

High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3

Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019



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 High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3  
 June 30, 2019  
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3  
Official Roster  
June 30, 2019

<u>Name</u>	<u>Governing Body</u>	<u>Title</u>
Ms. Stacy Diller		President
Mr. Andy Ortiz		Vice President
Ms. Kodi Sumpter		Secretary
Mr. Adan Estrada		Member
Ms. Kristen Forrester		Member
Ms. Johnna Bruhn		Member
Mr. Ralph Almanzar		Member
Mr. Gary Salazar-Interim		Member
	<u>Administrative Officials</u>	
R. Stephen Aguirre		Executive Director
Mary Lisa Gonzales		Business Manager
Marisa Aguirre		Program Manager
Gary Gabriele		Human Resources

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Brian S. Colón, Esq.  
New Mexico State Auditor  
High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3  
Board of Directors and Management  
Raton, New Mexico

### Report on Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the budgetary comparisons of the General Fund and major special revenue funds of High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements which collectively comprise High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

### Auditors' Responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

## **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the budgetary comparisons of the General Fund and major special revenue funds of High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3, as of June 30, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position thereof, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the *Management's Discussion and Analysis* on pages 10 through 15 and Schedules A-1 through B-2 and notes to the Required Supplementary Information on pages 62 through 69 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquires of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3's basic financial statements. The introductory section and Supporting Schedules I through III required by 2.2.2 NMAC are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Supporting Schedules I through III required by 2.2.2 NMAC are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Supporting Schedules I through III required by 2.2.2 NMAC are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

The introductory section has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.



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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 15, 2019, on our consideration of the High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the 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 High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Cordova CPAs LLC  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
September 15, 2019



**HIGH PLAINS REGIONAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE #3 – RATON, NEW MEXICO  
MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

Management of the **High Plains Regional Education Cooperative #3 (HPREC)** offers readers of HPREC’s financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of HPREC for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information found within the body of the audit.

**HIGH PLAINS REGIONAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE #3**

High Plains Regional Education Cooperative #3 (HPREC), located in Raton, is one of ten regional education cooperatives in New Mexico. HPREC is a state agency administratively attached to the Public Education Department responsible for regional education services to eight school districts in Colfax, Union, and Harding counties. Our mission is to research and implement sound educational practices in order to be responsive to our clients’ needs. HPREC does this by engaging in researched-based practices, developing relationships and implementing systems to transform education. HPREC does this so all of our clients are successful and effective.

HPREC reduces costs to member school districts by using a cooperative system of shared services and programs. These are best managed on a regional basis because they are too costly for an individual district to maintain. As a result, HPREC provides education related services to member school districts as well as direct services to children, families and communities.

HPREC also offers professional development, technical assistance, program coordination, and services to school districts, other agencies and the New Mexico Public Education Department. HPREC provides quality professional development, support, and services to member districts that may otherwise be cost prohibitive.

**OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This discussion and analysis provides a review of HPREC’s overall financial activities, using the accrual basis of accounting for the year ending June 30, 2019. Fund financial statements are reported on a modified accrual basis of accounting. The analysis focuses on the financial performance of the agency as a whole. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

### **FINANCIAL / OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- The ending cash balance at June 30, 2019 was **\$2,207,114**.
- The balance of Intergovernmental Receivables at June 30, 2018 was **\$1,871,962**.
- Overall revenue (including transfers in and other sources) totaled **\$6,164,619**. Total expenditures were **\$6,382,900**.
- Net Position decreased **\$556,423**.
- Fund Balance decreased **\$342,825**.
- Direct Educational Services included **4** Related Service Providers; **325** students with IEP's were served by Related Service Providers.
- **65** Professional Development workshops were offered; **2200** Educators attended Professional Development Workshops.
- Successfully developed and implemented a statewide, online bus driver training to **4** districts within New Mexico. **440** modules were taken by qualified bus drivers across New Mexico.
- Provided multiple web-based products with adequate technical & content support to increase teacher effectiveness & student learning outcomes.
- Provided more than **650** hours of technical assistance to districts on topics including sound fiscal practices, special education compliance, effective instruction, leadership, Web EPSS, STARS, and other areas.
- Provided over **\$300,000** worth of Value Added support and services to member districts.

## **STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AND STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of HPREC's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of HPREC's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of HPREC's financial position.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how HPREC's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year.

The Governmental Activities of HPREC include instruction, support services, central services, operation and maintenance of plant, and operation of non-instructional services.

## **FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Fund Financial Statements give detailed information about the most significant funds, not HPREC as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State Statute, while other funds are established by HPREC to help manage funds for particular purposes and compliance with grant provisions.

## **GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

Most of HPREC's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of funds and the year-end balances available for spending in future years. The modified accrual accounting method is used to report these funds. This method measures cash and other financial assets that can be readily converted to cash. The Governmental Fund Statements provide a detailed short-view of HPREC's general governmental operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are financial resources available to spend in the near future to finance HPREC's programs. The relationship/differences between governmental activities (reported in the Statements of Net Position and Activities) and the governmental funds are reconciled in the basic financial statements.

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

## **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. HPREC continues to expand its entrepreneurial & professional development activities.

## NET POSITION FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2018

The Statement of Net Position provides perspective on the Agency as a whole. Table 1 provides a summary of HPREC's net position as of June 30, 2017 through June 30, 2019.

**Table 1**

	2017	2018	2019
<b>Total Assets &amp; Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	6,100,766	12,710,231	8,634,945
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	2,828,499	17,110,786	13,591,923
<b>Net Position Beginning</b>	2,763,858	3,272,267	(4,400,555)
<b>Restatement</b>	-	(4,037,927)	-
<b>Net Change</b>	508,409	(3,634,895)	(556,423)
<b>Net Position End</b>	3,272,267	(4,400,555) *	(4,956,978)

\*Includes net pension & OPEB related liabilities; prior years are not included

HPREC's total revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 were **\$6,164,619**. The total cost of all programs and services was **\$6,382,900**. Table 2 presents a summary of revenues and expenses for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

**Table 2**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>			
	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Revenue</b>				
Federal Sources	167,834	161,664	364,984	284,798
State Sources	2,147,980	6,808,069	3,516,582	4,840,595
Local Sources	2,179,911	1,650,817	1,101,566	1,039,226
<b>Total Revenue</b>	4,496,625	8,620,550	4,983,132	6,164,619
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current				
Instruction	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Support Services: Students	1,818,711	2,242,623	1,505,560	1,487,925
Support Services: Instruction	1,828,788	4,905,806	1,973,113	2,791,228
Support Services: General Admin	439,366	885,440	1,471,659	1,785,615
Support Services: School Admin	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Support Services: Central Services	200,830	209,749	217,153	215,193
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	83,269	80,461	88,033	102,939
Non-current				
Debt Principal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Debt Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Outlay/Other Support Svc.	21,663	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	4,392,697	8,324,079	5,255,518	6,382,900

## CAPITAL ASSETS

See Notes to the Financial Statements: 6. Capital Assets.

**BUDGETARY INFORMATION**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Adopted</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>YTD Expend</b>	<b>Balance</b>
25153	320,453	14,664	335,117	228,332	106,785
27101	1,438,729	1,488,012	2,926,741	2,551,978	374,763
27200	249,983	2,865,573	3,115,556	2,978,122	137,434
28144	369,091	0.00	369,091	197,358	171,733
29102	575,000	0.00	575,000	385,415	189,585
	<u>2,953,256</u>	<u>4,368,249</u>	<u>7,321,505</u>	<u>6,341,205</u>	<u>980,300</u>

The budget for HPREC is prepared in accordance with requirements from New Mexico Statutes and the New Mexico Public Education Department. The budget is prepared on a **cash basis** of accounting.

HPREC continues to receive its allocation from the Laws of 2013, Chapter 227, Section 4(I) by meeting the requirements of timely quarterly reporting and by being in compliance with state and federal reporting requirements, including annual audit requirements pursuant to the Audit Act, and, is otherwise financially stable.

