should have been amended in accordance with Chapter 24.9 of the Code of Iowa before expenditures were allowed to exceed the budget.

Response and Corrective Action Planned

The District will monitor certified budget expenditures and amend the budget, as necessary.

Conclusion

Response accepted.

2. Questionable Expenditures

We noted no expenditures that may not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in an Attorney General's Opinion dated April 25, 1979.

3. **Travel Expense**
No expenditures of District money for travel expenses of spouses of District officials and/or employees were noted. No travel advances to District officials or employees were noted.
4. **Business Transactions**
We noted no business transactions between the District and District officials and/or employees for the year ended June 30, 2024.
5. **Restricted Donor Activity**
No transactions were noted between the District, District officials or District employees and restricted donors in compliance with Chapter 68B of the Code of Iowa.
6. **Bond Coverage**
Surety bond coverage of District officials and employees is in accordance with statutory provisions. The amount of coverage should be reviewed annually to ensure the coverage is adequate for current operations.
7. **Board Minutes**
We noted no transactions requiring Board approval which had not been approved by the Board. We also noted no minutes and bills that had not been published as required.
8. **Certified Enrollment**
We noted one variance in the basic enrollment data certified to the Iowa Department of Education. An open-enrolled non-resident student was counted as a resident.
Recommendation
The District should notify the Iowa Department of Education of the error to get the proper count.
Response and Corrective Action Planned
The District has contacted the Iowa Department of Education.
Conclusion
Response accepted.
9. **Supplementary Weighting**
No variances regarding the supplementary weighting certified to the Iowa Department of Education were noted.
10. **Deposits and Investments**
No instances of noncompliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapter 12B and Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa and District's investment policy were noted.
11. **Certified Annual Report**
The Certified Annual Report (CAR) was certified timely to the Iowa Department of Education.
12. **Categorical Funding**
No instances were noted of categorical funding being used to supplant rather than supplement other funds.
13. **Statewide Sales, Services and Use Tax**
No instances of noncompliance with the allowable uses of the statewide sales, services and use tax revenue provided in Chapter 423F.3 of the Code of Iowa were noted. Pursuant to Chapter 423F.5 of the Code of Iowa, the annual audit is required to include certain reporting elements related to the statewide sales, services and use tax revenue. Districts are required to include these reporting elements in the Certified Annual Report (CAR) submitted to the Iowa Department of Education.

13. Statewide Sales, Services and Use Tax (Continued)

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District reported the following information regarding the statewide sales, services and use tax revenue in the District's CAR:

Beginning balance		\$	3,259,431
Revenues/transfers in:			
Statewide sales, services and use tax	\$	2,005,815	
Sale of capital assets		263,771	
Other		75,730	2,345,316
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Expenditures/transfers out:			
Support services		8,862	
Facilities acquisition		1,997,199	
Transfers to other funds:			
Debt service fund		845,807	2,851,868
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Ending balance		\$	<u>2,752,879</u>

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District reduced the following levies as a result of the moneys received under Chapters 423E or 423F of the Code of Iowa:

	Rate of Levy Reduction Per \$1,000 of Taxable Valuation	Property Tax Dollars Reduced
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Debt service levy	\$.97	\$ 845,807
Physical plant and equipment levy (PPEL)	1.32	1,160,008
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Total		\$ <u>2,005,815</u>

14. Student Activity Fund

For the items tested, no instances of noncompliance with Chapter 298A.8 of the Code of Iowa and Iowa Administrative Rule 281-12.6(1), for moneys in the student activity fund which should be used to support only the extracurricular and co-curricular activities offered as part of the District's educational program were noted.

We have also provided you under separate cover a listing of general steps that you should review and consider implementing to strengthen controls. This list is not all inclusive. You should review all aspects of your operations and implement appropriate controls as deemed necessary. Some of these items may not be applicable or you may have already implemented them.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by the personnel of Decorah Community School District during the course of our audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.

Hacker, Nelson + Co., CPAs

APPENDIX E – FORM OF ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATES

EXHIBIT A DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, IOWA \$10,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2025

ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, on behalf of [NAME OF UNDERWRITER] ("Purchaser") hereby certifies as set forth below with respect to the sale and issuance of the above-captioned obligations (the "Bonds").

