

Board of Education Study Session
Wednesday, January 10, 2024 5:30 PM

School District Office 410 South St., Seward,
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Seward, NE 68434

Agenda

1. Preliminary Procedures
 - 1.1. Call meeting to order & announce Open Meetings Act is Posted
 - 1.2. Public Notice as publicized per board policy
 - 1.3. Roll Call
 - 1.3.1. Action to excuse board members if necessary
2. Possible Discussion Items
 - 2.1. Audit Clarification
 - 2.2. Strategic Plan Update
 - 2.3. Concordia Partnership
 - 2.4. SHS Cell Phone Pilot Second Semester
3. Adjournment

Please publish the following legal notice in the January 3, 2024 edition of the Seward County Independent. Thank you.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The board of education of the School District of Seward will meet in regular session on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. for a board study session to be followed by the 7:00 p.m. regular business meeting. The meeting will be held at the Administrative Offices located at 410 South St., Seward, Nebraska. An agenda for the meeting which shall be kept continually current is readily available for public inspection at the Superintendent's Office during normal business hours.

To view the agenda go to <http://SewardPublicSchools.org/> and find the eMeeting link.

SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT NO. 9

SEWARD, NEBRASKA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AUGUST 31, 2023



**DANA F. COLE
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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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SEWARD, NEBRASKA
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Education
Seward Public Schools District No. 9
Seward, Nebraska

Report on the Audited Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska, as of and for the year ended August 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska, as of August 31, 2023, and the respective changes in modified cash basis financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to that matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1, and for determining that

the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in this circumstance. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska's basic financial statements. The supplementary information on pages 26 - 49 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 on pages 24 - 25 is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Award*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The supplementary information on pages 26 - 30 and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards on pages 24 - 25 is the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information on pages 26 - 30, and schedule of expenditures of federal awards on pages 24 - 25 are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the supplementary information on pages 31 - 49 but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 2, 2023, on our consideration of the Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska'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 Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska'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 Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Dana J Cole + Company, LLP

Lincoln, Nebraska
November 2, 2023

SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT NO. 9
SEWARD, NEBRASKA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

		Program Receipts		Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Primary Government Total Governmental Activities
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	Disbursements			
Governmental activities				
Instruction	13,438,608	50,559	1,668,691	(11,719,358)
Support services - student	1,814,082	670,999		(1,143,083)
Support services - instruction	528,524			(528,524)
General administration	340,654			(340,654)
School administration	1,058,043			(1,058,043)
Central services	269,147			(269,147)
Operation and maintenance of plant	1,936,923			(1,936,923)
Student transportation	908,316	20,250	4,527	(883,539)
Nutrition Program	892,712	620,167	412,422	139,877
Cooperative expense	174,281			(174,281)
Capital outlay	637,713			(637,713)
Debt service				
Principal	1,550,000			(1,550,000)
Interest	159,743			(159,743)
Wire fees	600			(600)
Total governmental activities	<u>23,709,346</u>	<u>1,361,975</u>	<u>2,085,640</u>	<u>(20,261,731)</u>

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

			Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Position
	Program Receipts		Primary Governmental
Disbursements	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Total Governmental Activities
General receipts			
Taxes			
Property taxes - general purpose			13,769,983
Property taxes - debt service			1,282,161
Carline tax			11,222
Public Power District sales tax			22,257
Penalties and interest on taxes			29,922
Motor vehicle taxes			1,152,603
County and ESU sources			186,482
State aid			288,134
Other state receipts			2,001,748
Interest			170,989
Other receipts			468,700
Total general receipts			19,384,201
Change in net position resulting from receipts and disbursements			(877,530)
NET POSITION, beginning of year			13,272,298
NET POSITION, end of year			12,394,768

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 STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

			Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Position
	Program Receipts		Primary Government
Disbursements	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Total Governmental Activities
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents			4,015,235
Certificates of deposit			3,895,914
Cash at county treasurer			4,489,530
TOTAL ASSETS			12,400,679
LIABILITIES			
Current payroll liabilities			5,911
NET POSITION			
Restricted for			
Debt services			1,688,507
Capital projects			769,906
School Nutrition Program			500,791
Unrestricted			9,435,564
TOTAL NET POSITION			12,394,768

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT NO. 9
SEWARD, NEBRASKA
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS AND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT) - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

	Major Funds		Other Governmental Funds	Reclassifi- cations	Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Bond Fund			
RECEIPTS					
Taxes					
Property taxes - general purpose	13,477,177		292,806		13,769,983
Property taxes - debt service		1,282,161			1,282,161
Carline tax	10,022	981	219		11,222
Public Power District sales tax	21,296	492	469		22,257
Motor vehicle taxes	1,152,603				1,152,603
Penalties and interest on taxes	26,391	2,681	850		29,922
Tuition received from individuals	6,875				6,875
Tuition from education entities	11,649				11,649
Preschool tuition and fees	32,035				32,035
Transportation fees from other	20,250				20,250
Activities receipts			670,999		670,999
Other local receipts			83		83
Local license fees	5,360				5,360
Police court fines	1,451				1,451
Rental of school facilities	16,321				16,321
Textbook sales	35				35
County and ESU sources	186,482				186,482
State receipts	3,097,098	132,167	173,708		3,402,973
Federal receipts	565,906		406,643		972,549
Meal sales			620,167		620,167
Interest income	149,956	11,806	9,227		170,989
Nonrevenue receipts	246,532		198,918		445,450
Total receipts	<u>19,027,439</u>	<u>1,430,288</u>	<u>2,374,089</u>		<u>22,831,816</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT) - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

	Major Funds		Other Governmental Funds	Reclassifi- cations	Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Bond Fund			
DISBURSEMENTS					
Instruction	13,438,608				13,438,608
Support services - student	1,135,521		678,561		1,814,082
Support services - instruction	528,524				528,524
General administration	340,654				340,654
School administration	1,058,043				1,058,043
Central services	269,147				269,147
Operation and maintenance of plant	1,936,923				1,936,923
Student transportation	908,316				908,316
Nutrition Program			892,712		892,712
Cooperative expense			174,281		174,281
Capital outlay	325,745		311,968		637,713
Debt service					
Principal		1,415,000	135,000		1,550,000
Interest		154,864	4,879		159,743
Other		300	300		600
Total disbursements	<u>19,941,481</u>	<u>1,570,164</u>	<u>2,197,701</u>	<u> </u>	<u>23,709,346</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(914,042)	(139,876)	176,388		(877,530)
OTHER FINANCING USES					
Transfers out	<u>(37,949)</u>		<u>37,949</u>		
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(951,991)	(139,876)	214,337		(877,530)
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	<u>10,090,596</u>	<u>1,828,383</u>	<u>1,353,319</u>		<u>13,272,298</u>
FUND BALANCES, end of year	<u>9,138,605</u>	<u>1,688,507</u>	<u>1,567,656</u>	<u> </u>	<u>12,394,768</u>

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS AND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT) - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

	Major Funds		Other	Reclassifi-	Total
	General	Bond	Governmental	cations	Governmental
ASSETS	Fund	Fund	Funds	Funds	Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	1,534,387	967,525	1,513,323		4,015,235
Certificates of deposit	3,545,914	350,000			3,895,914
County treasurer's balances	4,036,017	370,982	82,531		4,489,530
Due from other funds	28,198			(28,198)	
TOTAL ASSETS	9,144,516	1,688,507	1,595,854	(28,198)	12,400,679
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
LIABILITIES					
Other payroll withholdings	5,911				5,911
Due to other funds			28,198	(28,198)	
Total liabilities	5,911		28,198	(28,198)	5,911
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)					
Restricted for					
Debt services		1,688,507			1,688,507
Capital projects			769,906		769,906
School Nutrition Program			500,791		500,791
Committed					
Student activities			385,671		385,671
Assigned for					
Capital outlay	1,138,102				1,138,102
Employee benefits	22,040				22,040
Subsequent year's budget	5,610,132				5,610,132
Unassigned	2,368,331		(88,712)		2,279,619
Total fund balances	9,138,605	1,688,507	1,567,656		12,394,768
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	9,144,516	1,688,507	1,595,854	(28,198)	12,400,679

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT NO. 9
 SEWARD, NEBRASKA
 STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 FIDUCIARY FUNDS
 AUGUST 31, 2023

	Gifts and Donations Fund
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>24,713</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>24,713</u>
LIABILITIES	
Due to student groups and others	<u> </u>
NET POSITION	<u>24,713</u>
ADDITIONS	
Interest	91
Other nonrevenue receipts	<u>675</u>
Total additions	<u>766</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	766
NET POSITION, beginning of year	<u>23,947</u>
NET POSITION, end of year	<u>24,713</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT NO. 9
SEWARD, NEBRASKA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies of Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska (the District).

