### **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

June 30, 2021

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Board of Directors Colorado Springs Early Colleges Colorado Springs, Colorado

#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Colorado Springs Early Colleges (the "School"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Colorado Springs Early Colleges, as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



#### **Other Matters**

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, the budgetary comparison information, the schedules of the School's proportionate share, and the schedules of the School's contributions on pages 52-56 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements. The supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The supplementary information and 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. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the 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 October 15, 2021, on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

PB Solutions LLC

October 15, 2021

# **Colorado Early Colleges-Colorado Springs**

# Management's Discussion and Analysis Year Ended June 30, 2021

As management of Colorado Early Colleges-Colorado Springs (CECCS), we offer readers of these financial statements this narrative and analysis of the financial activities of CECCS for the year ended June 30, 2021. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information provided in the financial statements.

### **Financial Highlights**

The year ended June 30, 2021, is the fifteenth year of operations for CECCS. As of June 30, 2021, net position changed by \$1,905,855 to \$(8,668,491). This negative balance is the result of the implementation of regulations under the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement (GASB) Numbers 68 and 75. Further information about GASB 68 and 75 is provided in Notes 7 and 8 of the financial statements. The operations of CECCS are funded primarily by tax revenue received under the Colorado School Finance Act in Per Pupil Revenue. Such revenue for the year was \$4,167,558. At the close of the fiscal year, CECCS's governmental fund reported an ending fund balance of \$1,872,327 a decrease of \$1,260,593 from prior year.

### **Overview of Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to CECCS's financial statements. The statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. For the year ended June 30, 2021, CECCS had its fifteenth financial audit completed.

#### Governmental Financial Statements

The governmental financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of CECCS's finances in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

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

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

### Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that are used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. CECCS, like other local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental fund, its general fund.

CECCS adopts an annual budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison has been provided for the general fund on page 52 as part of the basic financial statements.

### Notes to Financial Statements

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements.

### Governmental-Wide Financial Analysis

As noted previously, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of CECCS's financial position. For the year ended June 30, 2021, CECCS's liabilities were more than its assets by \$(8,668,491). Approximately \$405,000 of total net position is restricted to comply with Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution, known as the TABOR Amendment. Investment in capital assets is \$547,648,

### Net position as of June 30, 2021

The total net position of CECCS increased to (\$8,668,491) for the year ended June 30, 2021, from (\$10,574,346 restated) for the year ended June 30, 2020. This increase in net position of \$1,905,855 resulted, primarily, from the PPP loan forgiveness and the deferred charges related to pensions in accordance with GASB 68.

# Statement of Net Position, June 30, 2021 and 2020

	Governmental Activities		
	6/30/2021	6/30/2020	
Cash and Investments	\$ 2,024,374	\$ 2,871,079	
Restricted Cash and Investments	1,927,477	1,644,298	
Other Assets	468,136	969,175	
Capital Assets, Net	13,718,064	12,266,229	
Total Assets	18,138,051	17,750,781	
Deferred Outflow of Resources	4,912,315	4,026,512	
Current Liabilities	1,353,135	464,414	
Accrued Interest	454,660	454,660	
Noncurrent Liabilities	25,613,525	25,834,877	
Total Liabilities	27,421,320	26,753,951	
Deferred Inflow of Resources	4,297,537	6,242,787	
Net Position			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	547,648	(5,417,853)	
Restricted	405,000	185,000	
Unrestricted	(9,621,139)	(5,986,592)	
Total Net Position	\$ (8,668,491)	\$(11,219,445)	

# Change in net position for the year ended June 30, 2021

	Governmental Activit	Sovernmental Activities			
	6/30/2021	6/30/2020			
Program Revenue:					
Charges for Services	\$ 3,570,906	\$ 10,523,100			
Operating Grants and Contributions	1,127,565	442,226			
Capital Grants and Contributions	163,384	158,526			
Total Program Revenue	4,861,855	11,123,852			
General Revenue:					
Per Pupil Operating Revenue	4,167,558	4,582,877			
Mill Levy Override	1,312,000	232,208			
Investment Earnings	1,643	44,658			
Capital Assets Transferred	-	186,778			
Loan Forgiveness	528,649	-			
Other	2,928,955	420,320			
Total General Revenue	8,938,805	5,466,841			
Total Revenue	13,800,660	16,590,693			
Expenses:					
Instruction	2,101,619	3,033,303			
Supporting Services	8,863,382	13,946,896			
Interest and Fiscal Charges	929,804	915,919			
Total Expenses	11,894,805	17,896,118			
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	1,905,855	(1,305,425)			
Beginning Net Position, Restated	(10,574,346)	(9,914,020)			
Ending Net Position	\$ (8,668,491)	\$ (11,219,445)			

The operations of CECCS are funded primarily by the per pupil revenue received under the State School Finance Act. PPR Revenue for the 2020-2021 fiscal year totaled \$4,167,558.

### **Financial Analysis of CESCS's Funds**

CECCS has one governmental fund, the general fund. The general fund is considered a major fund and is used to account for CECCS's general operations. The general fund had a fund balance of \$1,872,327 at the end of the year. The fund balance of the general fund decreased by \$(1,260,593) from June 30, 2021. In addition, a reserve of approximately \$405,000 on June 30, 2021, has been made to satisfy the requirements of the TABOR Amendment. CECCS has a positive unassigned fund balance of \$1,467,327, which is shown net of accounts payable and accrued salaries and benefits.

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

### **Proprietary Funds**

The School also maintains a proprietary fund to record the activity of the Colorado Early Colleges Building Corporation (the Building Corporation). The Building Corporation was formed solely to issue and pay debt on behalf of the School and to fund the construction and improvement of Buildings.

### **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

The School approves an adopted general fund budget in June based on enrollment projections for the new school year. In October, after enrollment stabilizes, adjustments are made to the budget. At year-end, the school had some variances between its final budgeted and actual activities. Overall, the school recognized \$6,181,270 less revenue than expected and spent \$6,323,067 less than planned, when compared to the final budget. A budget amendment was adopted in June 2021 for FY 2020-2021.

### **Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

As of June 30, 2021, capital assets consist primarily of buildings, leasehold improvements and furniture. Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation on June 30, 2021 were \$13,718,064. See Note 4 for more information.

CECCS has long-term debt in the form of Series 2019 Bonds. Proceeds from the Bonds were used to finance the school's facility and to make capital improvements. See Note 5 for more information.

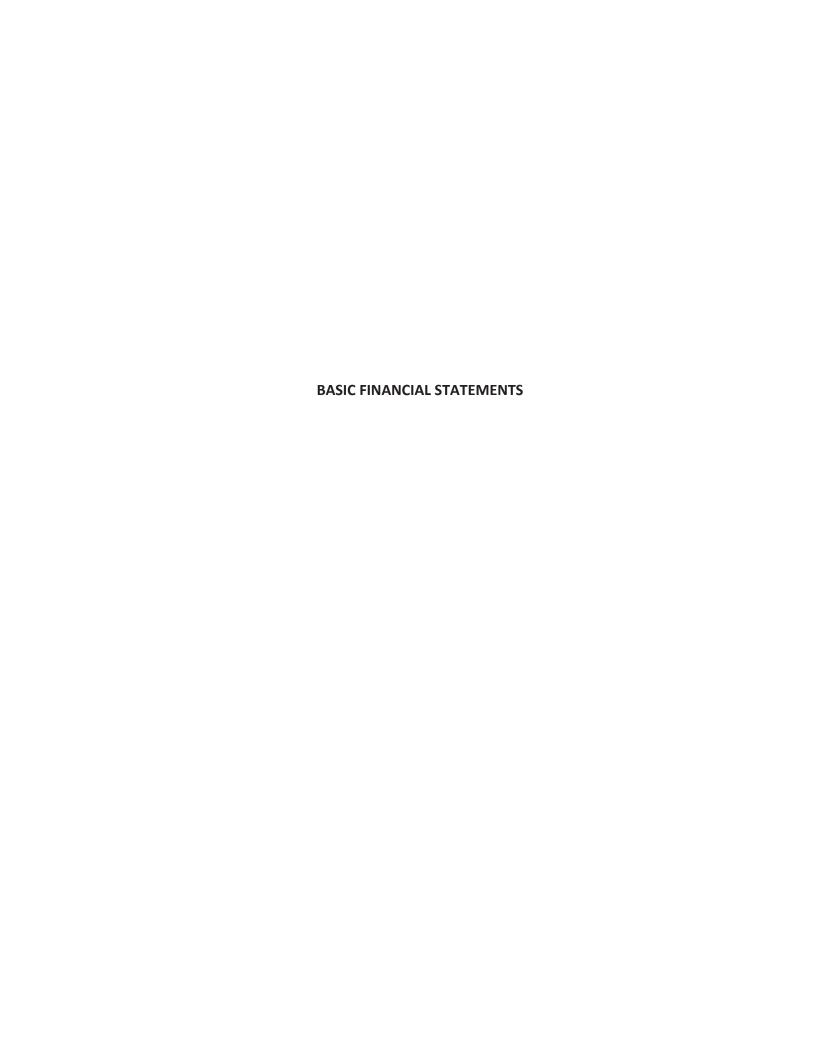
### **Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget**

The primary factor in future budget development for CECCS is student enrollment. CECCS's enrollment is expected to be 656 students for the 2021-2022 school year. CECCS also consider stability in per pupil funding levels to be an important factor in developing its budget for fiscal year 2021.