HPREC continued its support of quality reading coaching services for New Mexico schools’ goal of increasing student achievement. We did this by employing seven Regional Reading Specialists who modeled and supported research-based strategies through site-based coaching, monitoring, and professional development by using core reading instruction and intervention for grades K-3 students with available funding of \$1,430,962.

In addition, HPREC continued the facilitation and management of the State Directed Activities Project. Our efforts included providing support and direct services; including technical assistance, professional development and training of school personnel to maintain and/or meet compliance with SPP Indicators, maintain A or B school grades or assist in improving those with C, D, or F with a focus on improving reading and math growth rates for students with disabilities, and support capacity building activities through the implementation of the Teacher Evaluation System, the Common Core State Standards, Early Learning, and Positive Behavior Interventions, for grades K-12 with available funding in the amount of \$262,544.

High Plains Regional Education Cooperative #3 (HPREC) continued to provide fiscal management and service coordination for numerous PED supported projects this fiscal year. HPREC assisted the PED with the delivery of intervention actions, including support, technical assistance, training, monitoring, and reporting to struggling districts and schools in New Mexico under the Priority Schools Bureau project of \$420,000.

HPREC provided support to the PED in their efforts to continue with their goal of increasing graduation rates by providing technical assistance and staff advisement in professional development, and project management; support the development and implementation of new initiatives; and continuation of the ongoing implementation of current initiatives for the College and Career Readiness Bureau. This was completed by administering (2) separate IGAs: (1) College and Career Readiness (CCRB) in the amount of \$237,574; and (2) Early Warning System/ECHO in the amount of \$249,983.

HPREC also worked with the PED in its efforts to continue moving forward with the Math & Science Bureau’s projects through (3) separate IGAs, which include: (1) MSS-MSSW – to provide professional development and support to improve the content and pedagogical knowledge of K-12 math and science teachers in the amount of \$996,001; (2) Open Sci-Ed (OSE) Project – to provide professional development and support to implement middle school science open-resource curriculum in the amount of \$208,355; and (3) Title IV Stem Virtual PLC Project – to establish sustainable statewide Professional Learning Communities in rural and low income areas, which provide evidence based professional development and support to improve STEM instruction and pedagogy for K-12 teachers in the amount of \$49,082.

HPREC also continued its work with the NMPED Language & Culture Bureau on the Bilingual Multicultural Education (BME) project. In an effort to support literacy through effective educational opportunities for culturally and linguistically diverse students, English learners, and students participating in bilingual multicultural education programs, efforts to develop and attain proficiency in English and a second language and to meet or exceed all content area standards and hopefully increase student achievement, professional development using BMEB initiatives were conducted. The available funding for this project was \$118,836. In addition, they added an IGA for continued literacy support to culturally and linguistically diverse students, English Learners, and students participating in bilingual multicultural education programs, through the LCB project. Their focus was primarily on intentional instructional practices for the development of language—speaking, writing, reading, and listening—and intervention for grades K-12 students with available funding of \$300,000.

In addition, this fiscal year, HPREC worked with the NMPED Instructional Materials Bureau to provide support and assist with coordination of activities and fiscal responsibilities as they rolled out their 2019 Summer Review Institute and Adoption of Math & CTE materials with funding of \$273,181.

Also, through the support of two other RECs: (1) HPREC continued its participation in the CREC #5 initiative with the Vocational Transition Specialist project, by continuing to employ a Vocational Transition Specialist to work in our region with local school districts, in an effort to serve as a representative of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) for students with disabilities; and (2) under the direction of SWREC #10, HPREC participated in the PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention & Support) project, by providing a highly qualified trainer/coach to roll out their initiative.

We continually work in conjunction with the Public Education Department to meet the needs of students and educators across the state.

Board action that impacted the budget included a 2.5% pay increase, plus the usual experience step for all employees.

### **Request for information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the REC's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or request of additional information should be addresses to the Executive Director, High Plains Education Cooperative #3, 101 North Second Street, Raton, New Mexico 87740.

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**BASIC  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
 High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3  
 Statement of Net Position  
 June 30, 2019

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>Assets</b>	
Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,207,114
Receivables:	
Due from other governments	1,871,962
Total current assets	4,079,076
Noncurrent assets	
Capital assets	1,190,980
Less: accumulated depreciation	(386,574)
Total noncurrent assets	804,406
<i>Total assets</i>	4,883,482
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>	
Deferred outflows - ERB pension plan	3,726,853
Deferred outflows - OPEB	24,610
<i>Total deferred outflows of resources</i>	3,751,463
<i>Total assets and deferred outflows of resources</i>	\$ 8,634,945

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 43,639
Accrued payroll	17,099
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Total current liabilities	60,738
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Noncurrent liabilities	
Accrued compensated absences	17,902
Net pension liability	5,927,828
Net OPEB liability	1,471,918
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Total noncurrent liabilities	7,417,648
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<i>Total liabilities</i>	7,478,386
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<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>	
Deferred inflows - ERB pension plan	3,808,880
Deferred inflows - OPEB	2,304,657
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<i>Total deferred inflows of resources</i>	6,113,537
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<b>Net position</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	804,406
Restricted for:	
Special revenue	2,449,812
Unrestricted	(8,211,196)
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<i>Total net position</i>	(4,956,978)
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<i>Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position</i>	<u>\$ 8,634,945</u>

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
 High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3  
 Statement of Activities  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

<b>Functions/Programs</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Program Revenues</b>	
		<b>Charges for Services</b>	<b>Operating Grants and Contributions</b>
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>			
Support services - students	\$ 1,518,098	\$ 226,910	\$ 1,157,685
Support services - instruction	2,791,228	417,205	2,128,560
Support services - general administration	2,093,584	312,928	1,596,544
Central services	215,193	32,165	164,104
Operation and maintenance of plant	102,939	15,386	78,500
<i>Total governmental activities</i>	<b>\$ 6,721,042</b>	<b>\$ 1,004,594</b>	<b>\$ 5,125,393</b>

**General Revenues:**

Investment income

Total general revenues

Change in net position

Net position - beginning

*Net position, ending*

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**Net (Expense)  
Revenue and  
Changes in Net  
Position**

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**Governmental  
Activities**

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\$	(133,503)
	(245,463)
	(184,112)
	(18,924)
	(9,053)

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(591,055)

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(556,423)

(4,400,555)

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\$ (4,956,978)

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
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Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
June 30, 2019

	<b>Operational 27101</b>	<b>Medicaid in Our Schools 25153</b>	<b>State Directed Activities 27200</b>
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<i>Assets</i>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 422,205	\$ -
Receivables:			
Due from other governments	659,752	28,600	1,166,428
Due from other funds	<u>1,166,428</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Total assets</i>	<u>\$ 1,826,180</u>	<u>\$ 450,805</u>	<u>\$ 1,166,428</u>
<i>Liabilities and fund balances</i>			
<i>Liabilities</i>			
Accounts payable	\$ 5,803	\$ 36,335	\$ -
Accrued payroll	15,894	-	-
Due to other funds	<u>235,957</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,166,428</u>
<i>Total liabilities</i>	<u>257,654</u>	<u>36,335</u>	<u>1,166,428</u>
<i>Fund balances</i>			
<i>Spendable:</i>			
<i>Restricted for:</i>			
Instructional materials and student services	-	414,470	-
Professional development	-	-	-
Unassigned	<u>1,568,526</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Total fund balances</i>	<u>1,568,526</u>	<u>414,470</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Total liabilities, and fund balances</i>	<u>\$ 1,826,180</u>	<u>\$ 450,805</u>	<u>\$ 1,166,428</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