Reporting Entity

Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska's Board of Education (the Board) is the basic level of government, which has financial accountability and control over all activities related to public school education in the District. The District receives funding from local, state, and federal government sources and must comply with the requirements of these funding source entities. However, the District is not included in any other governmental "reporting entity" as defined by the GASB pronouncement, since the District's board members are elected by the public and have decision-making authority, the authority to levy taxes, the power to designate management, the ability to significantly influence operations, and primary accountability for fiscal matters. In addition, there are no component units, as defined in Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 14, which are included in the District's reporting entity.

All significant activities and organizations on which the District exercises oversight responsibility have been included in the District's financial statements.

Government-Wide Statements

The District utilizes the provisions of GASB Statement 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*. Statement 34 established standards for external financial reporting for all state and local government entities, which includes government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and the classification of net position into the following components: restricted and unrestricted.

The statement of net position and statement of activities report information on the District as a whole. They include all funds of the District except for fiduciary funds. The effects of interfund activity have been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental receipts, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. The District does not report any business-type activities.

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

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements as applicable.

The financial transactions of the District are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balance, receipts, and disbursements.

The fund financial statements of the reporting entity are organized into funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitutes its assets, liabilities, fund equity, receipts and expenditures. All of the District's funds are considered governmental funds. An emphasis is placed on major funds within the governmental category. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the District, meets specific mathematical criteria set forth by GASB or is identified as a major fund by the District's management. All remaining governmental funds by category are summarized into a single column as nonmajor governmental funds.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District and accounts for all receipts and disbursements of the District not encompassed within other funds. All property tax receipts and other receipts that are not allocated by law, budgetary requirement, or contractual agreement to some other fund are accounted for in this fund. General operating disbursements and the new replacement capital outlay costs that are not paid through other funds are paid from the General Fund.

The General Fund for financial reporting purposes also includes the following components, which are considered funds for budgetary purposes but do not meet the definition as special revenue funds as clarified in GASB Statement 54, or whose activities are insignificant and reporting as part of the General Fund is allowable.

Depreciation Fund - The Depreciation Fund is used to accumulate funds for the eventual purchase of significant capital outlay by reserving such monies from the General Fund.

Employee Benefit Fund - The Employee Benefit Fund is established to specifically reserve General Fund money for the benefit of the District employees.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

Bond Fund - This fund accounts for taxes levied and other revenue specifically maintained for the payment of bond principal and interest. Proceeds from bond issuance are deposited and recorded as a receipt in the Special Building Fund. Proceeds from refunding bond issues are deposited and recorded as a receipt in the Bond Fund. The General Fund is used to make bond principal and interest payments if the Bond Fund balance is not sufficient to meet these requirements.

The District reports the following nonmajor governmental funds:

Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund - The Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund may be established for the removal of environmental hazards, the reduction or elimination of accessibility barriers in District buildings, and the repayment of a qualified zone academy bond issued for a qualified special purpose. General Fund disbursements for the purpose of this fund are not allowed.

Special Building Fund - The Special Building Fund is established for acquiring or improving sites and buildings, including the construction, alteration, or improvement of buildings.

School Nutrition Fund - The School Nutrition Fund is used to accommodate all aspects of the school lunch program and accounts for all receipts and disbursements of all child nutrition programs.

Activities Fund - The Activities Fund is used to account for the financial operations of quasi-independent student organizations, interschool athletics, and other self-supporting or partially self-supporting school activities not part of another fund.

Student Fee Fund - A Student Fee Fund is established to collect fees for participation in extracurricular activities, postsecondary education costs, and summer school or night school. The money is disbursed for the purposes for which it was collected from the students. The primary activities reported in this fund are the receipts and disbursements of driver's education.

Cooperative Fund - The Cooperative Fund is used by the District acting as the fiscal agent for any cooperative activity between the District and one or more public agencies as defined in Section 13-803(2) R.R.S. All public agencies, including the District acting as the fiscal agent, should show the payment for services to a cooperative in their General Fund.

The District reports the following fiduciary funds:

Gift and Donations Fund - The Gift and Donations Fund was established for the numerous gifts and donations for the different fundraising activities of the District. It is also used for memorials.

SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT NO. 9
SEWARD, NEBRASKA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Basis of Accounting

The District prepares its financial statements on the modified cash basis, which is in conformity with the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the State of Nebraska Department of Education.

The modified cash basis of accounting is a basis of accounting other than GAAP as established by GASB. The modified cash basis of accounting is based on the recording of cash and cash equivalents and changes therein, and only recognizes revenues, expenses, assets, and liabilities resulting from cash transactions, adjusted for modifications that have substantial support in generally accepted accounting principles.

Only cash (and cash equivalents) and items that involve the receipt or disbursement of cash (or equivalents) during the period are recognized, except for the following modifications:

Assets that normally convert to cash or cash equivalents (e.g., certificates of deposit) that arise from transactions and events involving cash or cash equivalents are recognized; and

Taxes and other revenues collected by the county treasurers are included in revenues of the District in the year collected by the counties and the District funds held by the county treasurers at year end are included as assets of the District. This is in accordance with the requirements of the State of Nebraska Department of Education.

As a result of the use of this modified cash basis of accounting, certain transactions are not recorded in the financial statements. For example, accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services that have not been collected in cash are not accrued as revenue or receivables. Additionally, capital assets, such as property, equipment, and infrastructure, are not reported and long-term liabilities, such as debt and compensated absences, are not reported. Right to use assets and liabilities related to leases are not reported.

If the District utilized GAAP, the fund financial statements for governmental funds would use the modified accrual basis of accounting, and the fund financial statements for proprietary fund types would use the accrual basis of accounting. All government-wide financial statements would be presented in accordance with the accrual basis of accounting.

Capital Assets

In accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, capital assets are not recorded as assets on the government-wide or fund financial statements, and depreciation is not recognized. Purchases of capital assets are recorded as disbursements by function in the financial statements.

SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT NO. 9
SEWARD, NEBRASKA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Long-Term Obligations

In accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, long-term debt is not reported as a liability in the government-wide or fund financial statements. Proceeds from long-term debt are reported as receipts and payments of principal are reported as disbursements in both the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Equity Classification

Government-Wide Statements

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in two components:

Restricted net position consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use either by external groups, such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments, or through constitutional provision or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net position consists of net assets that do not meet the definition of restricted.

It is the District's policy to use restricted net assets first, prior to the use of unrestricted net assets, when a disbursement is paid for purposes in which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

Fund Financial Statements

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance.

Fund Balance Classification

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 District 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 because they either (a) are not in spendable form or (b) are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The District currently has no amounts classified in this category.

SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT NO. 9
SEWARD, NEBRASKA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Equity Classification (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

Fund Balance Classification (Continued)

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 and regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed

This classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Board of Education. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board 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.

Assigned

This classification includes amounts that are constrained by the District's intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed. This intent can be expressed by the Board of Education or through the Board delegating this responsibility to the District administrator through the budgetary process.

Unassigned

This classification includes the residual fund balance for the General Fund.

The District 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 resources first to defer the use of these other classified funds.

Interfund Balances and Activities

In the process of aggregating the financial information of the government-wide financial statements, some amounts reported as interfund activity and balances in the fund financial statements have been eliminated or reclassified.

SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT NO. 9
SEWARD, NEBRASKA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Budget Process and Property Taxes

The District is required by state law to hold public hearings and adopt annual budgets for all funds on the modified cash basis of accounting. Total disbursements for each fund may not exceed the total budgeted disbursements. The General Fund is also subject to a total non-special education disbursement limit. Appropriations for disbursements lapse at year end. Any revisions to the adopted budget of total disbursements to any fund require a public hearing. State statutes of the Nebraska Budget Act provide the prescribed budget practices and procedures that governing bodies are required to follow. The amounts that may be budgeted for certain specific funds are subject to various disbursements and/or tax levy limitations.