### **Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of CECCS's finances for all those with an interest in CECCS. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to:

Colorado Early Colleges-Fort Collins Attention: Cameron Mascoll 4424 Innovation Drive Fort Collins, CO 80525



# STATEMENT OF NET POSITION As of June 30, 2021

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
ASSETS Cash and Investments Restricted Cash and Investments Accounts Receivable Capital Assets, Not Depreciated Capital Assets, Depreciated, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 2,024,374 1,927,477 468,136 2,124,087 11,593,977
TOTAL ASSETS	18,138,051
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES Related to Pensions Related to OPEB Deferred Charges	4,398,375 159,482 354,458
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	4,912,315
LIABILITIES  Accounts Payable  Accrued Salaries and Benefits  Accrued Interest Payable  Unearned Revenue  Noncurrent Liabilities  Due in One Year  Due in More than One Year  Net Pension Liability  Net OPEB Liability  TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,208,172 102,963 454,660 42,000 277,000 14,820,893 10,146,650 368,982
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES Related to Pensions Related to OPEB	4,149,372 148,165
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	4,297,537
NET POSITION  Net Investment in Capital Assets Restricted for Emergencies Unrestricted  TOTAL NET POSITION	547,648 405,000 (9,621,139) \$ (8,668,491)

### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES Year Ended June 30, 2021

			I ARGES FOR	С	RAM REVENUE PERATING RANTS AND		CAPITAL RANTS AND	RE C NI	ET (EXPENSE) EVENUE AND CHANGES IN ET POSITION ET POSITION	
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS		EXPENSES		SERVICES	CON	NTRIBUTIONS	CON	ITRIBUTIONS		ACTIVITIES
PRIMARY GOVERNMENT Governmental Activities Instructional Supporting Services Interest and Other Fiscal	\$	2,101,619 8,863,382	\$	453,689 3,117,217	\$	186,889 940,676	\$	- 163,384	\$	(1,461,041) (4,642,105)
Charges		929,804		-		-		-		(929,804)
Total Governmental Activities	\$	11,894,805	\$	3,570,906	\$	1,127,565	\$	163,384		(7,032,950)
				ERAL REVENU Pupil Revenue						4,167,558
				Levy Override						1,312,000
			Inte	-						1,643
			Othe	er						2,928,955
				AL ITEM						
			PPP	Loan Forgiver	ness					528,649
			ТО	TAL GENERAL	. REV	ENUES				8,938,805
			CHAN	IGE IN NET PC	SITIC	DN				1,905,855
			NET P	OSITION, Beg	innin	ıg, Restated				(10,574,346)
			NET P	OSITION, End	ling				\$	(8,668,491)

## BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS June 30, 2021

	(	GENERAL
		FUND
ASSETS		_
Cash and Investments	\$	2,024,374
Accounts Receivable		468,136
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	2,492,510
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$	460,877
Accrued Salaries		102,963
Due to Other Funds		14,343
Unearned Revenue		42,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES		620,183
FUND BALANCES		
Restricted for Emergencies		405,000
Unassigned		1,467,327
TOTAL FUND BALANCES		1,872,327
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	2,492,510

# RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION Year Ended June 30, 2021

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

Total fund balances of governmental funds		\$ 1,872,327
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources, and therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Capital Assets, not depreciated	-	
Capital Assets, depreciated	4,123,008	
Accumulated Depreciation	(2,478,793)	1,644,215
Long-term liabilities and related assets are not due and payable in the current		
period and ,therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Loan Payable	(257,893)	
Net Pension Liability	(10,146,650)	
Net OPEB Liability	(368,982)	(10,773,525)
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	to	
Deferred outflows of resources - Change in Proportionate Share	2,485,392	
Deferred outflows of resources - Subsequent Contributions	379,399	
Deferred outflows of resources - Expected vs Actual Experience	557,508	
Deferred outflows of resources - Projected vs Actual Investments Earnings	-	
Deferred outflows of resources - Change in Assumptions	976,076	
Deferred inflows of resources - Projected vs Actual Investments Earnings	(2,233,508)	
Deferred inflows of resources - Change in Assumptions	(1,705,566)	
Deferred inflows of resources - Change in Proportionate Share	(210,298)	249,003
Deferred outflows of resources - Change in Proportionate Share OPEB	136,280	
Deferred outflows of resources - Subsequent Contributions OPEB	19,466	
Deferred outflows of resources - Expected vs Actual Experience OPEB	979	
Deferred outflows of resources - Change in Assumptions OPEB	2,757	
Deferred inflows of resources - Projected vs Actual Investment Earnings OP		
Deferred inflows of resources - Expected vs Actual Experience OPEB	(81,120)	
Deferred inflows of resources - Change in assumptions OPEB	(22,626)	
Deferred inflows of resources - Change in Proportionate Share OPEB	(29,342)	11,317
Internal Service Funds are used by management to charge the lease costs to		
governmental funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service fund are	e	
included in the governmental activities in the statement of net position.		(1,671,828)
Net position of governmental activities		\$ (8,668,491)

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS Year Ended June 30, 2021

	GENERAL
DEVENUEC	FUND
REVENUES  Local Sources	\$12,045,396
State Sources	372,299
Federal Sources	852,673
TOTAL REVENUES	13,270,368
EXPENDITURES	
Current	
Instruction	2,409,407
Supporting Services	10,198,981
Debt Service	72.444
Principal Interest	73,144 15,239
interest	15,338
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	12,696,870
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER	
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	573,498
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	
Transfers Out	(1,834,091)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(1,260,593)
FUND BALANCES, Beginning	3,132,920
FUND BALANCES, Ending	\$ 1,872,327

# RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES Year Ended June 30, 2021

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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds		\$ (1,260,593)
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 expense in the statement of activities.		
Capital Outlay	_	
Depreciation	(251,902)	(251,902)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require current financial resources and are not reported in the funds.		
Debt Principal Payments	73,144	
Changes in Accrued Interest Payable	(5,751)	67,393
The Internal Service Fund is used by management to charge the cost of lease payments to the governmental funds. The net revenue of the Internal Service Fund is reported with the governmental activities.		1,555,502
Some revenues reported in the statement of activities do not provide current financial resources and are not reported in the governmental funds.  PPP Loan Forgiveness		528,649
Deferred Charges related to pensions and OPEB are not recognized in the governmental funds. However, for the government-wide statements those amounts are capitalized and amortized.		
Deferred charges related to Pension Plan	1,263,665	
Deferred charges related to OPEB	3,141	1,266,806
Change in net position of governmental activities		\$ 1,905,855

## STATEMENT OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUND June 30, 2021

	Governmental Activities Internal Service Fund
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Restricted Cash and Investments	\$ 1,927,477
Due from Other Fund	14,343
Deferred Loss	354,458
Total Current Assets	2,296,278
Noncurrent Assets	
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	2,124,087
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	9,949,762
Total Noncurrent Assets	12,073,849
TOTAL ASSETS	14,370,127
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	747,295
Accrued Interest Payable	454,660
Bonds Payable, Current Portion	200,000
Total Current Liabilities	1,401,955
Noncurrent Liabilities	
Bonds Payable	14,640,000
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	14,640,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	16,041,955
NET POSITION  Net Investment in Capital Assets  Unrestricted	(838,674) (833,154)
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ (1,671,828)

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUND Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Governmental	
	Activities	
	Internal Service	
	Fund	
OPERATING REVENUES		
Rent Income	\$ 1,103,018	
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TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	1,103,018	
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Purchased Services	198	
Property	14,343	
Depreciation Expense	420,350	
Amortization Expense	39,644	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	474,535	
NET OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	628,483	
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		
Earnings on Investments	1,643	
Interest Expense	(908,715)	
Transfer to General Fund	1,834,091	
TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	927,019	
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	1,555,502	
NET POSITION, Beginning	(3,227,330)	
NET POSITION, Ending	\$ (1,671,828)	

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUND

### Year Ended June 301, 2021 Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents

	Governmental Activities	
	Internal Service	
		Fund
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Cash Received from Rental Operations Cash Paid to Suppliers Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	\$	1,103,018 (14,541) 1,088,477
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES Cash Payments to/from Other Funds Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities		(14,343) (14,343)
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES Purchase of Capital Assets Payments To/From Other Schools Debt Payments Interest Payments Net Cash Provided by Capital Financing Activities		(1,376,792) 1,682,909 (190,000) (908,715) (792,598)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Interest Received		1,643
NET INCREASE(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		283,179
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, Beginning		1,644,298
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, Ending	\$	1,927,477
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO  NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES  Operating Income (Loss)  Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss	\$	628,483
to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities Depreciation Expense Amortization Expense Changes in Assets and Liabilities		420,350 39,644
Accounts Payable Total Adjustments	_	459,994
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	\$	1,088,477

\$747,295 of capital assets were purchased with accounts payable.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

### NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Colorado Springs Early Colleges (the "School") was formed in 2006 pursuant to the Colorado Charter Schools Act to form and operate a charter school. The School was approved for replication as part of the Colorado Springs Early Colleges Corporation. The School provides a means for students to obtain college credit while completing their high school diploma requirements. The School is a member of the Charter School Institute ("CSI") and receives state funding from this Organization. The School is governed by an eight-member Board of Directors.

The accounting policies of the School conform with generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental entities. The Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and reporting principles. Following is a summary of the more significant policies.

### **Reporting Entity**

The definition of the reporting entity is based primarily on financial accountability. The financial reporting entity consists of the School and organizations for which the School is financially accountable. It is also financially accountable for legally separate organizations if the School's officials appoint a voting majority for the organization's governing body and either it is able to impose its will on the organization, or if the organization provides benefits to, or imposes financial burdens on the School. The School may also be financially accountable for organizations that are fiscally dependent upon it.

Based on the application of this criteria, the School includes the following organization within its reporting entity:

### Colorado Early Colleges Building Corporation

The Colorado Early Colleges Building Corporation (the "Corporation") was formed to support the School to perform its function and to carry out its purpose, specifically to provide a mechanism to issue debt on behalf of the School. The Corporation is considered to be part of the School for financial reporting purposes because its resources are entirely for the benefit of the School. The Corporation is reported in the School's financial statements as an internal service fund. Separate financial statements are not available for the Corporation.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

### **NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

#### **Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the School. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by intergovernmental revenues, are reported in a single column.

The statement of net position reports all financial, capital and debt resources of the School. The difference between the assets plus deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources of the School is reported as net position.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of the given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to students or other customers who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Unrestricted intergovernmental revenue and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Major individual governmental funds are reported in separate columns in the fund financial statements.

### Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

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

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collected within the current period or soon enough

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

### **NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the School considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period.

Intergovernmental revenues, grants, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the School.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences, are recorded only when payment is due.

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

In the fund financial statements, the School reports the following major governmental funds:

The *General Fund* is the School's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the School, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

In addition, the School reports the following fund type:

The *Internal Service Fund* accounts for the activities of the Corporation.

### Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balance/Net Position

<u>Deposits and Investments</u> – For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the School considers cash and cash equivalents to be all demand deposits as well as short-term investments with a maturity date of three months or less. Investments are stated at fair value.

<u>Receivables</u> – All receivables are reported at their gross value and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

### NOTE 1: <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (Continued)

**Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balance/Net Position** (Continued)

<u>Prepaid Expenses</u> – Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit future periods are recorded as prepaid expenses. An expenditure is reported in the year in which the services are consumed.

<u>Capital Assets</u> – Capital assets, which include property and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the School as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$10,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated acquisition value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Depreciation of exhaustible capital assets is charged as an expense against operations, and accumulated depreciation is reported on the statement of net position in the government-wide financial statements. Property and equipment of the School is depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives.

Buildings and Improvements Vehicles and Equipment 15 to 30 years 5 to 15 years

<u>Unearned Revenues</u> – The unearned revenues include amounts received but not yet available for expenditure.

<u>Accrued Salaries and Benefits</u> – Salaries and retirement benefits of certain contractually employed personnel are paid over a twelve-month period from August to July but are earned during a school year of approximately nine to ten months. The salaries and benefits earned, but unpaid, as of June 30, 2021, were \$102,963. The accrued compensation is reported as a liability in the General Fund.