<b>Medicaid HSD 28144</b>	<b>Private Non- Categorical 29102</b>	<b>Total</b>
\$ 709,198	\$ 1,075,711	\$ 2,207,114
12,257	4,925	1,871,962
<u>-</u>	<u>235,957</u>	<u>1,402,385</u>
<u>\$ 721,455</u>	<u>\$ 1,316,593</u>	<u>\$ 5,481,461</u>
\$ -	\$ 1,501	\$ 43,639
1,205	-	17,099
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,402,385</u>
<u>1,205</u>	<u>1,501</u>	<u>1,463,123</u>
720,250	-	1,134,720
-	1,315,092	1,315,092
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,568,526</u>
<u>720,250</u>	<u>1,315,092</u>	<u>4,018,338</u>
<u>\$ 721,455</u>	<u>\$ 1,316,593</u>	<u>\$ 5,481,461</u>

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
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 Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position  
 Governmental Funds  
 June 30, 2019

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 4,018,338
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	804,406
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB are applicable to future periods and therefore, are not reported in funds:	
Deferred outflows related to pension	3,726,853
Deferred inflows related to pension	(3,808,880)
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	24,610
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	(2,304,657)
Liabilities, including accrued compensated absences, net pension and OPEB liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:	
Accrued compensated absences not due and payable	(17,902)
Net pension liability	(5,927,828)
Net OPEB liability	(1,471,918)
	(7,416,648)
<i>Total net position - governmental activities</i>	<i>\$ (4,956,978)</i>

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances  
Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

	<b>Operational 27101</b>	<b>Medicaid in Our Schools 25153</b>	<b>State Directed Activities 27200</b>
<i>Revenues</i>			
Intergovernmental revenue:			
Federal flowthrough	\$ -	\$ 284,798	\$ 394,109
State flowthrough	1,556,633	-	2,584,013
Charges for services	622,495	-	-
Investment income	34,632	-	-
<i>Total revenues</i>	<u>2,213,760</u>	<u>284,798</u>	<u>2,978,122</u>
<i>Expenditures</i>			
Current:			
Support services - students	399,075	264,667	795,909
Support services - instruction	634,881	-	1,770,265
Support services - general administration	1,204,497	-	411,948
Central services	215,193	-	-
Operation and maintenance of plant	102,939	-	-
<i>Total expenditures</i>	<u>2,556,585</u>	<u>264,667</u>	<u>2,978,122</u>
<i>Net change in fund balances</i>	(342,825)	20,131	-
<i>Fund balances - beginning</i>	<u>1,911,351</u>	<u>394,339</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Fund balances - end of year</i>	<u>\$ 1,568,526</u>	<u>\$ 414,470</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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<b>Medicaid HSD 28144</b>	<b>Private Non- Categorical 29102</b>	<b>Total</b>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 678,907
305,840	-	4,446,486
-	382,099	1,004,594
-	-	34,632
<u>305,840</u>	<u>382,099</u>	<u>6,164,619</u>
28,274	-	1,487,925
-	386,082	2,791,228
169,170	-	1,785,615
-	-	215,193
-	-	102,939
<u>197,444</u>	<u>386,082</u>	<u>6,382,900</u>
108,396	(3,983)	(218,281)
<u>611,854</u>	<u>1,319,075</u>	<u>4,236,619</u>
<u>\$ 720,250</u>	<u>\$ 1,315,092</u>	<u>\$ 4,018,338</u>

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
 High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3  
 Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes  
 in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ (218,281)
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Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense:

Capital outlay additions	78,864
Depreciation expense	(31,817)

Governmental funds report REC pension and OPEB contributions as expenditures. However in the Statement of Activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as pension and OPEB expense:

REC pension and OPEB contributions subsequent to measurement date	189,500
Pension and OPEB expense	(576,333)

Long-term debt (accrued compensated absences) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position.

Decrease in accrued compensated absences not due and payable	<u>1,644</u>
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<i>Change in net position of governmental activities</i>	<u><u>\$ (556,423)</u></u>
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
 High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3  
 Operational Fund - 27101  
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance  
 Budget (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis) and Actual  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

Exhibit C-1

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variances</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		<u>Final to Actual</u>
<i>Revenues</i>				
Intergovernmental revenue:				
State flowthrough	\$ 103,889	\$ 1,591,901	\$ 1,094,798	\$ (497,103)
Charges for services	1,322,575	1,322,575	623,463	(699,112)
Investment income	12,265	12,265	34,632	22,367
<i>Total revenues</i>	<u>1,438,729</u>	<u>2,926,741</u>	<u>1,752,893</u>	<u>(1,173,848)</u>
<i>Expenditures</i>				
Current:				
Instruction	-	-	-	-
Support services	1,108,509	2,573,519	2,233,678	339,841
Central services	195,169	218,171	216,383	1,788
Operation and maintenance of plant	135,051	135,051	101,917	33,134
Student transportation	-	-	-	-
Food services operations	-	-	-	-
Community services operations	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-
Debt service:				
Principal	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-	-
Bond issuance cost	-	-	-	-
<i>Total expenditures</i>	<u>1,438,729</u>	<u>2,926,741</u>	<u>2,551,978</u>	<u>374,763</u>
<i>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures</i>	-	-	(799,085)	(799,085)
<i>Other financing sources (uses)</i>				
Designated cash (budgeted increase in cash)	-	-	-	-
<i>Total other financing sources (uses)</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Net change in fund balance</i>	-	-	(799,085)	(799,085)
<i>Fund balance - beginning of year</i>	-	-	1,729,556	1,729,556
<i>Fund balance - end of year</i>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 930,471</u>	<u>\$ 930,471</u>
Net change in fund balance (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)				\$ (799,085)
Adjustments to revenues for state funds				460,867
Adjustments for accounts payable and accrued payroll				<u>(4,607)</u>
<i>Net change in fund balance (GAAP Basis)</i>				<u>\$ (342,825)</u>

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Exhibit C-2

High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3  
 Medicaid in Our Schools Special Revenue Fund - 25153  
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance  
 Budget (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis) and Actual  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variances</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		<u>Final to Actual</u>
<i>Revenues</i>				
Intergovernmental revenue:				
Federal flowthrough	\$ 320,453	\$ 335,117	\$ 287,287	\$ (47,830)
<i>Total revenues</i>	<u>320,453</u>	<u>335,117</u>	<u>287,287</u>	<u>(47,830)</u>
<i>Expenditures</i>				
Current:				
Instruction	-	-	-	-
Support services	320,453	335,117	228,332	106,785
Central services	-	-	-	-
<i>Total expenditures</i>	<u>320,453</u>	<u>335,117</u>	<u>228,332</u>	<u>106,785</u>
<i>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures</i>	-	-	58,955	58,955
<i>Other financing sources (uses)</i>				
Designated cash (budgeted increase in cash)	-	-	-	-
<i>Total other financing sources (uses)</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Net change in fund balance</i>	-	-	58,955	58,955
<i>Fund balance - beginning of year</i>	-	-	363,250	363,250
<i>Fund balance - end of year</i>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 422,205</u>	<u>\$ 422,205</u>
Net change in fund balance (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)				\$ 58,955
Adjustments to revenues for federal grants				(2,489)
Adjustments to expenditures for accounts payable and accrued payroll				<u>(36,335)</u>
<i>Net change in fund balance (GAAP Basis)</i>				<u>\$ 20,131</u>