The property tax requirement resulting from the budget process is utilized to establish the tax levy in accordance with state statutes, which tax levy attaches as an enforceable lien on property within the District as of January 1. Taxes are due as of that date. One-half of the real estate taxes due January 1 become delinquent after the following May 1, with the second one-half becoming delinquent after September 1.

Compensated Absences

In accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, vacation and sick leave are recorded when paid.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting used by the District requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures; accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Leases

Since the District reports on the modified cash basis of accounting, right-to-use assets are not recorded as assets on the government-wide or fund financial statements, and amortization is not recognized. Likewise, the related liabilities for these leases are not recognized in the financial statements. Payment on all leases are recorded as disbursements by function in the financial statements. A lease is defined as a contract that conveys control of the right to use another entity's nonfinancial asset as specified in the contract for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. There was no effect on the financial statements other than note disclosures. Leases that transfer ownership (formerly disclosed as capital leases) are now disclosed in the footnote for long-term debt and other leases are disclosed in a separate footnote. Disclosure of terms and lease obligations are disclosed to maturity for significant leases with the exception of those leases meeting the criteria of short-term leases.

SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT NO. 9
SEWARD, NEBRASKA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Leases (Continued)

Short-term leases are those with maximum possible terms at inception of 12-months or less. No disclosures are required for these leases. The standard does not apply to intangible assets including subscription-based technology arrangements.

New Accounting Pronouncements

GASB Statement 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, was implemented in the current year. The standard provides guidance related to accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs). The standard generally requires the recording of a right-to-use subscription asset (intangible asset) and a corresponding liability. There is an exception for short-term SBITAs defined as those with maximum possible terms of 12 months or less including options to extend, regardless of their probability of being exercised. Since the District is on the modified cash basis of accounting there was no effect on the financial statements other than expanded disclosures regarding these agreements. For those meeting the statement's criteria the arrangements including commitments to maturity are disclosed. The District currently has no material commitments under these types of arrangements.

NOTE 2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

For the following disclosures, deposits - including checking accounts, savings accounts, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit - are all classified as cash or cash and cash equivalents on the financial statements.

The District's cash and investments are reported as follows:

Governmental activities	7,911,149
Fiduciary funds	24,713
Total cash and investments	<u>7,935,862</u>

The carrying value (fair value) of the cash and investments consisted of the following:

Demand deposits	4,039,948
Certificates of deposit	3,895,914
Total cash and investments	<u>7,935,862</u>

Maturities of certificates of deposit are as follows:

Less than one year	<u>3,895,914</u>
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SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT NO. 9
SEWARD, NEBRASKA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. As of August 31, 2023, all of the District's deposits with financial institutions were fully insured or collateralized by securities held in the District's name in the form of joint safekeeping receipts. State law requires all funds in depositories to be fully insured or collateralized, and the District's policy is to require depositories to provide pledged securities to cover deposits in excess of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) limits.

Investments

Nebraska statutes allow the District to make any investment allowed by the State Investment Officer. This includes bank certificates of deposit.

As defined by GASB Statement 3, the District had no investments as of August 31, 2023.

NOTE 3. RETIREMENT PLAN

Plan Description

Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska, contributes to the Nebraska School Employees Retirement System, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System (NPERS). NPERS provides retirement and disability benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The School Employees Retirement Act establishes benefit provisions.

In 1945, the Nebraska Legislature enacted the law establishing a retirement plan for school employees of the State. During the NPERS fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, there were 263 participating school districts. These were the districts that had contributions during the fiscal year. All regular public school employees in Nebraska, other than those who have their own retirement plans (Class V school districts, Nebraska State Colleges, University of Nebraska, and Nebraska Community Colleges), are members of the plan.

Normal retirement is at age 65. For an employee who became a member before July 1, 2013, the monthly benefit is equal to the greater of the following: (1) the sum of a savings annuity, which is the actuarial equivalent of the member's accumulated contributions and a service annuity equal to \$3.50 per year of service; or (2) the average of the three 12-month periods of service as a school employee in which such compensation was the greatest, multiplied by total years of creditable service, multiplied by a formula factor of two percent, and an actuarial factor based on age.

For an employee who became a member on or after July 1, 2013, the monthly benefit is equal to the greater of the following: (1) the sum of a savings annuity, which is the actuarial equivalent of the member's accumulated contributions and a service annuity

SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT NO. 9
SEWARD, NEBRASKA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 3. RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

Plan Description (Continued)

equal to \$3.50 per year of service; or (2) the average of the five 12-month periods of service as a school employee in which such compensation was the greatest, multiplied by total years of creditable service, multiplied by a formula factor of two percent, and an actuarial factor based on age.

Benefit calculations vary with early retirement. Employees' benefits are vested after five years of plan participation or when termination occurs at age 65 or later.

For school employees who became members prior to July 1, 2013, the benefit paid to a retired member or beneficiary receives an annual cost of living adjustment, which is increased by the lesser of the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers or two and one-half percent. The current benefit paid to a retired member or beneficiary is adjusted so that the purchasing power of the benefit being paid is not less than 75 percent of the purchasing power of the initial benefit.

For school employees who became members on or after July 1, 2013, the benefit paid to a retired member or beneficiary receives an annual cost-of-living adjustment, which is increased by the lesser of the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers or one percent. There is no purchasing power floor for employees who fall under this tier.

Contributions

The State's contribution is based on an annual actuarial valuation. In addition, the State contributes an amount equal to two percent of the compensation of all members. This contribution is considered a nonemployer contribution since school employees are not employees of the State. The employee contribution was equal to 9.78 percent from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 (and from July 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023). The school district (employer) contribution is 101 percent of the employee contribution. The District's contribution to the Plan for the year ended August 31, 2023, was \$1,054,710.

For the District's year ended August 31, 2023, the District's total payroll for all employees was \$11,181,577. Total covered payroll was \$10,662,221. Covered payroll refers to all compensation paid by the District to active employees covered by the Plan.

Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the Plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems Plan financial report. NPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained via the internet at <http://www.auditors.nebraska.gov>.

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SEWARD, NEBRASKA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 4. LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt at August 31, 2023, consisted of the following public offerings:

Limited Tax Obligation School Bond, Series 2013, in the original amount of \$1,305,000 dated June 10, 2013. The coupon rate ranges from 0.40% to 2.40%. Final payment is due December 15, 2023, with principal and interest being retired by the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund tax levy.	140,000
General Obligation School Building Refunding Bond, Series 2017, in the original amount of \$9,870,000 dated December 20, 2017. The coupon rate ranges from 1.25% to 2.20%. Final payment is due December 15, 2027, with principal and interest being retired by the Bond Fund tax levy.	<u>7,135,000</u>
Total long-term debt	<u>7,275,000</u>

The following is a summary of public offering long-term debt transactions of the District for the year ended August 31, 2023:

	Original Issue	Balance September 1, 2022	Issued	Retirements	Defesances	Bonds Outstanding August 31, 2023
Refunding						
2013 Limited Tax Bonds	275,000	275,000		135,000		140,000
2017 Refunding Bonds	8,550,000	<u>8,550,000</u>		<u>1,415,000</u>		<u>7,135,000</u>
Total bonds		<u>8,825,000</u>		<u>1,550,000</u>		<u>7,275,000</u>

The principal and interest maturities are as follows:

Years Ended August 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	1,570,000	132,358	1,702,358
2025	1,450,000	103,666	1,553,666
2026	1,475,000	74,416	1,549,416
2027	1,495,000	43,968	1,538,968
2028	<u>1,285,000</u>	<u>14,135</u>	<u>1,299,135</u>
	<u>7,275,000</u>	<u>368,543</u>	<u>7,643,543</u>

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SEWARD, NEBRASKA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 5. LEASES

Lease agreements are summarized as follows:

Description	Origination Date	Terms	Payment Amount	Balance August 31, 2023
Postage machine	10/1/2019	48 months	248	2,979
Copy machines	5/1/2023	60 months	1,020	57,120

The District has entered into several lease agreements for equipment as follows:

1. Lease agreement with Bishop Business for nine copy machines with monthly payments of \$1,020 through April 2028.
2. Lease agreement with Pitney Bowes for a postage machine with monthly payments of \$248 through August 2024.