<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u> - In addition to assets, the statement of financial position and balance sheets will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflow of resources, represents a consumption of net position and fund balance that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

### NOTE 1: <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (Continued)

**Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balance/Net Position** (Continued)

<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u> - In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position and balance sheets will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflow of resources, represents an acquisition of net position and fund balance that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

<u>Long-Term Debt</u> – In the government-wide financial statements long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as current expenditures.

<u>Compensated Absences</u> – The School's policy allows employees to accumulate paid time off. Employees who resign or terminate employment will be paid for their unused paid time off up to a maximum of 8 days provide they have completed five of more years of service to the School. At June 30, 2021, no liability has been accrued for these compensated absences.

<u>Net Position</u>— The government-wide and business-type fund financial statements utilize a net position presentation. Net position is categorized as investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted.

<u>Investment in Capital Assets</u> is intended to reflect the portion of net position which are associated with non-liquid, capital assets less outstanding capital asset related debt. The net related debt is the debt less the outstanding liquid assets and any associated unamortized cost.

Restricted Net Position are liquid assets, which have third party limitations on their use.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

### **NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

### **Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balance/Net Position** (Continued)

<u>Unrestricted Net Position</u> represents assets that do not have any third-party limitation on their use. While School management may have categorized and segmented portion for various purposes, the School Board has the unrestricted right to revisit or alter these managerial decisions.

<u>Fund Balance Classification</u> — The governmental fund financial statements present fund balances based on classifications that comprise a hierarchy that is based primarily on the extent to which the School is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the respective governmental funds can be spent. The classifications used in the governmental fund financial statements are as follows:

- Nonspendable This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent either because they are not in a spendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The School does not report any fund balances as nonspendable at June 30, 2021.
- Restricted This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of the resources either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through a debt covenant), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The School has classified Emergency Reserves as being restricted because their use is restricted by State Statute for declared emergencies.
- Committed This classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Board of Directors. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Directors removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (ordinance or resolution) that was employed when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements. The School did not have any committed resources as of June 30, 2021.
- Assigned This classification includes spendable fund balance amounts that are intended to be used for a specific purpose that are neither considered restricted nor committed. The School did not have any assigned resources as of June 30, 2021.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

### NOTE 1: <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (Continued)

### **Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balance/Net Position** (Continued)

 <u>Unassigned</u> – This classification includes the residual fund balance for the General Fund. The unassigned classification also includes negative residual fund balance of any other governmental fund that cannot be eliminated by offsetting of assigned fund balance amounts.

The School would typically use Restricted fund balances first, followed by Committed resources, and then Assigned resources, as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend Unassigned fund balance.

### **Risk Management**

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. The School purchases commercial insurance for these risks of loss. Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in the last three years.

#### **Income Taxes**

The School is a tax-exempt entity under section 501 (c) 3 of the US Internal Revenue Code. The School's tax filings are subject to audit by various taxing authorities. The School believes it has no significant uncertain tax provisions for the year ended June 30, 2021.

#### **Subsequent Events**

The School has evaluated events subsequent to the year ended June 30, 2021, through October 15, 2021, the date these financial statements were issued, and has incorporated any required recognition into these financial statements.

### NOTE 2: STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

### **Budgets**

A budget is adopted for the General Fund on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

### NOTE 2: STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY (Continued)

### **Budgets** (Continued)

Management submits to the Board of Directors a proposed budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1. The budget is adopted by the Board of Directors prior to June 30. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the fund level. Revisions to the budget must be approved by the Board of Directors. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

### NOTE 3: CASH AND INVESTMENTS

At June 30, 2021, cash and investments consist of the following:

Deposits	\$ (448,063)				
Investments	4,399,914				
Total	\$ 3,951,851				
The above amounts are classified in the statement of net position as follows:					
Cash and Investments - Unrestricted	\$ 2,024,374				
Cash and Investments - Restricted	1,927,477				
Total	\$ 3,951,851				

#### **Deposits**

### <u>Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits</u>

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) requires that all units of local government deposit cash in eligible public depositories. Eligibility is determined by state regulations. At June 30, 2021, State regulatory commissioners have indicated that all financial institutions holding deposits for the School are eligible public depositories.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

## **NOTE 3:** CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

### <u>Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits</u> (Continued)

Amounts on deposit in excess of federal insurance levels must be collateralized by eligible collateral as determined by the PDPA. PDPA allows the financial institution to create a single collateral pool for all public funds held. The pool is to be maintained by another institution or held in trust for all the uninsured public deposits as a group. The market value of the collateral must be at least equal to 102% of the uninsured deposits.

The CEC Network and all CEC Schools have pooled their operating cash during the year ended June 30, 2021. As of June 30, 2021, the combined operating cash for the CEC Network and all CEC Schools had deposits with financial institutions with a carrying amount of \$4,273,571, which included (\$448,063) held by the CSEC School and Network. The pooled bank balance with the financial institutions were \$4,344,066. Of these balances, \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$4,094,066 was covered by collateral held by authorized escrow agents in the financial institutions' name (PDPA).

#### **Investments**

### Interest Rate Risk

The School does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

### Credit Risk

Colorado statutes specify in which instruments the units of local government may invest which includes:

- Obligations of the United States and certain U.S. government agency securities
- Certain international agency securities
- General obligation and revenue bonds of U.S. local government entities
- Bankers' acceptances of certain banks
- Commercial paper
- Local government investment pools
- Written repurchase agreements collateralized by certain authorized securities
- Certain money market funds
- Guaranteed investment contracts

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

## **NOTE 3:** CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

**Investments** (Continued)

Credit Risk (Continued)

The School does not have a formal investment policy to limit credit risk. However, the School follows state statutes regarding investments.

### **Local Government Investment Pools**

The CEC Network and all CEC Schools have invested \$12,002,660 in the Colorado Government Liquid Asset Trust (ColoTrust), which included \$4,399,914 held by CSEC School, the Network, and the Building Corporation.

ColoTrust is an investment vehicle established for local government entities in Colorado pursuant to Title 24, Article 75, Part 7 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, to pool surplus funds for investment purposes. The State Securities Commissioner administers and enforces the requirements of creating and operating the Pools. The Trust operates similar to a money market fund and each share is equal in value to \$1.00. ColoTrust is an external investment pool that records its investments at fair value. The School records its investment in ColoTrust using the net asset value method. ColoTrust is rated AAAm by Standard and Poor's. There are no unfunded commitments, the redemption frequency is daily, and there is no redemption notice period.

#### **Restricted Cash and Investments**

Cash and Investments in the amount of \$1,927,477 are restricted in the Internal Service Fund for debt service and capital projects.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

# NOTE 4: <u>CAPITAL ASSETS</u>

Capital Asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2021 is summarized below:

	Balance 6/30/2020	Additions	Deletions	Balance 6/30/2021
Governmental Activities	0/30/2020	Additions	Defetions	0/30/2021
Capital Assets, Not				
Depreciated				
Construction in Progress	\$ 2,282,470	\$2,124,087	\$2,282,470	\$ 2,124,087
Capital Asset, Being				
Depreciated				
Buildings	\$10,328,050	-	-	\$10,328,050
<b>Building Improvements-Corporation</b>	-	2,282,470	-	2,282,470
Building Improvements-General	2,179,063	-	-	2,179,063
Vehicles and Euipment	1,943,945			1,943,945
Total Capital Assets,				
Being Depreciated	14,451,058	2,282,470		16,733,528
Accumulated Depreciation				
Buildings	2,240,408	344,268	-	2,584,676
<b>Building Improvements-Corporation</b>	-	76,082	-	76,082
Building Improvements-General	1,369,218	193,011	-	1,562,229
Vehicles and Euipment	857,673	58,891		916,564
Total Depreciation	4,467,299	672,252		5,139,551
Total Capital Assets,				
Being Depreciated, Net	9,983,759	1,610,218		11,593,977
Net Capital Assets	\$12,266,229	\$3,734,305	\$2,282,470	\$13,718,064

Depreciation has been charged to the Supporting Services program of the School.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

### NOTE 5: LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of the School's long-term debt transactions for the year ended June 30, 2021:

	Balance					Balance		Due In
	6/30/2020	Α	dditions	Pa	ayments	6/30/2021	0	ne Year
Series 2019 Charter								
School Bonds	\$15,030,000	\$	-	\$	190,000	\$14,840,000	\$	200,000
Capital Leases	331,037		-		73,144	257,893		77,000
PPP Loan Payable	522,898		-		522,898	-		-
Net Pension Liability	9,484,534		662,116		-	10,146,650		-
Net OPEB Liability	466,408		-		97,426	368,982		-
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Total	\$25,834,877	\$	662,116	\$	883,468	\$25,613,525	\$	277,000

#### Series 2019A and 2019B Charter School Revenue Bonds

On April 12, 2019, the Public Finance Authority issued Charter School Revenue Bonds, Series 2019A and 2019B in the amount of \$15,030,000. Proceeds of the bonds were used to finance the School's facility and to make capital improvements. The School is required to make lease payments to the Corporation for the use of the building and the Corporation is required to make equal payments to the Trustee, for payment of the bonds.

The bonds carry an interest rate of 4.95%. Annual interest payments are due starting on June 25, 2020. Annual principal payments are due beginning on June 25, 2022, through 2029. A final balloon payment in the amount of the then outstanding principal balance and accrued interest is due on July 1, 2029.

The bonds are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest thereon to the redemption rate. The Corporation is required to deposit funds into the bond principal fund and bond interest fund sufficient to redeem the principal and interest amounts when due.

The bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the Building Corporation, in whole or in part, on any date in authorized denominations, upon payment of the principal thereof, plus any accrued interest to the redemption date at the following redemption prices: For redemption dates beginning July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, at 101% and for redemption dates beginning July 1, 2023, through the maturity date at 100%.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

### **NOTE 5:** <u>LONG-TERM DEBT</u> (Continued)

Future debt service requirements on the bonds are as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	Principal Interest		Total	
2022	\$ 200,000 210,000	\$ 897,166	\$ 1,097,166	
2023		885,020	1,095,020	
2024	230,000	871,978	1,101,978	
2025	240,000	858,039	1,098,039	
2026	255,000	843,327	1,098,327	
2027-2030	13,705,000	1,271,495	14,976,495	
Total	\$14,840,000	\$ 5,627,025	\$20,467,025	

### **PPP Loan Payable**

On April 15, 2020, the School received a loan in the amount of \$522,898 through the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program under Division A, Title I of the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (the "CARES Act").

On June 9, 2021, the School was notified by the Small Business Administration that the loan principal balance of \$522,898 and accrued interest in the amount of \$5,751 has been fully forgiven. The amount of the loan forgiveness is reported as a special item in the School's government-wide statement of activities.