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Exhibit C-3

High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3  
 State Directed Activities Special Revenue Fund - 27200  
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance  
 Budget (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis) and Actual  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variances</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		<u>Final to Actual</u>
<i>Revenues</i>				
Intergovernmental revenue:				
Federal flowthrough	\$ 249,983	\$ 394,109	\$ 394,109	\$ -
State flowthrough	-	2,721,447	2,001,639	(719,808)
<i>Total revenues</i>	<u>249,983</u>	<u>3,115,556</u>	<u>2,395,748</u>	<u>(719,808)</u>
<i>Expenditures</i>				
Current:				
Instruction	-	-	-	-
Support services	249,983	3,115,556	2,978,122	137,434
Central services	-	-	-	-
Operation and maintenance of plant	-	-	-	-
<i>Total expenditures</i>	<u>249,983</u>	<u>3,115,556</u>	<u>2,978,122</u>	<u>137,434</u>
<i>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(582,374)</u>	<u>(582,374)</u>
<i>Other financing sources (uses)</i>				
Designated cash (budgeted increase in cash)	-	-	-	-
<i>Total other financing sources (uses)</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Net change in fund balance</i>	-	-	(582,374)	(582,374)
<i>Fund balance - beginning of year</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(584,054)</u>	<u>(584,054)</u>
<i>Fund balance - end of year</i>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1,166,428)</u>	<u>\$ (1,166,428)</u>
Net change in fund balance (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)				\$ (582,374)
Adjustments to revenues for state and federal programs				582,374
No adjustments to expenditures				<u>-</u>
<i>Net change in fund balance (GAAP Basis)</i>				<u>\$ -</u>

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Exhibit C-4

High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3  
 Medicaid HSD Special Revenue Fund - 28144  
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance  
 Budget (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis) and Actual  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variances</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		<u>Final to Actual</u>
<i>Revenues</i>				
Intergovernmental revenue:				
State flowthrough	\$ 369,091	\$ 369,091	\$ 307,211	\$ (61,880)
<i>Total revenues</i>	<u>369,091</u>	<u>369,091</u>	<u>307,211</u>	<u>(61,880)</u>
<i>Expenditures</i>				
Current:				
Instruction	-	-	-	-
Support services	369,091	369,091	197,358	171,733
Central services	-	-	-	-
<i>Total expenditures</i>	<u>369,091</u>	<u>369,091</u>	<u>197,358</u>	<u>171,733</u>
<i>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>109,853</u>	<u>109,853</u>
<i>Other financing sources (uses)</i>				
Designated cash (budgeted increase in cash)	-	-	-	-
<i>Total other financing sources (uses)</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Net change in fund balance</i>	-	-	109,853	109,853
<i>Fund balance - beginning of year</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>599,345</u>	<u>599,345</u>
<i>Fund balance - end of year</i>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 709,198</u>	<u>\$ 709,198</u>
Net change in fund balance (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)				\$ 109,853
Adjustments to revenues for state grants				(1,371)
Adjustments to expenditures for accounts payable and accrued payroll				<u>(86)</u>
<i>Net change in fund balance (GAAP Basis)</i>				<u>\$ 108,396</u>

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Exhibit C-5

High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3  
 Private Non-Categorical Special Revenue Fund - 29102  
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance  
 Budget (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis) and Actual  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variances</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		<u>Final to Actual</u>
<i>Revenues</i>				
Charges for services	\$ 575,000	\$ 575,000	\$ 381,902	\$ (193,098)
<i>Total revenues</i>	<u>575,000</u>	<u>575,000</u>	<u>381,902</u>	<u>(193,098)</u>
<i>Expenditures</i>				
Current:				
Support services	575,000	575,000	385,415	189,585
<i>Total expenditures</i>	<u>575,000</u>	<u>575,000</u>	<u>385,415</u>	<u>189,585</u>
<i>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,513)</u>	<u>(3,513)</u>
<i>Other financing sources (uses)</i>				
Designated cash (budgeted increase in cash)	-	-	-	-
<i>Total other financing sources (uses)</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Net change in fund balance</i>	-	-	(3,513)	(3,513)
<i>Fund balance - beginning of year</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,315,181</u>	<u>1,315,181</u>
<i>Fund balance - end of year</i>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,311,668</u>	<u>\$ 1,311,668</u>
Net change in fund balance (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)				\$ (3,513)
Adjustments to revenues for local revenue sources				197
Adjustments to expenditures for accounts payable and accrued payroll				<u>(667)</u>
<i>Net change in fund balance (GAAP Basis)</i>				<u>\$ (3,983)</u>

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3  
Notes to Financial Statements  
June 30, 2019

**NOTE 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The ten Regional Cooperative Centers established throughout New Mexico in 1984 were originally organized to provide supplementary special education services to local education agencies utilizing federal PL 94-142 funds. The role of the Cooperatives has expanded under the authorization of the regional Coordinating Councils to include a variety of other projects, both federally funded and funded from other sources. High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3 (REC or the Cooperative), through the governing council, has established as its purpose the delivery to local districts and communities those services deemed critical to the ongoing success of regular and special education programs provided by the local agencies. For financial reporting purposes, the Cooperative includes all fund and accounts groups that are controlled by or dependent on the Cooperative for financial support.

Authority for the operation of the High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3 is based upon Chapter 232 of the Laws of 1993, State of New Mexico, and the State Board of Education Regulation 93-23, which authorize the establishment of Regional Educational Cooperatives in the State of New Mexico. The member organizations undertake a Joint Powers Agreement, whereby they will submit a consolidated application to the State Department of Education for certain funds granted to the State of New Mexico pursuant to the Individual with Disabilities Education Act, Part B- (IDEA-B).

The Cooperative Council will oversee the function and the operation of the Cooperative. The Council will adopt a budget and administrative guidelines as necessary to carry out the purposes of the Cooperative; hire an Executive Director and necessary additional staff; Approve an annual proposal/budget for each project; approve all fiscal arrangements, policies and agreements; approve reports; maintain "education records" in accordance with 34 CFR 300.560-300.576; permit authorized representatives of regulatory agencies to inspect and audit all data and records relating to the Cooperative; annually evaluate cooperative projects and determine which are to be continued; and subject to any applicable requirements of state or federal laws and regulation, including the Procurement Code of the State of New Mexico, take action on any other matters which the Council considers necessary or desirable in furtherance of Cooperative programs, operations or interest.

The summary of significant accounting policies of the REC is presented to assist in the understanding of the REC's financial statements. The financial statements and notes are the representation of High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3's management, who is responsible for their integrity and objectivity. The financial statements of the REC have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The GASB periodically updates its codification of the existing Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards which, along with subsequent GASB pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations), constitutes GAAP for governmental units. The more significant of the REC's accounting policies are described below.

During the year ended June 30, 2019, the REC adopted GASB Statements No. 83, *Certain Asset Retirement Obligations*, No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, No. 88, *Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements* as required by GAAP. None of these pronouncements have a significant impact on these financial statements.

The REC has no tax abatements which requires disclosure in accordance with GASB Statement No. 77.

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High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3  
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**NOTE 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

*A. Financial Reporting Entity*

In evaluating how to define the REC, for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include any potential component units in the financial reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth in GASB Statement No. 14 as amended by GASB Statement No. 39. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are in substance part of the government's operations. Each discretely presented component unit is reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize that it is legally separate from the government.

The basic – but not the only – criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is the governing body's ability to exercise oversight responsibility. The most significant manifestation of this ability is financial interdependency. Other manifestations of the ability to exercise oversight responsibility include, but are not limited to, the selection of governing authority, the designation of management, the ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability for fiscal matters. A second criterion used in evaluating potential component units is the scope of public service. Application of this criterion involves considering whether the activity benefits the government and/or its citizens. A third criterion used to evaluate the potential component units for inclusion or exclusion from the reporting entity is the existence of special financing relationships, regardless of whether the government is able to exercise oversight responsibilities. Finally, the nature and significance of a potential component unit to the primary government could warrant its inclusion within the reporting entity. Under provisions of this Statement, the REC is considered a primary government, since it is a special-purpose government that has a separately elected governing body, is legally separate, and is fiscally independent of other state or local governments. As used in GASB Statement No. 61, fiscally independent means that the REC may, without the approval or consent of another governmental entity, determine or modify its own budget, levy its own taxes or set rates or charges, and issue bonded debt.

Based upon the application of these criteria, the REC has no component units and is not a component unit of another governmental agency.