The leases are renewable and the District will not acquire the equipment at the end of the lease term. There are no other contingent or sublease rentals related to the leases.

Future lease payments under the agreements are as follows:

Years Ended August 31,	
2024	15,219
2025	12,240
2026	12,240
2027	12,240
2028	8,160
Total future lease payments	<u>60,099</u>

NOTE 6. FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS

The District received funds under various federal grant programs, and such assistance is to be expended in accordance with the provisions of the various grants. Compliance with the grants is subject to audit by various government agencies which may impose sanctions in the event of noncompliance. Management believes that they have complied with all aspects of the various grant provisions and the results of adjustments, if any, relating to such audits would not have any material financial impact.

NOTE 7. INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Interfund transfers for the year consisted of the following:

General Fund to the Activities Fund for support	<u>37,949</u>
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SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT NO. 9
SEWARD, NEBRASKA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 8. DEFICIT FUND BALANCE

The Cooperative Fund had a deficit fund balance at August 31, 2023, of \$88,712. This deficit will be financed through future receipts of the fund or the General Fund.

NOTE 9. RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District has purchased commercial insurance to offset these certain risks. Settled claims have not significantly exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 10. TAX ABATEMENTS

The District is subject to property tax abatements granted by the City of Seward, Nebraska, through Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) agreements with various developers. The incremental increase in valuation from the development is not included in the District's available valuation base until the TIF agreement has expired, which is generally 15 years. The incremental taxes, including the District's share is returned to the developer, effectively rebating the taxes on the increased valuation.

Information relevant to the tax abatements impacting the District for the year ending August 31, 2023, is as follows:

Total TIF valuation 2022	32,003,314
District's total levy (per \$100 valuation)	.857337
District share of tax abatement	274,377

NOTE 11. IMPLICATIONS OF COVID-19

The District has been allocated federal funding under the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Programs (ESSER). These grants are provided to districts to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on students. The District was awarded approximately \$1,345,000 of ESSER funds, all of which have been expended by August 31, 2023.

NOTE 12. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

In preparing the financial statements, the District has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through November 2, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT NO. 9
SEWARD, NEBRASKA
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Assistance Listing Number	Expenditures
<u>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</u>			
Passed through Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services			
Medicaid in Administration		93.778	<u>15,352</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Education</u>			
Passed through Nebraska Department of Education			
Special Education Cluster (IDEA)			
IDEA Part B (611) Base Enrollment and Poverty Allocation	23-6408-00-06-080-0009	84.027	318,877
IDEA Preschool (619) Base Allocation	23-6406-00-06-080-0009	84.173	9,599
IDEA Part B Proportionate Share	23-6412-00-06-080-0009	84.027	25,720
IDEA Part B Peak Projects	23-6418-127-80-0009-P	84.027	10,845
Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA)			<u>365,041</u>
Title I, Part A	23-6200-00-06-080-0009	84.010	<u>114,803</u>
Title II, Part A	23-6310-00-06-080-0009	84.367	<u>42,903</u>
Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Fund - COVID-19	21-6998-00-06-080-0009	84.425	<u>298,562</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>821,309</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u>			
Child Nutrition Cluster			
Passed through Nebraska Department of Education			
School Breakfast Program		10.553	28,543
National School Lunch Program		10.555	363,838
Passed through Nebraska Department of Social Services			
Food Distribution Program	47600535000	10.555	<u>80,596</u>
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			<u>472,977</u>
Passed through Nebraska Department of Education			
Child Nutrition Discretionary Grants Limited Availability		10.579	<u>14,262</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			<u>487,239</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Treasury</u>			
Passed through Federal Communications Commission - Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF)		32.009	<u>41,160</u>
TOTAL			<u><u>1,365,060</u></u>

SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT NO. 9
SEWARD, NEBRASKA
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

NOTE 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska, under programs of the federal government for the year ended August 31, 2023. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures on the Schedule are reported on the modified cash basis of accounting.

NOTE 3. SUBRECIPIENTS

The District disbursed no awards to subrecipients during the year.

NOTE 4. FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Nonmonetary assistance is reported in the Schedule at the fair market value of the commodities received and disbursed.

NOTE 5. INDIRECT COST RATE

The District has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT NO. 9
 SEWARD, NEBRASKA
 GENERAL FUND COMPONENTS
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
 MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

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	General Fund	Depreciation Fund	Employee Benefit Fund	Reclassifications	Total
RECEIPTS					
Local receipts					
Taxes					
Property taxes - general purpose	13,477,177				13,477,177
Carline tax	10,022				10,022
Public Power District sales tax	21,296				21,296
Penalties and interest on taxes	26,391				26,391
Motor vehicle taxes	1,152,603				1,152,603
Tuition received from individuals					
regular education	6,875				6,875
Tuition from education entities	11,649				11,649
Preschool tuition and fees	32,035				32,035
Transportation fees from other					
private sources	20,250				20,250
Interest	110,524	39,295	137		149,956
Rental of school facilities	16,321				16,321
Local license fees and fines	5,360				5,360
Police court fines	1,451				1,451
Textbook sales	35				35
Revenue from other districts	794				794
County and ESU sources	186,482				186,482
State sources	3,097,098				3,097,098
Federal sources	565,906				565,906
Nonrevenue receipts	245,738				245,738
Total receipts	<u>18,988,007</u>	<u>39,295</u>	<u>137</u>	<u> </u>	<u>19,027,439</u>

SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT NO. 9
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 GENERAL FUND COMPONENTS
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
 MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

	General Fund	Depreciation Fund	Employee Benefit Fund	Reclassifications	Total
DISBURSEMENTS					
Instruction	12,525,483		3,142	909,983	13,438,608
Support services - students	1,135,521				1,135,521
Support services - instruction	528,524				528,524
General administration	340,654				340,654
School administration	1,058,043				1,058,043
Central services	269,147				269,147
Operation and maintenance of plant	1,936,923				1,936,923
Student transportation	908,316				908,316
State programs	47,514			(47,514)	
Federal programs	862,469			(862,469)	
Capital outlay		325,745			325,745
Total disbursements	<u>19,612,594</u>	<u>325,745</u>	<u>3,142</u>		<u>19,941,481</u>
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	(624,587)	(286,450)	(3,005)		(914,042)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers	<u>(37,949)</u>				<u>(37,949)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(662,536)	(286,450)	(3,005)		(951,991)
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year	<u>8,640,999</u>	<u>1,424,552</u>	<u>25,045</u>		<u>10,090,596</u>
FUND BALANCE, end of year	<u><u>7,978,463</u></u>	<u><u>1,138,102</u></u>	<u><u>22,040</u></u>		<u><u>9,138,605</u></u>

SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT NO. 9
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 NONMAJOR FUNDS - COMBINING SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN
 FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT) - MODIFIED CASH BASIS AND SCHEDULE OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT) - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

	School Nutrition Fund	Special Building Fund	Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund	Student Fee Fund	Cooperative Fund	Activities Fund	Total
RECEIPTS							
Taxes							
		169,470	123,336				292,806
		124	95				219
		274	195				469
		597	253				850
						670,999	670,999
	83						83
	5,779	16,752	12,743		138,434		173,708
	406,643						406,643
	620,167						620,167
	3,423	3,115	442			2,247	9,227
	288	198,630					198,918
	<u>1,036,383</u>	<u>388,962</u>	<u>137,064</u>	<u> </u>	<u>138,434</u>	<u>673,246</u>	<u>2,374,089</u>
DISBURSEMENTS							
	892,712						892,712
						678,561	678,561
					174,281		174,281
		311,968					311,968
			135,000				135,000
			4,879				4,879
			300				300
	<u>892,712</u>	<u>311,968</u>	<u>140,179</u>	<u> </u>	<u>174,281</u>	<u>678,561</u>	<u>2,197,701</u>

SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT NO. 9
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 NONMAJOR FUNDS - COMBINING SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN
 FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT) - MODIFIED CASH BASIS AND SCHEDULE OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT) - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