### NOTE 6: INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS

During the year ended June 30, 2021, the School transferred \$1,834,091 to the Corporation to provide funding for capital projects.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

### NOTE 7: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

### **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Pensions. The School participates in the School Division Trust Fund (SCHDTF), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado ("PERA"). The net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position (FNP) and additions to/deductions from the FNP of the SCHDTF have been determined using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. 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 Colorado General Assembly passed significant pension reform through Senate Bill (SB) 18-200: Concerning Modifications To the Public Employees' Retirement Association Hybrid Defined Benefit Plan Necessary to Eliminate with a High Probability the Unfunded Liability of the Plan Within the Next Thirty Years. The bill was signed into law by Governor Hickenlooper on June 4, 2018. SB 18-200 made changes to certain benefit provisions. Most of these changes were in effect as of June 30, 2021.

#### General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan description. Eligible employees of the School are provided with pensions through the SCHDTF—a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by PERA. Plan benefits are specified in Title 24, Article 51 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), administrative rules set forth at 8 C.C.R. 1502-1, and applicable provisions of the federal Internal Revenue Code. Colorado State law provisions may be amended from time to time by the Colorado General Assembly. PERA issues a publicly available comprehensive annual financial report (Annual Report) that can be obtained at www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports.

Benefits provided as of December 31, 2020. PERA provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined by the amount of service credit earned and/or purchased, highest average salary, the benefit structure(s) under which the member retires, the benefit option selected at retirement, and age at retirement. Retirement eligibility is specified in tables set forth at C.R.S. § 24-51-602, 604, 1713, and 1714.

The lifetime retirement benefit for all eligible retiring employees under the PERA benefit structure is the greater of the:

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

#### **NOTE 7: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN** (Continued)

#### **General Information about the Pension Plan (Continued)**

- Highest average salary multiplied by 2.5 percent and then multiplied by years of service credit.
- The value of the retiring employee's member contribution account plus a 100 percent match on eligible amounts as of the retirement date. This amount is then annuitized into a monthly benefit based on life expectancy and other actuarial factors.

The lifetime retirement benefit for all eligible retiring employees under the Denver Public Schools (DPS) benefit structure is the greater of the:

- Highest average salary multiplied by 2.5 percent and then multiplied by years of service credit.
- \$15 times the first 10 years of service credit plus \$20 times service credit over 10 years
  plus a monthly amount equal to the annuitized member contribution account balance
  based on life expectancy and other actuarial factors.

In all cases the service retirement benefit is limited to 100 percent of highest average salary and also cannot exceed the maximum benefit allowed by federal Internal Revenue Code.

Members may elect to withdraw their member contribution accounts upon termination of employment with all PERA employers; waiving rights to any lifetime retirement benefits earned. If eligible, the member may receive a match of either 50 percent or 100 percent on eligible amounts depending on when contributions were remitted to PERA, the date employment was terminated, whether 5 years of service credit has been obtained and the benefit structure under which contributions were made.

As of December 31, 2020, benefit recipients who elect to receive a lifetime retirement benefit are generally eligible to receive post-retirement cost-of-living adjustments, referred to as annual increases in the C.R.S., once certain criteria are met. Pursuant to SB 18-200, eligible benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began membership before January 1, 2007, and all eligible benefit recipients of the DPS benefit structure will receive an annual increase of 1.25 percent unless adjusted by the automatic adjustment provision (AAP) pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-51-413.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

#### **NOTE 7: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN** (Continued)

#### General Information about the Pension Plan (Continued)

Eligible benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began membership on or after January 1, 2007, will receive the lessor of an annual increase of 1.25 percent or the average of the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for the prior calendar year, not to exceed 10 percent of PERA's Annual Increase Reserve (AIR) for the SCHDTF. The AAP may raise or lower the aforementioned annual increase by up to 0.25 percent based on the parameters specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-413.

Disability benefits are available for eligible employees once they reach five years of earned service credit and are determined to meet the definition of disability. The disability benefit amount is based on the lifetime retirement benefit formula(s) shown above considering a minimum 20 years of service credit, if deemed disabled.

Survivor benefits are determined by several factors, which include the amount of earned service credit, highest average salary of the deceased, the benefit structure(s) under which service credit was obtained, and the qualified survivor(s) who will receive the benefits.

Contributions provisions as of June 30, 2021: Eligible employees of the School and the State are required to contribute to the SCHDTF at a rate set by Colorado statute. The contribution requirements for the SCHDTF are established under C.R.S. § 24-51-401, et seq. and § 24-51-413. Eligible employees are required to contribute 10.00 percent of their PERA-includable salary during the period of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021. Employer contribution requirements are summarized in the table below:

	July 1, 2020 Through June 30, 2021
Employer contribution rate	10.90%
Amount of employer contribution apportioned to	(1.02)%
the Health Care Trust Fund as specified in	
C.R.S. § 24-51-208(1)(f)	
Amount apportioned to the SCHDTF	9.88%
Amortization Equalization Disbursement (AED) as	4.50%
specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411	
Supplemental Amortization Equalization	5.50%
Disbursement (SAED) as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-	
411	
Total employer contribution rate to the SCHDTF	19.88%

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

#### **NOTE 7: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN** (Continued)

#### **General Information about the Pension Plan (Continued)**

\*\*Contribution rates for the SCHDTF are expressed as a percentage of salary as defined in C.R.S. § 24-51-101(42).

As specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-414, the State is required to contribute \$225 million (actual dollars) each year to PERA starting on July 1, 2018. A portion of the direct distribution payment is allocated to the SCHDTF based on the proportionate amount of annual payroll of the SCHDTF to the total annual payroll of the SCHDTF, State Division Trust Fund, Judicial Division Trust Fund, and Denver Public Schools Division Trust Fund. House Bill (HB) 20-1379 suspended the \$225 million (actual dollars) direct distribution payable on July 1, 2020, for the State's 2020-21 fiscal year.

Employer contributions are recognized by the SCHDTF in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the School is statutorily committed to pay the contributions to the SCHDTF. Employer contributions recognized by the SCHDTF from the School were \$725,386 for the year ended June 30, 2021.

### Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

The net pension liability for the SCHDTF was measured as of December 31, 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2019. Standard update procedures were used to roll-forward the total pension liability to December 31, 2020. The School's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the School's contributions to the SCHDTF for the calendar year 2020 relative to the total contributions of participating employers and the State as a nonemployer contributing entity.

Due to the aforementioned suspension of the July 1, 2020, direct distribution payment, the nonemployer contributing entity's proportion is zero percent. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-51-414, the direct distribution payment from the State of Colorado is to recommence annually starting on July 1, 2021. For purposes of GASB 68 paragraph 15, a circumstance exists in which a nonemployer contributing entity is legally responsible for making contributions to the SCHDTF and is considered to meet the definition of a special funding situation.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

#### **NOTE 7:** <u>DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN</u> (Continued)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

At June 30, 2021, the School reported a liability of \$10,146,650 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The amount recognized by the School as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the related support from the State as a nonemployer contributing entity, and the total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the School were as follows:

School's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$10,146,650
The State's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a nonemployer contributing entity associated with the School	\$-0-
Total	\$10,146,650

At December 31, 2020, the School's proportion was 0.0671 percent, which was an increase of 0.0036 percent from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2019.

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the School recognized pension expense of (\$535,891) and revenue of \$-0- for support from the State as a nonemployer contributing entity. At June 30, 2021, the School reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows</u>
	<u>of Resources</u>	<u>of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual	\$557,508	N/A
experience		
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	\$976,076	\$1,705,566
Net difference between projected and actual	N/A	\$2,233,508
earnings on pension plan investments		
Changes in proportion and differences between	\$2,485,392	\$210,298
contributions recognized and proportionate		
share of contributions		
Contributions subsequent to the measurement	\$379,399	N/A
Total	\$4,398,375	\$4,149,372

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

#### **NOTE 7:** <u>DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN</u> (Continued)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

\$379,399 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions, resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2022. 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 ended June 30:	
2022	(\$435,811)
2023	\$1,004,850
2024	(\$347,087)
2025	(\$352,348)

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2019, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial cost method, actuarial assumptions and other inputs:

Entry age
2.40%
1.10%
3.50%
3.50%-9.70%
7.25%
7.25%
1.25%

PERA benefit structure hired after 12/31/06<sup>1</sup> Financed by the AIR

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Post-retirement benefit increases are provided by the AIR, accounted separately within each Division Trust Fund, and subject to moneys being available; therefore, liabilities related to increases for members of these benefit tiers can never exceed available assets.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

#### NOTE 7: <u>DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN</u> (Continued)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

Healthy mortality assumptions for active members were based on the RP-2014 White Collar Employee Mortality Table, a table specifically developed for actively working people. To allow for an appropriate margin of improved mortality prospectively, the mortality rates incorporate a 70 percent factor applied to male rates and a 55 percent factor applied to female rates.

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions were based on the RP-2014 White Collar Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted as follows:

- Males: Mortality improvement projected to 2018 using the MP-2015 projection scale, a 93 percent factor applied to rates for ages less than 80, a 113 percent factor applied to rates for ages 80 and above, and further adjustments for credibility.
- Females: Mortality improvement projected to 2020 using the MP-2015 projection scale, a 68 percent factor applied to rates for ages less than 80, a 106 percent factor applied to rates for ages 80 and above, and further adjustments for credibility.

The mortality assumption for disabled retirees was based on 90 percent of the RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2019, valuation were based on the results of the 2016 experience analysis for the periods January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2015, as well as, the October 28, 2016, actuarial assumptions workshop and were adopted by PERA's Board during the November 18, 2016, Board meeting.

Based on the 2020 experience analysis, dated October 28, 2020, for the period January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2019, revised economic and demographic assumptions were adopted by PERA's Board on November 20, 2020, and were effective as of December 31, 2020. The assumptions shown below were reflected in the roll forward calculation of the total pension liability from December 31, 2019, to December 31, 2020.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

#### **NOTE 7: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PL,AN** (Continued)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

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Salary increases, including wage inflation: 3.40%-11.00%

Long-term investment rate of return, net of pension 7.25%

plan investment expenses, including price inflation

Discount rate 7.25%

Post-retirement benefit increases:

PERA benefit structure hired prior to 1/1/07 1.25%

and DPS benefit structure (compounded annually)

PERA benefit structure hired after 12/31/06<sup>1</sup> Financed by the AIR

Salary scale assumptions were revised to align with revised economic assumptions and to more closely reflect actual experience.

Rates of termination/withdrawal, retirement, and disability were revised to more closely reflect actual experience.