1. Sale of the General Rule Maturities. As of the date of this certificate, for each Maturity of the General Rule Maturities, the first price at which at least 10% of such Maturity was sold to the Public is the respective price listed in Schedule A.
2. Initial Offering Price of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities.
 - a. Purchaser offered the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities to the Public for purchase at the respective initial offering prices listed in Schedule A (the "Initial Offering Prices") on or before the Sale Date. A copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication for the Bonds is attached to this certificate as Schedule B.
 - b. As set forth in the Terms of Offering, Purchaser has agreed in writing that, (i) for each Maturity of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities, it would neither offer nor sell any of the Bonds of such Maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the Initial Offering Price for such Maturity during the Holding Period for such Maturity (the "hold-the-offering-price rule"), and (ii) any selling group agreement shall contain the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and any retail distribution agreement shall contain the agreement of each broker-dealer who is a party to the retail distribution agreement, to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule. Pursuant to such agreement, no Underwriter (as defined below) has offered or sold any Maturity of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities at a price that is higher than the respective Initial Offering Price for that Maturity of the Bonds during the Holding Period.
3. Defined Terms.
 - a. General Rule Maturities means those Maturities of the Bonds listed in Schedule A hereto as the "General Rule Maturities."
 - b. Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities means those Maturities of the Bonds listed in Schedule A hereto as the "Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities."
 - c. Holding Period means, with respect to a Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturity, the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of (i) the close of the fifth business day after the Sale Date (December 9, 2025), or (ii) the date on which Purchaser has sold at least 10% of such Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturity to the Public at prices that are no higher than the Initial Offering Price for such Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturity.
 - d. Issuer means Decorah Community School District.
 - e. Maturity means Bonds with the same credit and payment terms. Bonds with different maturity dates, or Bonds with the same maturity date but different stated interest rates, are treated as separate maturities.
 - f. Public means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a related party to an Underwriter. The term "related party" for purposes of this certificate generally means any two or more persons who have greater than 50 percent common ownership, directly or indirectly.
 - g. Sale Date means the first day on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale of a Maturity of the Bonds. The Sale Date of the Bonds is December 2, 2025.
 - h. Underwriter means (i) the Purchaser or any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this paragraph to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public).

The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only. Nothing in this certificate represents the Purchaser's interpretation of any laws, including specifically Sections 103 and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations thereunder. The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the Issuer with respect to certain

of the representations set forth in the Tax Exemption Certificate and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Bonds, and by Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., Bond Counsel, in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the preparation of the Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, and other federal income tax advice that it may give to the Issuer from time to time relating to the Bonds.

[UNDERWRITER]

By: _____

Name: _____

Dated: December 18, 2025

SCHEDULE A
SALE PRICES OF THE GENERAL RULE MATURITIES AND
INITIAL OFFERING PRICES OF THE HOLD-THE-OFFERING-PRICE MATURITIES
(Attached)

SCHEDULE B
PRICING WIRE OR EQUIVALENT COMMUNICATION

EXHIBIT A
DECORAH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, IOWA
\$10,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2025

ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, on behalf of [NAME OF UNDERWRITER] ("Purchaser"), hereby certifies as set forth below with respect to the sale of the above-captioned obligations (the "Bonds").

1. Reasonably Expected Initial Offering Price.
 - a. As of the Sale Date, the reasonably expected initial offering prices of the Bonds to the Public by Purchaser are the prices listed in Schedule A (the "Expected Offering Prices"). The Expected Offering Prices are the prices for the Maturities of the Bonds used by Purchaser in formulating its bid to purchase the Bonds. Attached as Schedule B is a true and correct copy of the bid provided by Purchaser to purchase the Bonds.
 - b. Purchaser was not given the opportunity to review other bids prior to submitting its bid.
 - c. The bid submitted by Purchaser constituted a firm offer to purchase the Bonds.
2. Defined Terms.
 - a. Maturity means Bonds with the same credit and payment terms. Bonds with different maturity dates, or Bonds with the same maturity date but different stated interest rates, are treated as separate Maturities.
 - b. Public means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a related party to an Underwriter. The term "related party" for purposes of this certificate generally means any two or more persons who have greater than 50 percent common ownership, directly or indirectly.
 - c. Sale Date means the first day on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale of a Maturity of the Bonds. The Sale Date of the Bonds is December 2, 2025.
 - d. Underwriter means (i) the Purchaser or any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this paragraph to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public).

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[UNDERWRITER]

By: _____
Name: _____

Dated: December 18, 2025

SCHEDULE A
EXPECTED OFFERING PRICES
(Attached)

SCHEDULE B
COPY OF UNDERWRITER'S BID
(Attached)