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	School Nutrition Fund	Special Building Fund	Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund	Student Fee Fund	Cooperative Fund	Activities Fund	Total
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	143,671	76,994	(3,115)		(35,847)	(5,315)	176,388
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers						37,949	37,949
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	143,671	76,994	(3,115)		(35,847)	32,634	214,337
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT), beginning of year	<u>357,120</u>	<u>515,901</u>	<u>180,126</u>	<u>1,291</u>	<u>(52,865)</u>	<u>351,746</u>	<u>1,353,319</u>
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT), end of year	<u>500,791</u>	<u>592,895</u>	<u>177,011</u>	<u>1,291</u>	<u>(88,712)</u>	<u>384,380</u>	<u>1,567,656</u>

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NONMAJOR FUNDS - COMBINING SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT) - MODIFIED CASH BASIS AND SCHEDULE OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT) - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

		School Nutrition Fund	Special Building Fund	Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund	Student Fee Fund	Cooperative Fund	Activities Fund	Total
ASSETS								
ASSETS								
	Cash and cash equivalents	528,989	546,136	141,239	1,291	(88,712)	384,380	1,513,323
	County treasurer's balances		46,759	35,772				82,531
⊗	TOTAL ASSETS	<u>528,989</u>	<u>592,895</u>	<u>177,011</u>	<u>1,291</u>	<u>(88,712)</u>	<u>384,380</u>	<u>1,595,854</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES								
LIABILITIES								
	Due to other funds	28,198						28,198
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)								
	Restricted for							
	Capital projects		592,895	177,011				769,906
	School Nutrition	500,791						500,791
	Committed							
	Student activities				1,291		384,380	385,671
	Unassigned					(88,712)		(88,712)
	Total fund balances (deficit)	<u>500,791</u>	<u>592,895</u>	<u>177,011</u>	<u>1,291</u>	<u>(88,712)</u>	<u>384,380</u>	<u>1,567,656</u>
⊗	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)	<u>528,989</u>	<u>592,895</u>	<u>177,011</u>	<u>1,291</u>	<u>(88,712)</u>	<u>384,380</u>	<u>1,595,854</u>

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	Original and Final Budget	2023 Actual	2022 Actual
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year		<u>8,640,999</u>	<u>8,840,146</u>
RECEIPTS			
Local sources			
Taxes			
1100	Property taxes - general purpose	14,800,000	13,477,177
1115	Carline tax	12,500	10,022
1120	Public Power District sales tax	19,500	21,296
1125	Motor vehicle taxes	950,000	1,152,603
1140	Penalties and interest on taxes		26,391
1311	Tuition received from individuals regular education	25,000	6,875
1315	Tuition from education entities	25,000	11,649
1370	Preschool tuition and fees		32,035
1440	Transportation fees from other private sources	12,500	20,250
1510	Interest on investments	4,000	110,524
1910	Rental of school facilities		16,321
1920	Contributions and donations		1,890
1911	Local license fees and fines		5,360
1921	Police court fines	6,000	1,451
1925	Categorical grants from corporations and other private interests	25,000	
1941	Textbook sales		35
1951	Miscellaneous revenue from other school districts within the state		794
1990	Other local receipts	6,000	985
	Total local sources	<u>15,885,500</u>	<u>14,892,783</u>
County and ESU sources			
2110	County fines and license fees	130,000	179,255
2210	Educational Service Unit receipts	7,500	7,227
	Total county and ESU sources	<u>137,500</u>	<u>186,482</u>

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		Original and Final Budget	2023 Actual	2022 Actual
RECEIPTS (Continued)				
State sources				
3110	State aid	288,134	288,134	270,316
3120	Special education	1,000,000	1,054,144	856,307
3125	Special education transportation	8,000	4,527	11,910
3130	Homestead exemption		298,701	279,984
3131	Property tax credit		1,057,693	998,245
3133	Nameplate capacity tax	3,000	3,548	3,866
3155	Textbook loan	2,000	36,491	21,316
3161	Payments for wards of the State	250,000		242,832
3166	Flex funding - school age support services	40,000		39,265
3180	Pro-rate motor vehicle	34,000	37,299	37,779
3400	State apportionment	230,315	304,411	216,357
3535	High ability learners	10,000	12,150	11,179
3599	Other state categorical programs	40,000		
	Total state sources	1,905,449	3,097,098	2,989,356
Federal sources				
4418	IDEA Part B, Peak Projects		9,145	3,416
4421	IDEA Part B (611) ARP - base & enrollment poverty allocation - birth through age 21		15,831	48,786
4422	IDEA preschool (619) ARP - base/enrollment poverty allocation			5,724
4423	IDEA Part B ARP - proportionate share			7,221
4505	Title I, Part A: ESSA Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local State Agencies	200,000	65,981	111,231
4509	Title II, Part A: ESSA Supporting Effective Instruction		34,451	41,169
4516	IDEA Preschool (619) base/IDEA enrollment poverty (619) allocation	9,000	9,599	9,382
4518	IDEA Part B (611) base and enrollment poverty allocation	410,000	315,377	280,821
4519	IDEA enrollment/poverty			
4521	IDEA Part B proportionate share		18,153	32,553
4524	Other federal noncategorical receipts	13,000		

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		Original and Final Budget	2023 Actual	2022 Actual
RECEIPTS (Continued)				
Federal sources (Continued)				
4525	Federal vocational and applied technology education (Carl Perkins)	16,000		34,952
4530	Other federal categorical receipts		58,800	
4708	Medicaid In Public Schools (MIPS)	5,000	13,539	8,500
4709	Medicaid Administrative Activities (MAAPS)	20,000	15,352	19,965
4996	Elementary & Secondary School Emergency relief (ESSER - CARES)	350,000		
4997	Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER II - CRRSA)		9,678	373,494
4998	Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III - ARP)			369,078
	Total federal sources	<u>1,023,000</u>	<u>565,906</u>	<u>1,346,292</u>
Nonrevenue receipts				
5301	Insurance adjustments	10,000	227,239	9,553
5690	Other nonrevenue receipts	90,000	18,499	17,896
	Total nonrevenue receipts	<u>100,000</u>	<u>245,738</u>	<u>27,449</u>
	Total receipts	<u>19,051,449</u>	<u>18,988,007</u>	<u>18,599,459</u>
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE			<u>27,629,006</u>	<u>27,439,605</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Instruction				
1100	Regular instruction	10,400,000	9,755,008	9,169,696
1125	Regular instructional programs school age (flex-spending)		136,534	138,344
1150	Limited English proficiency		39,977	40,001
1160	Poverty programs		103,003	105,003
1200	Special education programs	3,200,000	2,280,753	2,259,337
1291	Early childhood - SPED - ages 3 - 5		176,215	111,473
1292	Early childhood - SPED - ages 0 - 2		28,570	47,636
1300	Summer school		5,423	7,036

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	Original and Final Budget	2023 Actual	2022 Actual
DISBURSEMENTS (Continued)			
Support services - student	1,650,000		
2120 Guidance services		364,372	354,069
2130 Health services		56,908	39,297
2140 Psychological services		50,995	
2141 Psychological services - SPED - school age		114,926	103,272
2151 Speech pathology and audiology services - SPED school age		330,273	353,285
2152 Speech pathology and audiology services - SPED - ages 3 - 5		92,212	77,871
2153 Speech pathology and audiology services - SPED - ages 0 - 2		36,304	37,514
2161 Occupational therapy - related services - SPED - school age		40,957	29,517
2162 Occupational therapy - related services - SPED - ages 3 - 5		59	4,751
2163 Occupational therapy - related services - SPED - ages 0 - 2		7,072	3,657
2171 Physical therapy - related services - SPED - school age		16,473	12,154
2172 Physical therapy - related services - SPED - ages 3 - 5		113	4,535
2173 Physical therapy - related services - SPED - ages 0 - 2		6,883	5,208
2181 Visually impaired/vision services - SPED - school age		15,005	11,705
2182 Visually impaired/vision services - SPED - ages 3 - 5		1,795	3,424
2183 Visually impaired/vision services - SPED - ages 0 - 2		1,174	3,510
2190 Other			
Support services - instruction	650,000		
2212 Instruction and curriculum		207,366	194,955
2220 Library/media services		319,824	283,598
2240 Academic student assessment		1,334	8,452
Support services - general administration			
2310 Board of Education	40,000	37,257	23,262
2320 Executive administration	360,000	298,514	276,499
2330 District legal services	25,000	4,883	9,561