The pre-retirement mortality assumptions were based upon the PubT-2010 Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions were based upon the PubT-2010 Healthy Retiree Table, adjusted as follows:

- Males: 112 percent of the rates prior to age 80 and 94 percent of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- **Females:** 83 percent of the rates prior to age 80 and 106 percent of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Post-retirement benefit increases are provided by the AIR, accounted separately within each Division Trust Fund, and subject to moneys being available; therefore, liabilities related to increases for members of these benefit tiers can never exceed available assets.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

#### NOTE 7: <u>DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN</u> (Continued)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

Post-retirement non-disabled beneficiary mortality assumptions were based upon the Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor Table, adjusted as follows:

- Males: 97 percent of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- Females: 105 percent of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Disabled mortality assumptions were based upon the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Table using 99 percent of the rates for all ages with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

The mortality tables described above are generational mortality tables on a benefit-weighted basis. The long-term expected return on plan assets is reviewed as part of regular experience studies prepared every four to five years for PERA. Recently this assumption has been reviewed more frequently. The most recent analyses were outlined in the Experience Study report dated October 28, 2020. As a result of the November 20, 2020, PERA Board meeting, the following economic assumptions were changed, effective December 31, 2020:

- Price inflation assumption decreased from 2.40 percent per year to 2.30 percent per year.
- Real rate of investment return assumption increased from 4.85 percent per year, net of investment expenses to 4.95 percent per year, net of investment expenses.
- Wage inflation assumption decreased from 3.50 percent per year to 3.00 percent per year.

Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption, including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a lognormal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation) were developed for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages and then adding expected inflation.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

#### NOTE 7: <u>DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN</u> (Continued)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

The PERA Board first adopted the 7.25 percent long-term expected rate of return as of November 18, 2016. Following an asset/liability study, the Board reaffirmed the assumed rate of return at the Board's November 15, 2019, meeting, to be effective January 1, 2020. As of the most recent reaffirmation of the long-term rate of return, the target asset allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the table as follows:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	30 Year Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return
Global Equity	54.00%	5.60%
Fixed Income	23.00%	1.30%
Private Equity	8.50%	7.10%
Real Estate	8.50%	4.40%
Alternatives <sup>1</sup>	6.00%	4.70%
Total	100.00%	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Opportunity Fund's name changed to Alternatives, effective January 1, 2020.

In setting the long-term expected rate of return, projections employed to model future returns provide a range of expected long-term returns that, including expected inflation, ultimately support a long-term expected nominal rate of return assumption of 7.25 percent.

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate applied the actuarial cost method and assumptions shown above. In addition, the following methods and assumptions were used in the projection of cash flows:

• Total covered payroll for the initial projection year consists of the covered payroll of the active membership present on the valuation date and the covered payroll of future plan members assumed to be hired during the year. In subsequent projection years, total covered payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 3.00 percent.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

#### **NOTE 7: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN** (Continued)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

- Employee contributions were assumed to be made at the member contribution rates in effect for each year, including the scheduled increases in SB 18-200. Employee contributions for future plan members were used to reduce the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members.
- Employer contributions were assumed to be made at rates equal to the fixed statutory rates specified in law for each year, including the scheduled increase in SB 18-200. Employer contributions also include current and estimated future AED and SAED, until the actuarial value funding ratio reaches 103 percent, at which point the AED and SAED will each drop 0.50 percent every year until they are zero. Additionally, estimated employer contributions reflect reductions for the funding of the AIR and retiree health care benefits. For future plan members, employer contributions were further reduced by the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members not financed by their member contributions.
- As specified in law, the State, as a nonemployer contributing entity, will provide an annual direct distribution of \$225 million (actual dollars), commencing July 1, 2018, that is proportioned between the State, School, Judicial, and DPS Division Trust Funds based upon the covered payroll of each Division. The annual direct distribution ceases when all Division Trust Funds are fully funded. HB 20-1379 suspended the \$225 million (actual dollars) direct distribution payable on July 1, 2020, for the State's 2020-21 fiscal year.
- Employer contributions and the amount of total service costs for future plan members
  were based upon a process to estimate future actuarially determined contributions
  assuming an analogous future plan member growth rate.
- The AIR balance was excluded from the initial FNP, as, per statute, AIR amounts cannot be used to pay benefits until transferred to either the retirement benefits reserve or the survivor benefits reserve, as appropriate. AIR transfers to the FNP position and the subsequent AIR benefit payments were estimated and included in the projections.
- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the middle of the year.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

#### NOTE 7: <u>DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN</u> (Continued)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

Based on the above assumptions and methods, the SCHDTF's FNP was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current members.

Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return of 7.25 percent on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability. The discount rate determination does not use the municipal bond index rate, and therefore, the discount rate is 7.25 percent. There was no change in the discount rate from the prior measurement date.

Sensitivity of the School's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.25 percent, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.25 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.25 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Current Discount	1% Increase
	(6.25%)	Rate (7.25%)	(8.25%)
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$13,840,862	\$10,146,650	\$7,068,154

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the SCHDTF's FNP is available in PERA's Annual Report which can be obtained at <a href="https://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports">www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports</a>.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

#### NOTE 8: <u>DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) PLAN</u>

#### **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

OPEB. The School participates The School in the Health Care Trust Fund (HCTF), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB fund administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado ("PERA"). The net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position (FNP) and additions to/deductions from the FNP of the HCTF have been determined using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. For this purpose, benefits paid on behalf of health care participants are recognized when due and/or payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Plan description. Eligible employees of the School are provided with OPEB through the HCTF—a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by PERA. The HCTF is established under Title 24, Article 51, Part 12 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), as amended. Colorado State law provisions may be amended from time to time by the Colorado General Assembly. Title 24, Article 51, Part 12 of the C.R.S., as amended, sets forth a framework that grants authority to the PERA Board to contract, self-insure, and authorize disbursements necessary in order to carry out the purposes of the PERACare program, including the administration of the premium subsidies. Colorado State law provisions may be amended from time to time by the Colorado General Assembly. PERA issues a publicly available comprehensive annual financial report (Annual Report) that can be obtained at <a href="https://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports">www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports</a>.

Benefits provided. The HCTF provides a health care premium subsidy to eligible participating PERA benefit recipients and retirees who choose to enroll in one of the PERA health care plans, however, the subsidy is not available if only enrolled in the dental and/or vision plan(s). The health care premium subsidy is based upon the benefit structure under which the member retires and the member's years of service credit. For members who retire having service credit with employers in the Denver Public Schools (DPS) Division and one or more of the other four Divisions (State, School, Local Government and Judicial), the premium subsidy is allocated between the HCTF and the Denver Public Schools Health Care Trust Fund (DPS HCTF). The basis for the amount of the premium subsidy funded by each trust fund is the percentage of the member contribution account balance from each division as it relates to the total member contribution account balance from which the retirement benefit is paid.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

#### NOTE 8: <u>DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) PLAN</u> (Continued)

#### **General Information about the OPEB Plan** (Continued)

C.R.S. § 24-51-1202 et seq. specifies the eligibility for enrollment in the health care plans offered by PERA and the amount of the premium subsidy. The law governing a benefit recipient's eligibility for the subsidy and the amount of the subsidy differs slightly depending under which benefit structure the benefits are calculated. All benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure and all retirees under the DPS benefit structure are eligible for a premium subsidy, if enrolled in a health care plan under PERACare. Upon the death of a DPS benefit structure retiree, no further subsidy is paid.

Enrollment in the PERACare is voluntary and is available to benefit recipients and their eligible dependents, certain surviving spouses, and divorced spouses and guardians, among others.

Eligible benefit recipients may enroll into the program upon retirement, upon the occurrence of certain life events, or on an annual basis during an open enrollment period.

#### PERA Benefit Structure

The maximum service-based premium subsidy is \$230 per month for benefit recipients who are under 65 years of age and who are not entitled to Medicare; the maximum service-based subsidy is \$115 per month for benefit recipients who are 65 years of age or older or who are under 65 years of age and entitled to Medicare. The maximum service-based subsidy, in each case, is for benefit recipients with retirement benefits based on 20 or more years of service credit.

There is a 5 percent reduction in the subsidy for each year less than 20. The benefit recipient pays the remaining portion of the premium to the extent the subsidy does not cover the entire amount.

For benefit recipients who have not participated in Social Security and who are not otherwise eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A for hospital-related services, C.R.S. § 24-51-1206(4) provides an additional subsidy. According to the statute, PERA cannot charge premiums to benefit recipients without Medicare Part A that are greater than premiums charged to benefit recipients with Part A for the same plan option, coverage level, and service credit. Currently, for each individual PERACare enrollee, the total premium for Medicare coverage is determined assuming plan participants have both Medicare Part A and Part B and the difference in premium cost is paid by the HCTF or the DPS HCTF on behalf of benefit recipients not covered by Medicare Part A.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

#### NOTE 8: <u>DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) PLAN</u> (Continued)

#### **General Information about the OPEB Plan** (Continued)

#### DPS Benefit Structure

The maximum service-based premium subsidy is \$230 per month for retirees who are under 65 years of age and who are not entitled to Medicare; the maximum service-based subsidy is \$115 per month for retirees who are 65 years of age or older or who are under 65 years of age and entitled to Medicare. The maximum subsidy, in each case, is for retirees with retirement benefits based on 20 or more years of service credit. There is a 5 percent reduction in the subsidy for each year less than 20. The retiree pays the remaining portion of the premium to the extent the subsidy does not cover the entire amount.

For retirees who have not participated in Social Security and who are not otherwise eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A for hospital-related services, the HCTF or the DPS HCTF pays an alternate service-based premium subsidy. Each individual retiree meeting these conditions receives the maximum \$230 per month subsidy reduced appropriately for service less than 20 years, as described above. Retirees who do not have Medicare Part A pay the difference between the total premium and the monthly subsidy.

Contributions. Pursuant to Title 24, Article 51, Section 208(1) (f) of the C.R.S., as amended, certain contributions are apportioned to the HCTF. PERA-affiliated employers of the State, School, Local Government, and Judicial Divisions are required to contribute at a rate of 1.02 percent of PERA-includable salary into the HCTF.

Employer contributions are recognized by the HCTF in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the School is statutorily committed to pay the contributions. Employer contributions recognized by the HCTF from the School were \$37,218 for the year ended June 30, 2021.

### OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

At June 30, 2021, the School reported a liability of \$368,982 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability for the HCTF was measured as of December 31, 2020, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2019. Standard update procedures were used to roll-forward the total OPEB liability to December 31, 2020. The School's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the School's contributions to the HCTF for the calendar year 2020 relative to the total contributions of participating employers to the HCTF.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

#### NOTE 8: DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) PLAN (Continued)

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)

At December 31, 2020, the proportion was 0.0388 percent, which was a decrease of 0.0027 percent from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2019.