*B. Government-wide and fund financial statements*

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of inter-fund activity has been removed from these statements. *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. The REC does not have business-type activities as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019.

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High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3  
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June 30, 2019

**NOTE 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

*B. Government-wide and fund financial statements (continued)*

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

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.

*C. Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation*

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*, as is the fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources resulting from non-exchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Non-Exchange Transactions*. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Governmental funds are used to account for the REC's general government activities, including the collection and disbursement of specific or legally restricted monies, the acquisition or construction of general fixed assets, and the servicing of general long-term debt. Governmental funds include:

The Operational Fund is the main fund of the REC that accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

The Special Revenue Funds account for and report proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or major capital projects.

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**NOTE 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

*C. Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation (continued)*

Under the requirements of GASB Statement No. 34, the REC is required to present certain of its governmental funds as major funds based upon certain criteria. The major funds presented in the fund financial statements include the following (in addition to the General Fund), which may include funds that were not required to be presented as major but were at the discretion of management:

*General Fund:*

The *Operational Fund* (27101) is used to account for state funds granted to the REC operating fund for the REC per the request of NM Public Education Department. Authorized by Laws 2005, Chapter 33.

*Special Revenue Funds:*

The Medicaid in Schools Fund (25153) is used to account for amounts billed, received, and paid for member schools as reimbursements for services to Medicaid-eligible children. Funding is authorized by the State of New Mexico Human Services Department under the Medicaid Program (42 USC 1396a (a)5). No minimum balance required according to legislation.

The State Directed Activities Fund (27200) is used to account for a program funded by a State grant to assist the REC in providing free appropriate public education to all handicapped children. Funding authorized by the individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B, Sections 611-620, as amended, Public Laws 91-230, 936-380 ,94-142 ,98-199 ,99-457, 100-639, and 101-476, 20 U.S.C. 1411-1420. The fund was created by the authority of federal grant provisions.

The Medicaid HSD (28144) is used to account for amounts billed, received, and paid for member schools as reimbursements for services to Medicaid-eligible children. Funding is authorized by the State of New Mexico Human Services Department under the Medicaid Program (42 USC 1396a (a)5). No minimum balance required according to legislation.

The Private Non-Categorical Fund (29102) the purpose of this program is to account for the entrepreneurial revenues and expenditures generated by the REC. The fund was created by the NM Public Education Department.

As a general rule, the effect of inter-fund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting are now included in GASB guidance from the Accounting Codification Standards.

Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities derive directly from the program itself or from outside parties, as a whole; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the REC's donations.

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**NOTE 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

*D. Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity*

Program revenues are categorized as (a) charges for services, (b) program-specific operating grants, which includes revenues received from state and federal sources such as, State Directed Activities (Idea B Discretionary) funding to be used as specified within each program grant agreement, and (c) program-specific capital grants and contributions. Internally dedicated resources are reported as *general revenues* rather than as program revenues.

The REC reports all direct expenses by function in the Statement of Activities. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with the function. Depreciation expense is specifically identified by function and is included in the direct expense of each function, except for that portion of depreciation that is identified as unallocated in the Statement of Activities.

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

The REC is authorized under the provisions of Chapter 6, Article 10, paragraph 10, NMSA 1978, to deposit its money in banks, savings and loan associations and/or credit unions whose accounts are insured by an agency of the United States.

State statutes authorize the REC to invest in Certificates of Deposit, obligations of the U.S. Government, and the State Treasurer's Investment Pool.

Investments for the REC are reported at fair value. Fair value is the amount at which a financial instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties. The State Treasurer's Investment Pool operates in accordance with appropriate state laws and regulations. The reported value of the Pool is the same as the fair value of the pool shares.

**Receivables and Payables:** Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year is referred to as "internal balances." Advances between funds, as reported in the fund financial statements, are offset by a fund balance reserve account in applicable governmental funds to indicate that they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources. All receivables are reported at their gross value and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible.

Certain Special Revenue funds are administered on a reimbursement method of funding; other funds are operated on a cash advance method of funding. The funds incurred the cost and submitted the necessary request for reimbursement or advance, respectively.

**Capital Assets:** Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000, per section 12-6-10 NMSA 1978, and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Pursuant to the implementation of GASB Statement No. 34, the historical cost of infrastructure assets, (retroactive to 1979) are to be included as part of the governmental capital assets reported in the government wide statements.

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*D. Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity (Continued)*

However, infrastructure assets have not been included in the June 30, 2019 financial statements of REC, since the REC did not own any infrastructure assets as of June 30, 2019. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Information Technology Equipment including software is being capitalized and included in furniture, fixtures, and equipment in accordance with NMAC 2.20.1.9 C (5).

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Property, plant, and equipment of the primary government are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings	50 years
Equipment and furniture	5-10 years

**Unearned Revenues:** The REC recognizes grant revenue at the time the related expense is made if the expenditure of funds is the prime factor for determining eligibility for reimbursement; therefore, amounts received and not expended in the Special Revenue Funds are shown as unearned revenues.

**Deferred Inflows/Outflows of Resources:** GASB 63 amended previous guidance on deferred revenues in the Government-Wide Financial Statements to include deferred outflow of resources, which is the consumption of net assets by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period and deferred inflow of resources, which is acquisition of nets assets by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period.

**Compensated Absences:** Qualified employees are entitled to accumulate annual leave at a rate of two weeks for the first three years and one additional day for years four through eight up to a maximum of three weeks. Employees may carry over hours limited to a maximum of three weeks per year depending on their numbers of years of service with the REC. Upon termination, employees will be paid for accrued annual leave.

Vested or accumulated vacation leave that is expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as an expenditure and a fund liability of the governmental fund that will pay it. In prior years, substantially all of the related expenditures have been liquidated by the operational fund. Amounts of vested or accumulated leave that are not expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources are reported in the government-wide statement of net position.

**Long-term Obligations:** In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities Statement of Net Position.

**Net Position and Fund Equity:** Governmental funds report fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. The detail of the REC's fund balances is presented on the face of the fund financial statements.

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*D. Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity (Continued)*

In the government-wide financial statements, fund equity is classified as net position and is displayed in three components:

*Net investment in capital assets:* Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

*Restricted Net Position:* Consist of net position with “legally enforceable” constraints placed on the use, either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulation of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Legally enforceable means that a government can be compelled by an external party – such as citizens, public interest groups, or the judiciary to use resources created by enabling legislation, only for the purposes specified by the legislation. Generally, the enforceability of an enabling legislation restriction is determined by professional judgment.

If it is determined that the restrictions continue to be legally enforceable, then for the purposes of financial reporting, the restricted net position should not reflect any reduction for resources used for purposes not stipulated by the enabling legislation. Descriptions for the related restrictions for net position are restricted for “debt service or capital projects.”

*Unrestricted Net Position:* All other net positions that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets”.

The government-wide Statement of Net Position reports \$2,449,812 of restricted net position related to grants and related services.

**Fund Balance:** In the fund financial statements, governmental funds are reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the REC is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. For committed and assigned fund balance, the REC’s highest level of decision-making authority is the Board of Directors. Formal action by the Board of Directors is required to establish a fund balance commitment or assignment.

For the classification of fund balances, the REC considers restricted or unrestricted amounts to have been spent when an expenditure is incurred for the purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available. Also, for the classification of fund balances, the REC considers committed, assigned or unassigned amounts to have been spent when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balance is classified and displayed in five components, as displayed below:

*Nonspendable:* Consists of amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.



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*D. Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity (Continued)*

*Restricted:* Consists of amounts that are restricted to specific purposes as a result of a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

*Committed:* Consist of amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the REC's Board of Directors. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the REC's Board of Directors removes or changes the specified use by taking formal action.

*Assigned:* Consist of amounts that are constrained by the REC's *intent* to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. Formal action by the REC's Board of Directors is required to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes.

*Unassigned:* Represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund except for those other governmental funds reflecting a deficit.