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		Original and Final Budget	2023 Actual	2022 Actual
DISBURSEMENTS (Continued)				
Support services - school administration				
2410	Office of the Principal	1,300,000	919,779	893,903
2490	Other		138,264	131,393
Central services				
		400,000		
2510	Fiscal services		164,356	140,637
2570	Personnel services		4,140	4,140
2580	Administration technology services		100,651	99,396
Operation and maintenance of plant				
		2,300,000		
2610	Operations of buildings		656,974	587,274
2620	Maintenance of buildings		1,175,823	1,150,533
2630	Care and upkeep of grounds		40,903	31,234
2640	Care and upkeep of equipment		20,813	13,268
2650	Vehicle operation and maintenance (other than student transportation vehicles)	40,000	42,410	21,600
Student transportation				
2710	Vehicle operation - regular education	800,000	653,769	695,829
2712	Vehicle operation - SPED - school age	75,000	87,567	10,005
2713	Vehicle operation - SPED - below age five		70,582	29,722
2730	Vehicle servicing and maintenance - regular education		76,503	45,055
2792	Other student transportation services SPED - school age		19,895	
State programs				
3400	Categorical grants from corporations and other private interest	30,000		11,890
3535	High ability learners		14,022	9,307
3599	State categorical programs - other	55,000	33,492	19,173
Federal programs				
		1,500,000		
6200	Title I, Part A ESSA Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Educational Agencies		114,803	119,520
6210	Title I, Accountability			
6310	Title II, Part A ESSA Supporting Effective Instruction		42,903	42,841
6406	IDEA preschool (619) base allocation		9,599	9,382
6408	IDEA Part B (611) base enrollment and poverty allocation (Birth through age 21)		318,877	306,885

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	Original and Final Budget	2023 Actual	2022 Actual
DISBURSEMENTS (Continued)			
Federal programs (Continued)			
6412	IDEA Part B proportionate share	25,720	32,553
6418	IDEA Part B Peak projects	10,845	10,845
6421	IDEA Part B (611) ARP - base/enrollment poverty allocation - birth through age 21		64,617
6422	IDEA preschool (619) ARP - base/enrollment poverty allocation		5,724
6423	IDEA Part B ARP - proportionate share		7,221
6990	Other federal categorical programs	41,160	
6997	Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER II)		108,202
6998	Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III)	298,562	443,942
8000	Transfers	40,000	33,894
	Other	2,450,411	
	Total disbursements	<u>25,315,411</u>	<u>18,798,607</u>
FUND BALANCE, end of year		<u>7,978,463</u>	<u>8,640,998</u>
ANALYSIS OF FUND BALANCE			
Cash in bank			
	Checking and savings accounts	1,419,388	2,252,459
	Certificate of deposit	2,500,771	2,500,771
	Due from other funds	28,198	63,526
	Other payroll withholdings	(5,911)	(6,762)
		<u>3,942,446</u>	<u>4,809,994</u>
	County treasurers	<u>4,036,017</u>	<u>3,831,004</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE		<u>7,978,463</u>	<u>8,640,998</u>

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 DEPRECIATION FUND
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	Original and Final Budget	2023 Actual	2022 Actual
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year		<u>1,424,552</u>	<u>1,550,596</u>
RECEIPTS			
Transfer - General Fund (as disbursed from the General Fund)	200,000		150,000
Interest received		<u>39,295</u>	<u>1,334</u>
Total receipts	<u>200,000</u>	<u>39,295</u>	<u>151,334</u>
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE		<u>1,463,847</u>	<u>1,701,930</u>
DISBURSEMENTS			
Capital outlay	<u>1,775,596</u>	<u>325,745</u>	<u>277,378</u>
FUND BALANCE, end of year		<u>1,138,102</u>	<u>1,424,552</u>
ANALYSIS OF FUND BALANCE			
Cash in bank			
Checking and savings accounts		92,959	379,409
Certificates of deposit		<u>1,045,143</u>	<u>1,045,143</u>
		<u>1,138,102</u>	<u>1,424,552</u>

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	Original and Final Budget	2023 Actual	2022 Actual
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year		<u>25,045</u>	<u>25,020</u>
RECEIPTS			
Interest	<u> </u>	<u>137</u>	<u>25</u>
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE		<u>25,182</u>	<u>25,045</u>
DISBURSEMENTS			
Benefits paid	<u>20,540</u>	<u>3,142</u>	<u> </u>
FUND BALANCE, end of year		<u>22,040</u>	<u>25,045</u>
ANALYSIS OF FUND BALANCE			
Cash in bank			
Checking and savings accounts		<u>22,040</u>	<u>25,045</u>

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 ACTIVITIES FUND
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 YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023
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	Original and Final Budget	2023 Actual	2022 Actual
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year		<u>351,746</u>	<u>404,554</u>
RECEIPTS			
Interest	25,000	2,247	339
Activities receipts	420,000	670,999	510,265
Transfers from the General Fund	<u>35,000</u>	<u>37,949</u>	<u>33,894</u>
Total receipts	<u>480,000</u>	<u>711,195</u>	<u>544,498</u>
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE		<u>1,062,941</u>	<u>949,052</u>
DISBURSEMENTS			
Activities expenses	<u>879,804</u>	<u>678,561</u>	<u>597,306</u>
FUND BALANCE, end of year		<u>384,380</u>	<u>351,746</u>
ANALYSIS OF FUND BALANCE			
Cash in bank			
Checking and savings accounts		<u>384,380</u>	<u>351,746</u>

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 SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND
 (UNAUDITED)
 YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023
 (WITH COMPARATIVE ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR 2022)

	Original and Final Budget	2023 Actual	2022 Actual
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year		<u>357,120</u>	<u>200,819</u>
RECEIPTS			
Sale of lunches and milk		620,167	147,240
State reimbursement		5,779	
Federal reimbursement	465,000	406,643	1,027,054
Other local receipts		83	
Other nonrevenue receipts	200,000	288	2,140
Interest		3,423	269
Total receipts	<u>665,000</u>	<u>1,036,383</u>	<u>1,176,703</u>
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE		<u>1,393,503</u>	<u>1,377,522</u>
DISBURSEMENTS			
Salaries	15,000	8,434	291,445
Payroll taxes and benefits		1,478	49,982
Purchased services	862,419	793,985	57,245
Food and supplies		1,164	520,474
Capital outlay		85,082	97,408
Other expenses		2,569	3,848
Total disbursements	<u>877,419</u>	<u>892,712</u>	<u>1,020,402</u>
FUND BALANCE, end of year		<u>500,791</u>	<u>357,120</u>
ANALYSIS OF FUND BALANCE			
Cash in bank			
Checking and savings accounts		528,989	420,646
Due to other funds		<u>(28,198)</u>	<u>(63,526)</u>
		<u>500,791</u>	<u>357,120</u>

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 BOND FUND
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	Original and Final Budget	2023 Actual	2022 Actual
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year		<u>1,828,383</u>	<u>1,939,030</u>
RECEIPTS			
Taxes			
Property taxes - debt purpose	1,400,000	1,282,161	1,311,611
Carline tax	1,300	981	1,054
Penalties and interest on taxes		2,681	2,373
Public Power District sales tax	400	492	2,073
Homestead exemption		28,210	28,671
Property tax credit		99,949	102,223
Nameplate capacity tax	2,000	336	396
Pro-rate motor vehicle	35,000	3,672	3,939
Interest	1,800	11,806	1,153
Total receipts	<u>1,440,500</u>	<u>1,430,288</u>	<u>1,453,493</u>
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE		<u>3,258,671</u>	<u>3,392,523</u>
DISBURSEMENTS			
Debt service			
Principal	1,415,000	1,415,000	1,380,000
Interest	160,000	154,864	183,540
Other		300	600
Total debt service	<u>1,575,000</u>	<u>1,570,164</u>	<u>1,564,140</u>
Total disbursements	<u>1,575,000</u>	<u>1,570,164</u>	<u>1,564,140</u>
FUND BALANCE, end of year		<u>1,688,507</u>	<u>1,828,383</u>