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the School recognized OPEB expense of \$34,077. At June 30, 2021, the School reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of</u>
	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$979	\$81,120
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	\$2,757	\$22,626
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	N/A	\$15,077
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	\$136,280	\$29,342
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	\$19,466	N/A
Total	\$159,482	\$148,165

\$19,466 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB, resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

#### NOTE 8: <u>DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) PLAN</u> (Continued)

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)

Year ended June 30:	
2022	\$2,846
2023	\$4,955
2024	\$2,185
2025	(\$3,255)
2026	(\$13,851)
2027	(\$1,029)

Actuarial assumptions. The total OPEB liability in the December 31, 2019, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial cost method, actuarial assumptions and other inputs:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
	2.400/
Price inflation	2.40%
Real wage growth	1 100/
Redi Wage growth	1.10%
Wage inflation	3.50%
	0.0070
Real wage growth Wage inflation	1.10% 3.50%

Salary increases, including wage inflation 3.50% in aggregate

Long-term investment rate of return, net of OPEB 7.25%

plan investment expenses, including price inflation

Discount rate 7.25%

Health care cost trend rates PERA benefit structure:

Service-based premium subsidy 0.00%

PERACare Medicare plans 8.10% in 2020, gradually

decreasing to 4.50% in 2029

Medicare Part A premiums 3.50% in 2020, gradually

increasing to 4.50% in 2029

DPS benefit structure:

Service-based premium subsidy 0.00%
PERACare Medicare plans N/A
Medicare Part A premiums N/A

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

#### NOTE 8: <u>DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) PLAN</u> (Continued)

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)

In determining the additional liability for PERACare enrollees who are age 65 or older and who are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A in the December 31, 2019, valuation, the following monthly costs/premiums (actual dollars) are assumed for 2020 for the PERA Benefit Structure:

### Initial Costs for Members without Medicare Part A

Medicare Plan	Monthly Cost	Monthly Premium	Monthly Cost Adjusted
Medicare Advantage/Self-Insured Kaiser Permanente	\$588	\$227	\$550
Medicare Advantage	\$621	\$232	\$586

The 2020 Medicare Part A premium is \$458 (actual dollars) per month.

All costs are subject to the health care cost trend rates, as discussed below.

Health care cost trend rates reflect the change in per capita health costs over time due to factors such as medical inflation, utilization, plan design, and technology improvements. For the PERA benefit structure, health care cost trend rates are needed to project the future costs associated with providing benefits to those PERACare enrollees not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A.

Health care cost trend rates for the PERA benefit structure are based on published annual health care inflation surveys in conjunction with actual plan experience (if credible), building block models and industry methods developed by health plan actuaries and administrators. In addition, projected trends for the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund (Medicare Part A premiums) provided by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services are referenced in the development of these rates. Effective December 31, 2019, the health care cost trend rates for Medicare Part A premiums were revised to reflect the current expectation of future increases in rates of inflation applicable to Medicare Part A premiums.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

#### NOTE 8: <u>DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) PLAN</u> (Continued)

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)

The PERA benefit structure health care cost trend rates used to measure the total OPEB liability are summarized in the table below:

	PERACare	Medicare
Year	Medicare	Part A
2020	8.10%	3.50%
2021	6.40%	3.75%
2022	6.00%	3.75%
2023	5.70%	3.75%
2024	5.50%	4.00%
2025	5.30%	4.00%
2026	5.10%	4.00%
2027	4.90%	4.25%
2028	4.70%	4.25%
2029+	4.50%	4.50%

Mortality assumptions used in the December 31, 2019, valuation for the determination of the total pension liability for each of the Division Trust Funds as shown below were applied, as applicable, in the determination of the total OPEB liability for the HCTF. Affiliated employers of the State, School, Local Government, and Judicial Divisions participate in the HCTF.

Healthy mortality assumptions for active members were based on the RP-2014 White Collar Employee Mortality Table, a table specifically developed for actively working people. To allow for an appropriate margin of improved mortality prospectively, the mortality rates incorporate a 70 percent factor applied to male rates and a 55 percent factor applied to female rates.

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions for the State and Local Government Divisions were based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted as follows:

• Males: Mortality improvement projected to 2018 using the MP-2015 projection scale, a 73 percent factor applied to rates for ages less than 80, a 108 percent factor applied to rates for ages 80 and above, and further adjustments for credibility.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

#### NOTE 8: DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) PLAN (Continued)

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)

• **Females:** Mortality improvement projected to 2020 using the MP-2015 projection scale, a 78 percent factor applied to rates for ages less than 80, a 109 percent factor applied to rates for ages 80 and above, and further adjustments for credibility.

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions for the School and Judicial Divisions were based on the RP-2014 White Collar Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted as follows:

- Males: Mortality improvement projected to 2018 using the MP-2015 projection scale, a 93 percent factor applied to rates for ages less than 80, a 113 percent factor applied to rates for ages 80 and above, and further adjustments for credibility.
- **Females:** Mortality improvement projected to 2020 using the MP-2015 projection scale, a 68 percent factor applied to rates for ages less than 80, a 106 percent factor applied to rates for ages 80 and above, and further adjustments for credibility.

The mortality assumption for disabled retirees was based on 90 percent of the RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2019, valuation were based on the results of the 2016 experience analysis for the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2015, as well as the October 28, 2016, actuarial assumptions workshop and were adopted by PERA's Board during the November 18, 2016, Board meeting.

Based on the 2020 experience analysis, dated October 28, 2020, and November 4, 2020, for the period of January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2019, revised economic and demographic assumptions were adopted by PERA's Board on November 20, 2020, and were effective as of December 31, 2020. The assumptions shown below were reflected in the roll forward calculation of the total OPEB liability from December 31, 2019, to December 31, 2020.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

#### NOTE 8: <u>DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) PLAN</u> (Continued)

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)

		Trust	Fund	
	State Division	School Division	Local Government Division	Judicial Division
Actuarial cost method	Entry age	Entry age	Entry age	Entry age
Price inflation	2.30%	2.30%	2.30%	2.30%
Real wage growth	0.70%	0.70%	0.70%	0.70%
Wage inflation	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%
Salary increases, including wage inflation	on:			
Members other than State Troopers	3.30%-10.90%	3.40%-11.00%	3.20%-11.30%	2.80%-5.30%
State Troopers	3.20%-12.40%	N/A	3.20%-12.40%1	N/A

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> C.R.S. § 24-51-101 (46), as amended, expanded the definition of "State Troopers" to include certain employees within the Local Government Division, effective January 1, 2020. See Note 4 of the Notes to the Financial Statements in PERA's 2020 Annual Report for more information.

The long-term rate of return, net of OPEB plan investment expenses, including price inflation and discount rate assumptions were 7.25 percent.

Rates of termination/withdrawal, retirement, and disability were revised to more closely reflect actual experience.

Mortality assumptions used in the roll forward calculations for the determination of the total pension liability for each of the Division Trust Funds as shown below were applied, as applicable, in the roll forward calculation for the HCTF, using a headcount-weighted basis.

Pre-retirement mortality assumptions for the State and Local Government Divisions (Members other than State Troopers) were based upon the PubG-2010 Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Pre-retirement mortality assumptions for State Troopers were based upon the PubS-2010 Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

The pre-retirement mortality assumptions for the School Division were based upon the PubT-2010 Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

#### NOTE 8: <u>DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) PLAN</u> (Continued)

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)

Pre-retirement mortality assumptions for the Judicial Division were based upon the PubG-2010(A) Above-Median Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions for the State and Local Government Divisions (Members other than State Troopers) were based upon the PubG-2010 Healthy Retiree Table, adjusted as follows:

- Males: 94 percent of the rates prior to age 80 and 90 percent of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- **Females:** 87 percent of the rates prior to age 80 and 107 percent of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions for State Troopers were based upon the unadjusted PubS-2010 Healthy Retiree Table, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions for the School Division were based upon the PubT-2010 Healthy Retiree Table, adjusted as follows:

- Males: 112 percent of the rates prior to age 80 and 94 percent of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- **Females:** 83 percent of the rates prior to age 80 and 106 percent of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions for the Judicial Division were based upon the unadjusted PubG-2010(A) Above-Median Healthy Retiree Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement non-disabled beneficiary mortality assumptions were based upon the Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor Table, adjusted as follows:

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

#### NOTE 8: <u>DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) PLAN</u> (Continued)

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)

- Males: 97 percent of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- **Females:** 105 percent of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Disabled mortality assumptions for Members other than State Troopers were based upon the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Table using 99 percent of the rates for all ages with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Disabled mortality assumptions for State Troopers were based upon the unadjusted PubS-2010 Disabled Retiree Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

The mortality tables described above are generational mortality tables on a head-count weighted basis.

The following health care costs assumptions were updated and used in the roll forward calculation for the HCTF:

- Initial per capita health care costs for those PERACare enrollees under the PERA benefit structure who are expected to attain age 65 and older ages and are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A benefits were updated to reflect the change in costs for the 2020 plan year.
- The health care cost trend rates for Medicare Part A premiums were revised to reflect the then-current expectation of future increases in rates of inflation applicable to Medicare Part A premiums.

Actuarial assumptions pertaining to per capita health care costs and their related trend rates are analyzed and updated annually by the Board's actuary, as discussed above.

The long-term expected return on plan assets is reviewed as part of regular experience studies prepared every four to five years for PERA. Recently this assumption has been reviewed more frequently. The most recent analyses were outlined in the Experience Study report dated October 28, 2020. As a result of the November 20, 2020, PERA Board meeting, the following economic assumptions were changed, effective December 31, 2020:

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

#### NOTE 8: <u>DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) PLAN</u> (Continued)

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)

- Price inflation assumption decreased from 2.40 percent per year to 2.30 percent per year.
- Real rate of investment return assumption increased from 4.85 percent per year, net of investment expenses to 4.95 percent per year, net of investment expenses.
- Wage inflation assumption decreased from 3.50 percent per year to 3.00 percent per year.

Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption, including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a lognormal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation) were developed for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages and then adding expected inflation.

The PERA Board first adopted the 7.25 percent long-term expected rate of return as of November 18, 2016. Following an asset/liability study, the Board reaffirmed the assumed rate of return at the Board's November 15, 2019, meeting, to be effective January 1, 2020. As of the most recent reaffirmation of the long-term rate of return, the target asset allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the table as follows:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	30 Year Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return
Global Equity	54.00%	5.60%
Fixed Income	23.00%	1.30%
Private Equity	8.50%	7.10%
Real Estate	8.50%	4.40%
Alternatives <sup>1</sup>	6.00%	4.70%
Total	100.00%	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Opportunity Fund's name changed to Alternatives, effective January 1, 2020.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

#### NOTE 8: <u>DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) PLAN</u> (Continued)

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)

In setting the long-term expected rate of return, projections employed to model future returns provide a range of expected long-term returns that, including expected inflation, ultimately support a long-term expected nominal rate of return assumption of 7.25 percent.