The REC's policy is to apply restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purpose for which both restricted and unrestricted net positions are available.

**Inter-fund Transactions:** Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues, expenditures or expenses. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund from expenditures/expenses initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as expenditures/expenses in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures/expenses in the fund that is reimbursed.

All other inter-fund transactions, except quasi-external transactions and reimbursements, are reported as transfers. Non-recurring or non-routine permanent transfers of equity are reported as residual equity transfers. All other inter-fund transfers are reported as operating transfers.

**Estimates:** The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant estimates affecting the REC's financials include management's estimate of the useful lives of capital assets and the net pension and OPEB liabilities (including the related components).

**Fair value** is the amount at which a financial instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties. The fair value framework uses a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to the valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurement) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). As of June 30, 2019, there are no items that are required to be valued using valuation techniques.

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*E. Revenues*

**Federal Grants:** The REC receives revenues from various Federal Departments (both direct and indirect), which are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes. These programs are reported as Special Revenue Funds. Each program operated under its own budget, which has been approved by the Federal Department or the flow through agency (usually the New Mexico Public Education Department). The various budgets are approved by the REC Council and the New Mexico Public Education Department.

*F. Pensions*

**Pensions:** For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Educational Retirement Board (ERB) and additions to/deductions from ERB's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by ERB, on the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

*G. Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB)*

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the New Mexico Retiree Health Care Authority (NMRHCA) and additions to and deductions from NMRHCA's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by NMRHCA. For this purpose, NMRHCA recognizes benefit payments when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

**NOTE 2. Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability**

*Budgetary Information*

Budgets for the General and Special Revenue Funds are prepared by management and are approved by the local governing council, made up of participating School Superintendents, and the REC Budget and Planning Unit of the Public Education Department.

These budgets are prepared on the Non-GAAP budgetary basis, excluding encumbrances, and secure appropriation of funds for only one year. Carryover funds must be re-appropriated in the budget of the subsequent fiscal year. Because the budget process in the State of New Mexico requires that the beginning cash balance be appropriated in the budget of the subsequent fiscal year, such appropriated balance is legally restricted and is therefore presented as a committed portion of the fund balance.

Actual expenditures may not exceed the budget on a line item basis, i.e., each budgeted expenditure must be within budgeted amounts. Budgets may be amended in two ways. If a budget transfer is necessary within a major category called a 'series,' this may be accomplished with only local Council approval. If a transfer between 'series' or a budget increase is required, approval must also be obtained from the New Mexico Public Education Department.

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*Budgetary Information - (Continued)*

The budgetary information presented in these financial statements has been amended in accordance with the above procedures.

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

1. Prior to April 15th, the REC Council submits to the REC Budget Planning Unit (SBPU) of the New Mexico Public Education Department a proposed operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. All budgets submitted to the State of New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) by the REC shall contain headings and details as described by law and have been approved by the Public Education Department.
2. Prior to June 20th of each year, the proposed "operating" budget will be reviewed and approved by the DBPU and certified and approved by the local Council at a public hearing of which notice has been published by the local REC board which fixes the estimated budget for the REC for the ensuing fiscal year.
3. The REC board meeting, while not intended for the general public, is open for the general public unless a closed meeting has been called.
4. The "operating" budget will be used by the REC until they have been notified that the budget has been approved by the SBPU and the local board. The budget shall be integrated formally into the accounting system. Encumbrances shall be used as an element of control and shall be integrated into the budget system.
5. The REC shall make corrections, revisions and amendments to the estimated budgets fixed by the local board to recognize actual cash balances and carryover funds, if any. These adjustments shall be reviewed and approved by the SBPU.
6. The board is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between departments within any fund; however, any revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the REC board and the State of New Mexico Public Education Department.
7. Budget change requests are processed in accordance with Supplement 1 (Budget Preparation and Maintenance) of the Manual of Procedures Public Schools Accounting and Budgeting. Such changes are initiated by the REC and approved by the SBPU.
8. Legal budget control for expenditures is by function.
9. Appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end. Funds unused during the fiscal year may be carried over into the next fiscal year by budgeting those in the subsequent fiscal year's budget. The budget of REC has been amended during the current fiscal year in accordance with these procedures. The budget schedules included in the accompanying financial statements reflect the approved budget and amendments thereto.

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**NOTE 2. Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability (continued)**

*Budgetary Information - (Continued)*

10. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Capital Projects Funds and Debt Service Funds.
11. Budgets for the General, Special Revenue, Capital Projects, and Debt Service Funds are adopted on a basis not consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Encumbrances are treated the same way for GAAP purposes and for budget purposes.

The accompanying Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis) and Actual present comparisons of the legally adopted budget with actual data on a budgetary basis.

Since accounting principles applied for purposes of developing data on a budgetary basis differ significantly from those used to present financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, a reconciliation of resultant basis, perspective, equity, and timing differences in the excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources of financial resources for the year ended June 30, 2019, is presented.

**NOTE 3. Deposits**

State statutes authorize the investment of the REC funds in a wide variety of instruments including certificates of deposit and other similar obligations, state investment pool, money market accounts, and United States Government obligations. All invested funds of the REC properly followed State investment requirements as of June 30, 2019.

Deposits of funds may be made in interest or non-interest-bearing checking accounts in one or more banks or savings and loan associations within the geographical boundaries of the REC. Deposits may be made to the extent that they are insured by an agency of the United States or by collateral deposited as security or by bond given by the financial institution.

The rate of interest in non-demand interest-bearing accounts shall be set by the State Board of Finance, but in no case shall the rate of interest be less than one hundred percent of the asked price on United States treasury bills of the same maturity on the day of deposit.

Excess of funds may be temporarily invested in securities which are issued by the State or by the United States government, or by their departments or agencies, and which are either direct obligations of the State or the United States or are backed by the full faith and credit of those governments.

The collateral pledged is listed on Schedule I of this report. The types of collateral allowed are limited to direct obligations of the United States Government and all bonds issued by any agency, district or political subdivision of the State of New Mexico.

According to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, public unit deposits are funds owned by the public unit. Time deposits, savings deposits and interest bearing NOW accounts of a public unit in an institution in the same state will be insured up to \$250,000 in aggregate and separate from the \$250,000 coverage for public unit demand deposits at the same institution.

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**NOTE 3. Deposits (continued)**

**Deposits:**

*Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits.* Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the REC’s deposits may not be returned to it. The REC does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk, other than the following state statutes as put forth in the Public Money Act (Section 6-10-1 to 6-10-63, NMSA 1978.) At June 30, 2019, \$2,934,554 of the REC’s deposits of \$3,184,554 was exposed to custodial credit risk. \$2,902,133 of the \$2,934,554 was uninsured and collateralized by collateral held by the pledging bank’s trust department, not in the REC’s name. As of June 30, 2019, \$32,421 of the deposits were uninsured and uncollateralized. As of June 30, 2019, the carrying amount of these deposits was \$2,207,114; total amount of deposits of \$3,184,554 less outstanding items of \$977,440. New Mexico State Statutes require collateral pledged for deposits in excess of the federal deposit insurance to be delivered, or a joint safekeeping receipt be issued, to the REC for a least one half of the amount on deposit with the institution.