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	Original and Final Budget	2023 Actual	2022 Actual
ANALYSIS OF FUND BALANCE			
Cash in bank			
Checking and savings accounts		967,525	1,098,732
Certificate of deposit		350,000	350,000
		<u>1,317,525</u>	<u>1,448,732</u>
County treasurers		<u>370,982</u>	<u>379,651</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE		<u><u>1,688,507</u></u>	<u><u>1,828,383</u></u>

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 SPECIAL BUILDING FUND
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 YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023
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	Original and Final Budget	2023 Actual	2022 Actual
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year		<u>515,901</u>	<u>667,474</u>
RECEIPTS			
Taxes			
Property taxes - general purpose	176,450	169,470	300,461
Carline tax	100	124	248
Public Power District sales tax	300	274	475
Penalties and interest on taxes		597	371
Homestead exemption		3,546	6,746
Property tax credit		12,598	24,054
Nameplate capacity tax		42	93
Pro-rate motor vehicle tax	500	566	788
Interest	500	3,115	523
Insurance proceeds		198,630	
Total receipts	<u>177,850</u>	<u>388,962</u>	<u>333,759</u>
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE		<u>904,863</u>	<u>1,001,233</u>
DISBURSEMENTS			
Purchased services	500,000		503
Site improvements			123,751
Buildings and improvements	161,724	171,029	361,078
Capital outlay		140,939	
Total disbursements	<u>661,724</u>	<u>311,968</u>	<u>485,332</u>
FUND BALANCE, end of year		<u>592,895</u>	<u>515,901</u>

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 YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023
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	Original and Final Budget	2023 Actual	2022 Actual
ANALYSIS OF FUND BALANCE			
Cash in bank			
Checking and savings accounts		<u>546,136</u>	<u>426,571</u>
County treasurers		<u>46,759</u>	<u>89,330</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE		<u><u>592,895</u></u>	<u><u>515,901</u></u>

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 QUALIFIED CAPITAL PURPOSE UNDERTAKING FUND
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 YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023
 (WITH COMPARATIVE ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR 2022)

	Original and Final Budget	2023 Actual	2022 Actual
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year		<u>180,126</u>	<u>186,007</u>
RECEIPTS			
Taxes			
Property taxes - general purpose	135,000	123,336	123,777
Carline tax	100	95	100
Penalties and interest on taxes		253	220
Public Power District sales tax		195	196
Homestead exemption		2,722	2,709
Property tax credit		9,637	9,658
Nameplate capacity tax credit	150	32	37
Pro-rate motor vehicle	300	352	370
Interest	300	442	100
Total receipts	<u>135,850</u>	<u>137,064</u>	<u>137,167</u>
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE		<u>317,190</u>	<u>323,174</u>
DISBURSEMENTS			
Debt service			
Principal	135,000	135,000	135,000
Interest	5,000	4,879	7,748
Other		300	300
Total disbursements	<u>140,000</u>	<u>140,179</u>	<u>143,048</u>
FUND BALANCE, end of year		<u>177,011</u>	<u>180,126</u>

SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT NO. 9
 SEWARD, NEBRASKA
 SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
 MODIFIED CASH BASIS - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
 QUALIFIED CAPITAL PURPOSE UNDERTAKING FUND
 (UNAUDITED)
 YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023
 (WITH COMPARATIVE ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR 2022)

	Original and Final Budget	2023 Actual	2022 Actual
ANALYSIS OF FUND BALANCE			
Cash in bank			
Checking and savings accounts		<u>141,239</u>	<u>144,256</u>
Total cash in bank		<u>141,239</u>	<u>144,256</u>
County treasurers		<u>35,772</u>	<u>35,870</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE		<u><u>177,011</u></u>	<u><u>180,126</u></u>

See accompanying notes to budgetary schedules.

SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT NO. 9
 SEWARD, NEBRASKA
 SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT)
 MODIFIED CASH BASIS - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
 COOPERATIVE FUND
 (UNAUDITED)
 YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023
 (WITH COMPARATIVE ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR 2022)

	Original and Final Budget	2023 Actual	2022 Actual
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT), beginning of year		<u>(52,865)</u>	<u>(89,340)</u>
RECEIPTS			
State categorical programs	<u>184,340</u>	<u>138,434</u>	<u>210,336</u>
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE		<u>85,569</u>	<u>120,996</u>
DISBURSEMENTS			
Purchased services	<u>185,000</u>	<u>174,281</u>	<u>173,861</u>
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT), end of year		<u>(88,712)</u>	<u>(52,865)</u>
ANALYSIS OF FUND BALANCE			
Cash in bank			
Checking and savings accounts		<u>(88,712)</u>	<u>(52,865)</u>

See accompanying notes to budgetary schedules.

SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT NO. 9
 SEWARD, NEBRASKA
 SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
 MODIFIED CASH BASIS - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
 STUDENT FEE FUND
 (UNAUDITED)
 YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023
 (WITH COMPARATIVE ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR 2022)

	Original and Final Budget	2023 Actual	2022 Actual
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year		<u>1,291</u>	<u>1,291</u>
RECEIPTS			
Interest	=====	-----	-----
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE		<u>1,291</u>	<u>1,291</u>
DISBURSEMENTS			
Extracurricular activity fees	<u>1,291</u>	-----	-----
FUND BALANCE, end of year		<u>1,291</u>	<u>1,291</u>
ANALYSIS OF FUND BALANCE			
Cash in bank			
Checking and savings accounts		<u>1,291</u>	<u>1,291</u>

See accompanying notes to budgetary schedules.

SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT NO. 9
SEWARD, NEBRASKA
NOTES TO BUDGETARY SCHEDULES

NOTE 1. SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - MODIFIED CASH BASIS - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying schedules of receipts, disbursements, and changes in fund balance - modified cash basis - budget and actual are presented on the modified cash basis of accounting. This basis is consistent with the basis of accounting used in preparing the basic financial statements. All undisbursed appropriations lapse at the end of the budget year.

Budget Law

The District is required by state law to hold public hearings and adopt annual budgets for all funds on the modified cash basis of accounting. Total disbursements for each fund may not exceed the total budgeted disbursements. The General Fund is also subject to a total non-special education disbursement limit. Appropriations for disbursements lapse at year end. Any revisions to the adopted budget of total disbursements to any fund require a public hearing.

Funds over Budget

See item 2023-003 in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs noting the School Nutrition Fund and the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund over budget.

Reconciliation

The Nebraska Department of Education requires separate budgets for those funds considered as General Fund components for budget purposes.

A reconciliation of the General Fund financial reporting basis to the budgetary basis is as follows:

Net change in fund balance - financial reporting basis:

General Fund	<u>(951,991)</u>
Receipts - budgetary basis	
General Fund	18,988,007
Depreciation Fund	39,295
Employee Benefit Fund	137
Disbursements - budgetary basis	
General Fund	(19,650,543)
Depreciation Fund	(325,745)
Employee Benefit Fund	<u>(3,142)</u>
Receipts under disbursements - budgetary basis	<u>(951,991)</u>



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

To the Board of Education
Seward Public Schools District No. 9
Seward, Nebraska

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 Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska, as of and for the year ended August 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 2, 2023.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska'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, and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2023-001 and 2023-002, that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska'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 statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. Item 2023-003, which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, was noted regarding the Nebraska Budget Act.

Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned cost. Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements, and accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

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 Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Dana J Cole + Company, LLP

Lincoln, Nebraska
November 2, 2023



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

To the Board of Education
Seward Public Schools District No. 9
Seward, Nebraska

Report on Compliance for Each Major Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska's major federal programs for the year ended August 31, 2023. Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska, complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended August 31, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

We are required to be independent of Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska's compliance with the requirements for each major federal program as a whole.