Sensitivity of the School's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rates. The following presents the net OPEB liability using the current health care cost trend rates applicable to the PERA benefit structure, as well as if it were calculated using health care cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rates:

	1% Decrease in Trend Rates	Current Trend Rates	1% Increase in Trend Rates
Initial PERACare	7.10%	8.10%	9.10%
Ultimate PERACare	3.50%	4.50%	5.50%
Initial Medicare Part	2.50%	3.50%	4.50%
Ultimate Medicare	3.50%	4.50%	5.50%
Net OPEB Liability	\$359,445	\$368,982	\$380,084

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 7.25 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate applied the actuarial cost method and assumptions shown above. In addition, the following methods and assumptions were used in the projection of cash flows:

- Updated health care cost trend rates for Medicare Part A premiums as of the December 31, 2020, measurement date.
- Total covered payroll for the initial projection year consists of the covered payroll of the active membership present on the valuation date and the covered payroll of future plan members assumed to be hired during the year. In subsequent projection years, total covered payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 3.00 percent.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

#### NOTE 8: DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) PLAN (Continued)

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)

- Employer contributions were assumed to be made at rates equal to the fixed statutory rates specified in law and effective as of the measurement date.
- Employer contributions and the amount of total service costs for future plan members were based upon a process to estimate future actuarially determined contributions assuming an analogous future plan member growth rate.
- Estimated transfers of dollars into the HCTF representing a portion of purchase service agreements intended to cover the costs associated with OPEB benefits.
- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the middle of the year.

Based on the above assumptions and methods, the HCTF's FNP was projected to make all projected future benefit payments of current members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return of 7.25 percent on OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability. The discount rate determination does not use the municipal bond index rate, and therefore, the discount rate is 7.25 percent.

Sensitivity of the School's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.25 percent, as well as what the proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.25 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.25 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Current Discount	1% Increase
	(6.25%)	Rate (7.25%)	(8.25%)
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$422,676	\$368,982	\$323,105

*OPEB plan fiduciary net position.* Detailed information about the HCTF's fiduciary net position is available in PERA's Annual Report which can be obtained at www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

#### NOTE 9: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the Colorado Early Colleges Network Schools ("CEC Network") included the following locations ("Schools"):

CEC Aurora
CEC Colorado Springs
CEC Douglas County
CEC Fort Collins
CEC Fort Collins West
CEC Windsor

Each school has budgeted and paid network fees and other costs to the Network based on a percentage of each school's per pupil funding. For the year ended June 30, 2021, the Schools paid fees in the amount of \$6,085,541 to the Network, of which \$1,304,311 was paid by the CSEC School.

In addition, the Network provides general facility support to each school within the Network. For the year ended June 30, 2021, the Network paid \$4,301,222 to the Schools for general and facility support, of which \$770,566 was paid to the CSEC School.

#### NOTE 10: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

#### **Claims and Judgments**

The School 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 are subject to audit by the appropriate grantor government. If expenditures are disallowed due to noncompliance with grant program regulations, the School may be required to reimburse the grantor government. As of June 30, 2021 ,significant amounts of grant expenditures have not been audited but the School believes that disallowed expenditures, if any, based on subsequent audits will not have a material effect on the overall financial position of the School.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

#### NOTE 10: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Continued)

#### **Tabor Amendment**

In November 1992, Colorado voters passed an amendment to the State Constitution, Article X, Section 20 (the "Tabor Amendment"), which has several limitations, including revenue raising, spending abilities, and other specific requirements of state and local government.

The Tabor Amendment is complex and subject to judicial interpretations. The School believes it has complied with the Amendment.

The School has established a reserve, representing 3% of qualifying expenditures, as required by the Amendment. At June 30, 2021, the emergency reserve of \$405,000 was reported as a restriction of net position and fund balance in the Governmental Activities and General Fund, respectively.

#### NOTE 11: DEFICIT NET POSITION

At June 30, 2021, the net position of the governmental activities is in a deficit position in the amount of \$8,668,491 due to the School including its Net Pension and Net OPEB liabilities per requirements of GASB No. 68 and No.75.

At June 30, 2021, the net position of the Internal Service Fund is in a deficit position in the amount of \$1,671,828. The deficit is a result of the capital assets depreciating faster than the principal balance of the related debt is paid. Management expects this deficit to be eliminated once the School makes annual principal payments on its debt.

#### NOTE 12: RESTATEMENT OF BEGINNING BALANCES

The beginning net position balance was increased by \$645,099 to correct the balances of the School's change in its proportionate share of the net pension liability.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2021

#### NOTE 13: SUBSEQUENT EVENT

As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, economic uncertainties may continue to have a significant impact on the financial position, results of operations, and cashflows of the School. The duration of these uncertainties and the ultimate financial effects cannot be estimated at this time.



#### BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE GENERAL FUND Year Ended June 30, 2021

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Local Sources				
Per Pupil Revenue	\$ 3,990,368	\$ 4,156,415	\$ 4,167,558	\$ 11,143
Mill Levy Override	1,158,307	1,293,369	1,312,000	18,631
Charges for Services	530,000	434,744	453,689	18,945
CEC Network Charges	4,186,700	3,948,960	3,117,217	(831,743)
Contributions	-	56,505	65,977	9,472
Rental Income	3,230,882	2,829,562	2,846,157	16,595
Other	1,330,619	5,445,750	82,798	(5,362,952)
State Sources				
Capital Construction	120,417	163,384	163,384	-
Grants and Donations	280,001	212,466	208,915	(3,551)
Federal Sources				
Grants and Donations	333,647	910,483	852,673	(57,810)
TOTAL REVENUES	15,160,941	19,451,638	13,270,368	(6,181,270)
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Salaries	3,704,196	3,806,159	3,822,096	(15,937)
Employee Benefits	1,136,809	1,093,620	1,066,195	27,425
Purchased Services	9,218,646	8,864,218	6,646,601	2,217,617
Supplies and Materials	571,413	1,115,832	640,447	475,385
Property	66,704	4,033,252	387,461	3,645,791
Other	39,904	106,856	45,588	61,268
Debt Service				
Principal	-	-	73,144	(73,144)
Interest			15,338	(15,338)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	14,737,672	19,019,937	12,696,870	6,323,067
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER				
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	423,269	431,701	573,498	141,797
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers Out			(1,834,091)	(1,834,091)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	423,269	431,701	(1,260,593)	(1,692,294)
FUND BALANCE, Beginning		3,132,920	3,132,920	
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FUND BALANCE, Ending	\$ 423,269	\$ 3,564,621	\$ 1,872,327	\$ (1,692,294)

See the accompanying independent auditor's report.

# SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY PERA SCHOOL DIVISION TRUST FUND PLAN

Years Ended December 31,

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	0.067%	0.063%	0.045%	0.050%	0.045%	0.041%	0.041%	0.039%
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$10,146,650	\$ 9,484,534	\$ 7,917,445	\$16,103,499	\$13,263,504	\$ 6,160,119	\$ 5,496,522	\$ 4,969,901
State of Colorado Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)		1,202,992	1,082,601	1		1	1	1
Total Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	10,146,650	10,687,526	9,000,046	16,103,499	13,263,504	6,160,119	5,496,522	4,969,901
Covered payroll	\$ 3,590,889	\$ 3,731,098	\$ 2,458,142	\$ 2,297,208	\$ 1,999,370	\$ 1,755,272	\$ 1,699,899	\$ 1,570,780
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	282.6%	286.4%	366.1%	701.0%	663.4%	350.9%	323.3%	316.4%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	%66.99	64.52%	57.01%	43.96%	43.10%	59.20%	62.80%	64.10%

NOTE: Information for the prior two years was not available for this report

# SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL'S CONTRIBUTIONS PERA SCHOOL DIVISION TRUST FUND PLAN

Years Ended June 30,

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Contractually Required Contributions	\$ 725,386	\$ 715,505	\$ 598,030	\$ 451,756	\$ 715,505 \$ 598,030 \$ 451,756 \$ 394,261	\$ 353,612	\$ 303,946 \$ 287,803	\$ 287,803
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions	725,386	715,505	598,030	451,756	394,261	353,612	303,946	287,803
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$	· ·	· \$	· •	· •	\$	- \$	·
Covered payroll	\$3,648,818	\$3,691,978	\$3,126,138	\$2,392,096	\$3,691,978 \$3,126,138 \$2,392,096 \$2,111,302	\$1,884,130	\$1,697,681 \$1,692,345	\$1,692,345
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	19.88%	19.38%	19.13%	18.89%	18.67%	18.77%	17.90%	17.01%

NOTE: Information for the prior two years was not available for this report.

# SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY PERA HEALTH CARE TRUST FUND PLAN

Years Ended December 31,

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	0.03883%	0.04100%	0.02900%	0.02800%	0.02500%
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$ 368,982	\$ 466,408	\$ 395,428	\$ 367,736	\$ 328,300
Covered payroll	\$3,590,889	\$ 3,731,098	\$ 2,458,142	\$ 2,297,208	\$1,999,370
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	10.28%	12.50%	16.09%	16.01%	16.42%
Plan Fiduciary Net position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	32.78%	24.49%	17.03%	17.53%	17%

NOTE: Information for the prior five years was not available for this report.

### SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL'S CONTRIBUTIONS PERA HEALTH CARE TRUST FUND PLAN

#### Years Ended June 30,

		2021		2020		2019		2018	2	2017
Contractually Required Contributions	\$	37,218	\$	37,658	\$	31,887	\$	24,399	\$ 2	21,535
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions		37,218		37,658		31,887		24,399		21,535
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	
Covered payroll	\$3	,648,818	3	3,691,978	3	3,126,176	2	2,392,096	2,1	11,302
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll		1.02%		1.02%		1.02%		1.02%		1.02%

NOTE: Information for the prior five years was not available for this report.