	<b>IN Bank</b>
Amount of deposits	\$ 3,184,554
FDIC Coverage	(250,000)
Total uninsured public funds	2,934,554
Collateralized by securities held by pledging institutions or by its trust department or agent in other than the REC's name	2,902,133
Uninsured and uncollateralized	\$ 32,421
Collateral requirement (50% of uninsured funds)	\$ 1,467,277
Pledged Collateral	2,902,133
Over (Under) collateralized	\$ 1,434,856
Cash - Governmental Activities Exhibit A-1	\$ 2,207,114
Total cash	2,207,114
Plus: reconciling items	977,440
Bank balance of deposits	\$ 3,184,554

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**NOTE 4. Receivables**

Receivables as of June 30, 2019 are as follows:

	<b>Operational</b>	<b>Medicaid in Our Schools</b>	<b>State Directed Activities</b>	<b>Medicaid HSD</b>
Due from other governments:				
Federal sources	\$ -	\$ 28,600	\$ -	\$ -
State sources	659,752	-	1,166,428	12,257
Local sources	-	-	-	-
	\$ 659,752	\$ 28,600	\$ 1,166,428	\$ 12,257
	<b>Private Non- Categorical</b>	<b>Total</b>		
Due from other governments:				
Federal sources	\$ -	\$ 28,600		
State sources	-	1,838,437		
Local sources	4,925	4,925		
	\$ 4,925	\$ 1,871,962		

**NOTE 5. Interfund Receivables, Payables, and Transfers**

The REC did not have any net operating transfers for the year ended June 30, 2019.

The REC records temporary interfund receivable and payables to enable the funds to operate until grant monies are received. The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2019 is as follows:

<b>Due from Other Funds</b>	<b>Due to Other Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Operational Fund - 27101	State Directed Activities - 27200	\$ 1,166,428
Private Non-Categorical - 29102	Operational Fund - 27101	235,957
		\$ 1,402,385

All Interfund balances are to be paid within one year.

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**NOTE 6. Capital Assets**

A summary of capital assets and changes occurring during the year ended June 30, 2019 follows. Land is not subject to depreciation.

	<u>Balance July 1, 2018</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2019</u>
<b>Governmental activities:</b>				
Capital assets not depreciated				
Land	\$ 15,190	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,190
Total assets not depreciated	<u>15,190</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,190</u>
Capital assets depreciated				
Buildings	873,498	78,864	-	952,362
Equipment and furniture	223,428	-	-	223,428
Total assets depreciated	<u>1,096,926</u>	<u>78,864</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,175,790</u>
Total assets	<u>1,112,116</u>	<u>78,864</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,190,980</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	185,526	20,440	-	205,966
Equipment and furniture	169,231	11,377	-	180,608
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>354,757</u>	<u>31,817</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>386,574</u>
<b>Capital assets, net</b>	<u>\$ 757,359</u>	<u>\$ 47,047</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 804,406</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2019 was charged to governmental activities as follows:

2000 Instructional Support	<u>\$ 31,817</u>
Total	<u>\$ 31,817</u>

**NOTE 7. Long-Term Debt**

During the year ended June 30, 2019 the following changes occurred in the liabilities reported in the government-wide Statement of Net Position:

	<u>Balance June 30, 2018</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2019</u>
Compensated Absences	<u>\$ 19,546</u>	<u>\$ 18,295</u>	<u>\$ 19,939</u>	<u>\$ 17,902</u>

Compensated Absences – Administrative employees of the REC can accrue vacation and other compensatory time during the year. During fiscal year June 30, 2019, compensated absences decreased by \$1,644 from the prior year accrual. Any liability would be liquidated out of the Operational Fund. See Note 1 for more details.

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**NOTE 8. Risk Management**

The REC is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; error and omissions; and injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The REC, as a State entity, is insured through the State of New Mexico, General Services Department, Risk Management Division. Annual premiums are paid by the REC to the General Services Department, Risk Management Division for coverage provided in the following areas:

Workers Compensation  
Property and Automobile Liability and Physical Damage Liability and Civil Rights and Personal Injury; and Crime.

**NOTE 9. Other Required Individual Fund Disclosures**

Generally accepted accounting principles require disclosures of certain information concerning individual funds including:

- A. Deficit fund balance of individual funds: There are no deficit fund balances as of June 30, 2019.
- B. Excess of expenditures over appropriations: There are no instances of excess expenditures over authorized budget for the year ended June 30, 2019.

**NOTE 10. Pension Plan – Educational Retirement Board**

**General Information about the Pension Plan**

**Plan description.** The New Mexico Educational Retirement Act (ERA) was enacted in 1957. The act created the Educational Employees Retirement Plan (Plan) and, to administer it, the New Mexico Educational Retirement Board (NMERB). The Plan is included in NMERB's comprehensive annual financial report. The report can be found on NMERB's Web site at [https://www.nmerb.org/Annual\\_reports.html](https://www.nmerb.org/Annual_reports.html).

The Plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer pension plan established to provide retirement and disability benefits for certified teachers and other employees of the state's public schools, institutions of higher learning, and state agencies providing educational programs. Additional tenets of the ERA can be found in Section 22-11-1 through 22-11-52, NMSA 1978, as amended.

The Plan is a pension trust fund of the State of New Mexico. The ERA assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to a seven-member Board of Trustees (Board); the state legislature has the authority to set or amend contribution rates and other terms of the Plan. NMERB is self-funded through investment income and educational employer contributions. The Plan does not receive General Fund Appropriations from the State of New Mexico.

All accumulated assets are held by the Plan in trust to pay benefits, including refunds of contributions as defined in the terms of the Plan. Eligibility for membership in the Plan is a condition of employment, as defined Section 22-11- 2, NMSA 1978. Employees of public schools, universities, colleges, junior colleges, technical-vocational institutions, state special schools, charter schools, and state agencies providing an educational program, who are employed more than 25% of a full-time equivalency, are required to be members of the Plan, unless specifically excluded.



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**NOTE 10. Pension Plan – Educational Retirement Board (continued)**

**Pension benefit** – A member’s retirement benefit is determined by a formula which includes three component parts: 1) the member’s final average salary (FAS), 2) the number of years of service credit, and 3) a 0.0235 multiplier. The FAS is the average of the member’s salaries for the last five years of service or any other consecutive five-year period, whichever is greater.

**Summary of Plan Provisions for Retirement Eligibility** – For members employed before July 1, 2010, a member is eligible to retire when one of the following events occurs:

- The member’s age and earned service credit add up to the sum of 75 or more,
- The member is at least sixty-five years of age and has five or more years of earned service credit, or
- The member has service credit totaling 25 years or more.

Chapter 288, Laws of 2009 changed the eligibility requirements for new members first employed on, or after, July 1, 2010 and before July 1, 2013. The eligibility for a member who either becomes a new member on or after July 1, 2010 and before July 1, 2013, or at any time prior to July 1, 2010 refunded all member and then becomes re-employed after July 1, 2010 is as follows:

- The member’s age and earned service credit add up to the sum of 80 or more,
- The member is at least sixty-seven years of age and has five or more years of earned service credit, or
- The member has service credit totaling 30 years or more.

Section 2-11-23.2, NMSA 1978 added eligibility requirements for new members who were first employed on or after July 1, 2013, or who were employed before July 1, 2013 but terminated employment and subsequently withdrew all contributions, and returned to work for an ERB employer on or after July 1, 2013. These members must meet one of the following requirements.

- The member’s minimum age is 55, and has earned 30 or more years of service credit. Those who retire earlier than age 55, but with 30 years of earned service credit will have a reduction in benefits to the actuarial equivalent of retiring at age 55.
- The member’s minimum age and earned service credit add up to the sum of 80 or more. Those who retire under the age of 65, and who have fewer than 30 years of earned service credit will receive reduced retirement benefits
- The member’s age is 67, and has earned 5 or more years of service credit.

**Forms of Payment** – The benefit is paid as a monthly life annuity with a guarantee that, if the payments made do not exceed the member’s accumulated contributions plus accumulated interest, determined as of the date of retirement, the balance will be paid in a lump sum to the member’s surviving beneficiary.

**Benefit Options** – The Plan has three benefit options available.

- **Option A – Straight Life Benefit** – The single life annuity option has no reductions to the monthly benefit, and there is no continuing benefit due to a beneficiary or estate, except the balance, if any, of member contributions plus interest less benefits paid prior to the member’s death.