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

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

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

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 our testing based on those requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Dana J Cole + Company, LLP

Lincoln, Nebraska
November 2, 2023

SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT NO. 9
SEWARD, NEBRASKA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

SECTION I. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued:	Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
Material weakness identified:	___Yes__ <u>X</u> ___No
Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses:	<u>X</u> ___Yes___None reported
Noncompliance matter to the financial statements disclosed:	<u>X</u> ___Yes___No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:	
Material weakness identified:	___Yes__ <u>X</u> ___No
Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses:	___Yes__ <u>X</u> ___None reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:	Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR Section 200.516(a):	___Yes__ <u>X</u> ___No
Identification of major programs:	
Child Nutrition Cluster	10.553\10.555
Education Stabilization Fund Under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act	84.425
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:	\$750,000
Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee:	___Yes__ <u>X</u> ___No

SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT NO. 9
SEWARD, NEBRASKA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

SECTION II. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

2023-001 FINANCIAL REPORTING PROCESSES

Criteria

As described in our engagement letter, management is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal controls, include monitoring, and for the fair presentation of financial statements, including the notes to the financial statements, in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.

Condition

The District does not have a system of internal control that would provide management with reasonable assurance that the District's financial statements and related disclosures are complete and presented in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting. As such, management requested us to compile the trial balance from the general ledger and prepare a draft of the financial statements, including the related note disclosures.

Cause

The District has a limited number of personnel and has requested the auditors prepare the financial statements and related notes to the financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting.

Potential Effect

Errors in the financial statement or disclosures could occur and not be detected by management.

Recommendation

The District should carefully review the draft financial statements, including disclosures and understand the relationship to the underlying data. All proposed auditor adjustments should be understood and approved by the District.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action

The District relies on the auditor to propose the adjustments necessary to prepare the financial statements, including the related disclosures. The District reviews such financial statements, approves all auditor adjustments, and uses other procedures deemed necessary to determine the financial statements and related note disclosures are fairly presented.

SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT NO. 9
SEWARD, NEBRASKA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

SECTION II. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS (Continued)

2023-002 SEGREGATION OF DUTIES

Criteria

Internal control should be in place to ensure proper segregation of duties.

Condition

Due to the size of the District, there is limited segregation of duties over bookkeeping, billing, and accounting functions. The same individual routinely reconciles the bank statements, makes journal entries, and manages the general ledger functions.

Cause

The District has a limited number of personnel.

Potential Effect

Inadequate segregation of duties could lead to misappropriation of assets or to improper reporting.

Recommendation

We recommend that the District continue to monitor and evaluate its internal controls and make improvements where possible.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action

The District has implemented procedures such as reviews of bank statements and bank reconciliations by the manager to improve segregation of duties issues. The Board of Education also reviews and approves all disbursements. The District will, within the constraints of existing time and cost considerations, continue to review the situation and make improvements.

2023-003 BUDGET COMPLIANCE

Criteria

The District is required by state law to hold public hearings and adopt annual budgets for all funds on the modified cash basis of accounting. Total disbursements for each fund may not exceed the total budgeted disbursements.

SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT NO. 9
SEWARD, NEBRASKA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

SECTION II. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS (Continued)

2023-003 BUDGET COMPLIANCE

Condition and Context

The District had disbursements in the School Nutrition Fund of \$892,712. This exceeded budgeted disbursements by \$15,293.

The District had disbursements in the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund of \$140,179. This exceeded budgeted disbursements by \$179.

Cause

Management did not amend the budget to allow for an increase in disbursements in excess of the budget.

Potential Effect

The District should follow procedures required by the Nebraska Budget Act.

Recommendation

Management should amend the budget documentation before funds are expended in excess of the appropriated disbursements of the fund.

District's Response

Disbursements were higher than projected in the above funds. The District will continue to monitor disbursements in the future.

SECTION III. FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None noted.

SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT NO. 9
SEWARD, NEBRASKA
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

The prior audit findings are as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

2022-001 FINANCIAL REPORTING PROCESSES

There were no changes in the period-end financial reporting process. See current year finding 2023-001.

2022-002 SEGREGATION OF DUTIES

There were no changes to the segregation of duties processes. See current year finding 2023-002.

2022-003 BUDGET COMPLIANCE

The District had disbursements over budget in the amount of \$140,402 in the School Nutrition Fund, \$600 in the Bond Fund, and \$143,048 in the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund. We recommended that the District amend the budget before funds are expended in excess of appropriated expenditures for that fund. This is a continuous finding, as noted in the schedule of findings and responses as item 2023-003.

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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
November 2, 2023

Seward Public Schools District No. 9, Seward, Nebraska respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for the year ended August 31, 2023, for the findings identified by Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The findings from the schedule of findings and questioned costs are discussed below and are numbered consistently with the numbers assigned in that schedule.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

2023-001 FINANCIAL REPORTING PROCESSES

Recommendation: The District should carefully review the draft financial statements, including disclosures and understand the relationship to the underlying data. All proposed auditor adjustments should be understood and approved by the District.

Action Taken: The District relies on the auditor to propose the adjustments necessary to prepare the financial statements, including the related disclosures. The District reviews such financial statements, approves all auditor adjustments, and uses other procedures deemed necessary to determine the financial statements and related note disclosures are fairly presented.

2023-002 SEGREGATION OF DUTIES

Recommendation: We recommend that the District continue to monitor and evaluate its internal controls and make improvements where possible.

Action Taken: The District has implemented procedures such as reviews of bank statements and bank reconciliations by the manager to improve segregation of duties issues. The Board of Education also reviews and approves all disbursements. The District will, within the constraints of existing time and cost considerations, continue to review the situation and make improvements.

2023-003 BUDGET COMPLIANCE

Recommendation: We recommend that the District continually monitor and amend the budget if necessary to ensure disbursements do not exceed appropriated disbursements for each fund.

Action Taken: Disbursements were higher than projected in the above funds. The District will continue to monitor disbursements in the future.

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If the Nebraska Department of Education has questions regarding this plan, please contact the District's superintendent.

Sincerely yours,

Josh Fields, Superintendent

Beliefs

- We believe in providing a physically safe and secure environment.
- We believe that a partnership of families, schools, and community can prepare all students to achieve success academically and beyond.
- We believe in supporting and continually expanding the knowledge and skills of our staff.
- We believe in the value and impact educators have on student achievement.
- We believe intentionally preparing students to be problem solvers and critical thinkers will meet the demands of an ever-changing global society.
- We believe a positive culture is strengthened by relationships and prioritizing the mental health of staff and students.
- We believe in the value of inclusion, equity, and diversity.

Parameters

- We will make decisions in the best interests of the whole student by providing the support needed to thrive academically, mentally, emotionally, physically, and socially.
- We will provide a safe, healthy, and secure learning environment.
- We will recruit, hire, support, develop, and retain quality staff.
- We will employ research-based instructional methodology.
- We will responsibly manage our resources.
- We will have consistent processes and systems in place to guide data-informed decisions.
- We will have high expectations for each student and staff member.
- We will promote inclusion, equity, and diversity.

Mission

Seward Public Schools - a district rooted in excellence - in cooperation with family and community members is committed to the development of the whole student and affirms that all students will have the skills to become productive, resilient, and contributing members of their community.

Objectives- An uncompromising commitment to achieve specific, measurable, observable, demonstrable results that exceed its present capability.

Academics/Instruction

Each student has the opportunity to excel academically through a systematic approach that meets their personal needs.

Recruit, Hire, Retain

All students will have access to high quality staff who foster relationships, are highly trained in their area, and will continue advancing their knowledge and skills.

Facilities

Each student will have access to facilities to ensure excellence in academics and extracurricular activities.

Communication/Culture

Each student will be supported by productive communication and a welcoming and accepting culture.

Mental Health

All Students and staff will recognize the importance of mental health.

Strategies-The means to achieve the mission and the objectives of the organization. Strategies are the “How.” They are major change efforts which will be implemented over several years. They should address mission and objectives as well as the critical issues facing the district.

We will create and implement a multi-tiered system of support that empowers educators to use a data-driven approach to support all students academically.

We will attract new staff and retain high quality staff with competitive compensation, the opportunity for collaborative professional development, and a culture of excellence.

We will research, develop and implement plans to ensure facilities meet the needs of students and staff.

We will develop plans for Pre-K- 12 systematic communication in the areas of student achievement, family partnerships, and school culture.

All students and staff will have access to mental health supports to develop safe and appropriate coping strategies.