#### COMBINING BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS June 30, 2021

	NETWORK	CSEC	
	OFFICE	SCHOOL	TOTAL
ASSETS			
Cash and Investments	\$ 1,175,720	\$ 848,654	\$ 2,024,374
Accounts Receivable	103,462	364,674	468,136
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,279,182	\$ 1,213,328	\$ 2,492,510
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	288,332	172,545	460,877
Accrued Salaries	8,726	94,237	102,963
Due To Other Funds	-	14,343	14,343
Unearned Revenue	42,000	-	42,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	339,058	281,125	620,183
FUND BALANCES			
Restricted for Emergencies	-	405,000	405,000
Unassigned	940,124	527,203	1,467,327
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	940,124	932,203	1,872,327
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 1,279,182	\$ 1,213,328	\$ 2,492,510

# COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GENERAL FUND Year Ended June 30, 2021

	NETWORK OFFICE	CSEC SCHOOL	TOTAL
REVENUES			
Local Sources			
Per Pupil Revenue	\$ -	\$ 4,167,558	\$ 4,167,558
Mill Levy Override	1,152,274	159,726	1,312,000
Charges for Services	-	453,689	453,689
CEC Network Charges	3,117,217	-	3,117,217
Contributions	11,500	54,477	65,977
Rental Income	2,846,157	-	2,846,157
Other	77,202	5,596	82,798
State Sources			
Capital Construction	-	163,384	163,384
Grants and Donations	-	208,915	208,915
Federal Sources			
Grants and Donations	292,750	559,923	852,673
TOTAL REVENUES	7,497,100	5,773,268	13,270,368
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
Salaries	2,005,451	1,816,645	3,822,096
Employee Benefits	532,933	533,262	1,066,195
Purchased Services	4,236,975	2,409,626	6,646,601
Supplies and Materials	352,127	288,320	640,447
Property	295,194	92,267	387,461
Other	-	45,588	45,588
Debt Service			
Principal	73,144	-	73,144
Interest	15,338		15,338
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,511,162	5,185,708	12,696,870
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER			
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(14,062)	587,560	573,498
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers	533,745	(2,367,836)	(1,834,091)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	519,683	(1,780,276)	(1,260,593)
FUND BALANCE, Beginning	420,441	2,712,479	3,132,920
FUND BALANCE, Ending	\$ 940,124	\$ 932,203	\$ 1,872,327

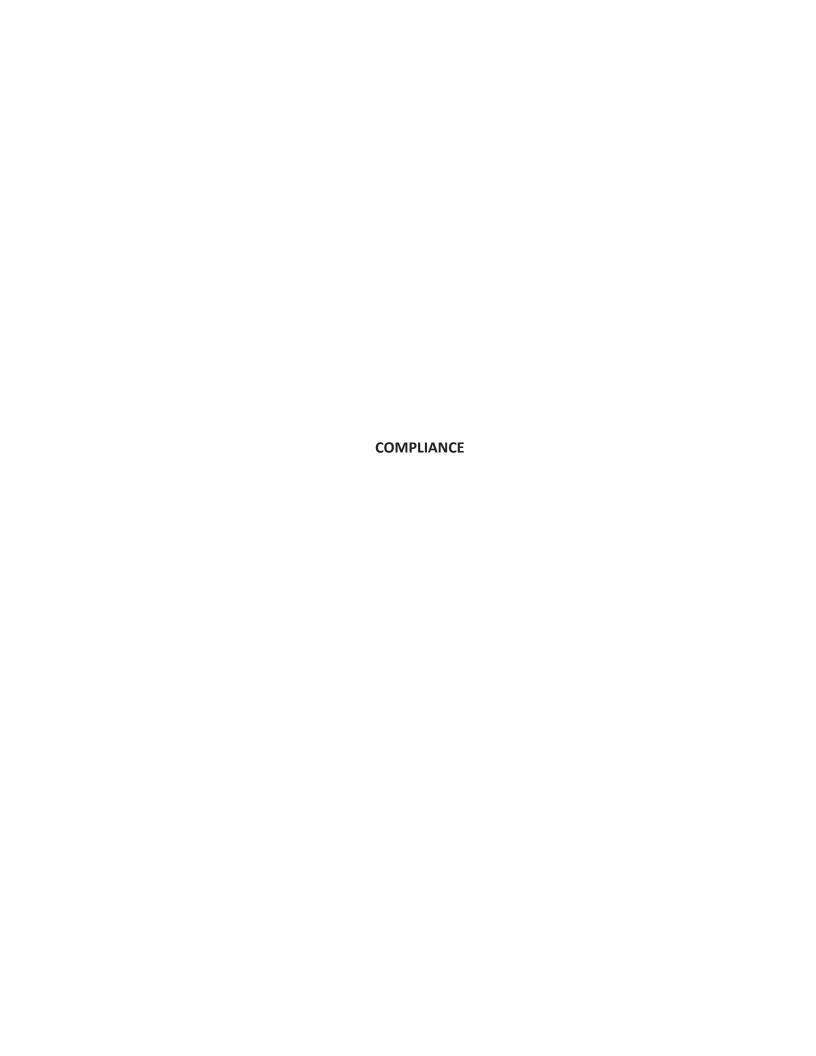
See the accompanying independent auditors' report.

#### BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE NETWORK OFFICE Year Ended June 30, 2021

				VARIANCE
	ORIGINAL	FINAL		Positive
	BUDGET	BUDGET	ACTUAL	(Negative)
REVENUES				
Local Sources				
Mill Levy Override	\$ 994,536	\$ 1,133,643	\$ 1,152,274	\$ 18,631
CEC Network Charges	3,602,108	3,106,777	4,421,528	1,314,751
Contributions	-	11,500	11,500	-
Rental Income	3,230,882	2,829,562	2,846,157	16,595
Other	1,329,119	1,484,563	77,202	(1,407,361)
Federal Sources				
Grants and Donations		292,750	292,750	
TOTAL REVENUES	9,156,645	8,858,795	8,801,411	(57,384)
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Salaries	1,920,949	2,011,097	2,005,451	5,646
Employee Benefits	610,253	558,108	532,933	25,175
Purchased Services	5,981,095	5,182,232	5,007,541	174,691
Supplies and Materials	291,500	713,007	352,127	360,880
Property	4,800	23,078	295,194	(272,116)
Debt Service				
Principal	-	-	73,144	(73,144)
Interest	-	-	15,338	(15,338)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	8,808,597	8,487,522	8,281,728	205,794
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	348,048	371,273	519,683	148,410
FUND BALANCE, Beginning	-	420,441	420,441	
FUND BALANCE, Ending	\$ 348,048	\$ 791,714	\$ 940,124	\$ 148,410

#### BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE CSEC SCHOOL Year Ended June 30, 2021

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Local Sources				
Per Pupil Revenue	\$ 3,990,368	\$ 4,156,415	\$4,167,558	\$ 11,143
Mill Levy Override	163,771	159,726	159,726	-
Charges for Services	530,000	434,744	453,689	18,945
CEC Network Charges	584,592	842,183	770,566	(71,617)
Contributions	-	45,005	54,477	9,472
Other	1,500	3,961,187	5,596	(3,955,591)
State Sources				
Capital Construction	120,417	163,384	163,384	-
Grants and Donations	280,001	212,466	208,915	(3,551)
Federal Sources				
Grants and Donations	333,647	617,733	559,923	(57,810)
TOTAL REVENUES	6,004,296	10,592,843	6,543,834	(4,049,009)
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Salaries	1,783,247	1,795,062	1,816,645	(21,583)
Employee Benefits	526,556	535,512	533,262	2,250
Purchased Services	3,237,551	3,681,986	3,713,937	(31,951)
Supplies and Materials	279,913	402,825	288,320	114,505
Property	61,904	4,010,174	92,267	3,917,907
Other	39,904	106,856	45,588	61,268
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,929,075	10,532,415	6,490,019	4,042,396
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EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER	75 221	60.429	E2 01E	/C C12\
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	75,221	60,428	53,815	(6,613)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers Out			(1,834,091)	(1,834,091)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	75,221	60,428	(1,780,276)	(1,840,704)
FUND BALANCE, Beginning		2,712,479	2,712,479	
FUND BALANCE, Ending	\$ 75,221	\$ 2,772,907	\$ 932,203	\$ (1,840,704)





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

Board of Directors Colorado Springs Early Colleges Colorado Springs, Colorado

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Colorado Springs Early Colleges (the "School") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 15, 2021.

#### **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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



#### **Purpose of this Report**

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

PB Solutions LLC

October 15, 2021



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

Board of Directors Colorado Spring Early Colleges Colorado Springs, Colorado

#### Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Colorado Springs Early Colleges' compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Colorado Springs Early Colleges' major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2021. The Colorado Springs Early Colleges' major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

#### Management's Responsibility

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

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the Colorado Springs Early Colleges' major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Colorado Springs Early Colleges' compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Colorado Springs Early Colleges' compliance.

#### Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, Colorado Early Colleges – Fort Collins has complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2021.



#### **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

Management of the Colorado Early Colleges – Fort Collins is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Colorado Springs Early Colleges' internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Colorado Springs Early Colleges' internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or 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.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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.

PB Solutions LLC

October 15, 2021

#### COLORADO SPRINGS EARLY COLLEGES Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards for the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Entitiy's Indentification Number	Total Federal Expenditures
U. S. Department of Treasury			
Passed-Through the Colorado Department of Education			
Coronavirus Relief Fund Coronavirus Relief Fund	21.019 21.019	4012 6012	\$ 217,392 292,750
Total U.S. Department of Treasury			510,142
U. S. Department of Education			
Passed-Through the Colorado Department of Education			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	4010	399
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	4027	25,519
English Language Acquisition Grants	84.365	4365	2,654
Teacher Quality Partnership Grants	84.336	4367	11,600
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	4420	45,053
Education Stabilization Fund	84.425	4425	43,398
Special Education - State Personnel Development	84.323	5323	1,500
Education Stabilization Fund	84.425	6425	15,925
Charter Schools	84.282	5282	196,483
Total U.S. Department of Education			342,531
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ 852,673

## COLORADO SPRINGS EARLY COLLEGES Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

- 1. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of the School. The schedule includes federally funded amounts of pass-through awards received by the School through the State of Colorado. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principals, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the schedule represents only a selected portion of the operations of the School, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in position or cash flows of the School.
- 2. Amounts reported in the schedule are recognized on the modified accrual basis when they become a demand on current available federal resources and eligibility requirements are met. Such expenditures are recognized following, as applicable, either the cost principal contained in Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursements. Therefore, some amounts presented in the schedule may differ from amounts presented in or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements or reports to federal agencies and pass-through grantors. The School has elected not to use the de minimis 10 percent indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.
- 3. During the year ended June 30, 2021, the School did not pass through any federal funds to subrecipients.
- 4. For federal awards expended by the School as a subrecipient, the schedule includes identification of the pass-through grantor and the identifying number assigned to the grant by the pass-through grantor.

#### Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

For the year ended June 30, 2021

#### **Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results**

#### Financial Statements

1	. Type of report the auditor issued on whether the accordance with accounting principles generally a was: <a href="Unmodified">Unmodified</a>			
2	. The independent auditor's report on internal control over financial reported disclosed:			
	Significant deficiency(ies)?	YesX_ None Reported YesX_ No		
3	. Noncompliance considered material to the financ was disclosed by the audit:	cial statements YesX_ No		
	Federal Awards			
4	. The independent auditor's report on internal confiprograms disclosed:	trol over compliance for major federal award	S	
	Significant deficiency(ies)?	YesX_ None Reported YesX_ No		
5	. The opinions expressed in the independent audito programs were: <u>Unmodified</u>	or's report on compliance for major federal a	ward	
6	. The audit disclosed findings required to be report 2 CFR §200.516(a)?	ted by section YesX_ No		
7	. The Organization's major programs were:			
	Name of federal program Coronavirus Relief Funds	<u>CDFA Number</u> 21.019		
8.	Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A	A and Type B Programs: \$750,000		
9.	The Organization qualified as low-risk auditee:	Yes X No		

Schedule Findings and Questioned Costs

For the year ended June 30, 2021

**Section II – Financial Statement Findings** 

No findings noted.

**Section III – Federal Award Findings** 

No findings noted.