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**NOTE 10. Pension Plan – Educational Retirement Board (continued)**

- **Option B – Joint 100% Survivor Benefit** – The single life annuity monthly benefit is reduced to provide for a 100% survivor's benefit. The reduced benefit is payable during the life of the member, with the provision that, upon death, the same benefit is paid to the beneficiary for his or her lifetime. If the beneficiary predeceases the member, the member's monthly benefit is increased to the amount the member would have received under Option A Straight Life benefit. The member's increased monthly benefit commences in the month following the beneficiary's death.
- **Option C – Joint 50% Survivor Benefit** – The single life annuity monthly benefit is reduced to provide for a 50% survivor's benefit. The reduced benefit is payable during the life of the member, with the provision that, upon death, the reduced 50% benefit is paid to the beneficiary for his or her lifetime. If the beneficiary predeceases the member, the member's monthly benefit is increased to the amount the member would have received under Option A Straight Life benefit. The member's increased monthly benefit commences in the month following the beneficiary's death.

**Disability Benefit** – An NMERB member is eligible for disability benefits if they have acquired at least ten years of earned service credit and is found totally disabled. The disability benefit is equal to 2% of the member's Final Average Salary (FAS) multiplied by the number of years of total service credits. However, the disability benefit shall not be less than the smaller of (a) one-third of the member's FAS or (b) 2% of the member's FAS multiplied by total years of service credit projected to age 60.

**Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)** – All retired members and beneficiaries receiving benefits receive an automatic adjustment in their benefit on July 1 following the later of 1) the year a member retires, or 2) the year a member reaches age 65 (Tier 1 and Tier 2) or age 67 (Tier 3).

- Tier 1 membership is comprised of employees who became members prior to July 1, 2010
- Tier 2 membership is comprised of employees who became members after July 1, 2010, but prior to July 1, 2013
- Tier 3 membership is comprised of employees who became members on or after July 1, 2013

As of July 1, 2013, for current and future retirees the COLA is immediately reduced until the Plan is 100% funded. The COLA reduction is based on the median retirement benefit of all retirees excluding disability retirements. Retirees with benefits at or below the median and with 25 or more years of service credit will have a 10% COLA reduction; their average COLA will be 1.5%. Once the funding is greater than 90%, the COLA reductions will decrease. The retirees with benefits at or below the median and with 25 or more years of service credit will have a 5% COLA reduction; their average COLA will be 1.7%.

Members on disability retirement are entitled to a COLA commencing on July 1 of the third full year following disability retirement. A member on regular retirement who can prove retirement because of a disability may qualify for a COLA beginning July 1 in the third full year of retirement.

**Refund of Contributions** – Members may withdraw their contributions only when they terminate covered employment in the State and their former employer(s) certification determination has been received by NMERB. Interest is paid to members when they withdraw their contributions following termination of employment at a rate set by the Board. Interest is not earned on contributions credited to accounts prior to July 1, 1971, or for contributions held for less than one year.

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**NOTE 10. Pension Plan – Educational Retirement Board (continued)**

**Contributions** – For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 and 2018 educational employers contributed to the Plan based on the following rate schedule.

Fiscal Year	Date Range	Wage Category	Member Rate	Employer Rate	Combined Rate	Increase Over Prior Year
2019	7-1-18 to 6-30-19	Over \$20K	10.70%	13.90%	24.60%	0.00%
2019	7-1-18 to 6-30-19	\$20K or less	7.90%	13.90%	21.80%	0.00%
2018	7-1-17 to 6-30-18	Over \$20K	10.70%	13.90%	24.60%	0.00%
2018	7-1-17 to 6-30-18	\$20K or less	7.90%	13.90%	21.80%	0.00%

The contribution requirements are established in statute under Chapter 10, Article 11, NMSA 1978. The requirements may be amended by acts of the New Mexico Legislature. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, the REC paid employer contributions of \$164,890 and \$193,645, which equal the amount of the required contributions for each fiscal year.

***Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions*** – At June 30, 2019, the REC reported a liability of \$5,927,828 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2018, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2017. The total pension liability was rolled-forward from the valuation date to the plan year ending June 30, 2018 using generally accepted actuarial principles. The roll-forward incorporates the impact of the new assumptions adopted by the Board on April 21, 2017. There were no other significant events of changes in benefit provisions that required an adjustment to the roll-forward liabilities as of June 30, 2018. Therefore, the employer’s portion was established as of the measurement date of June 30, 2018. The REC’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the REC’s long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating educational institutions, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2018, the REC’s proportion was 0.04985 percent, which was a decrease of .06407 percent from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2017.

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**NOTE 10. Pension Plan – Educational Retirement Board (continued)**

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the REC recognized pension expense of \$821,734. At June 30, 2019, the REC reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflow of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflow of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 4,326	\$ 112,816
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments	13,123	-
Change in assumptions	1,221,697	-
Change in proportion	2,322,817	3,696,064
REC's contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>164,890</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,726,853</u>	<u>\$ 3,808,880</u>

\$164,890 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from REC contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2019. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:

2019	\$ 663,907
2020	(94,342)
2021	(816,655)
2022	173

*Actuarial assumptions.* The total pension liability in the June 30, 2018 actuarial valuation was determined using the following significant actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	Composed of 2.50% inflation, plus a 0.75% productivity increase rate, plus a step-rate promotional increase for members with less than 10 years of service.
Investment rate of return	7.25%
Single Discount Rate	5.69%
Retirement Age	Experience-based table rates based on age and service, adopted by the Board on April 21, 2017 in conjunction with the six-year experience study for the period ending June 30, 2016.

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**NOTE 10. Pension Plan – Educational Retirement Board (continued)**

Mortality	<p><b>Healthy Males:</b> Based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table with White Collar adjustments, generational mortality improvements with Scale BB from the table's base year of 2000.</p> <p><b>Healthy Females:</b> Based on GRS Southwest Region Teacher Mortality Table, set back one year, generational mortality improvements in accordance with Scale BB from the table's base year of 2012.</p> <p><b>Disabled males:</b> RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table for males, set back three years, projected to 2016 with Scale BB.</p> <p><b>Disabled females:</b> RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table for females, no set back, projected to 2016 with Scale BB.</p> <p><b>Active members:</b> RP-2000 Employee Mortality Tables, with males set back two years and scaled at 80%, and females set back five years and scaled at 70%. Static mortality improvement from the table's base year of 2000 to the year 2016 in accordance with Scale BB. No future improvement was assumed for preretirement mortality.</p>
Cost-of-living increases	1.90% per year, compounded annually.
Payroll growth	3.00% per year (with no allowance for membership growth).
Contribution accumulation	The accumulated member account balance with interest is estimated at the valuation date by assuming that member contributions increased 5.50% per year for all years prior to the valuation date. Contributions are credited with 4.00% interest, compounded annually, applicable to the account balances in the past as well as the future.
Disability Incidence	Approved rates applied to eligible members with at least 10 years of service.

Actuarial assumptions and methods are set by the Plan's Board of Trustees, based upon recommendations made by the Plan's actuary. The Board adopted new assumptions on April 21, 2017 in conjunction with the six-year actuarial experience study period ending June 30, 2016. At that time, the Board adopted several economic assumption changes, including a decrease in the inflation assumption rate from 3.00% to 2.50%. The 0.50% decrease in the inflation assumption also led to decreases in the nominal investment return assumption from 7.75% to 7.25%, the assumed annual wage inflation rate from 3.75% to 3.25%, the payroll growth assumption from 3.50% to 3.00%, and the annual assumed COLA from 2.00% to 1.90%.

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**NOTE 10. Pension Plan – Educational Retirement Board (continued)**

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block approach that includes the following:

- Rate of return projections that are the sum of current yield plus projected changes in price (valuations, defaults, etc.)
- Application of key economic projections (inflation, real growth, dividend, etc.)
- Structural themes (supply and demand imbalances, capital flows, etc.) developed for each major asset class.

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Target Allocation</b>	<b>Long-term Expected Rate of Return</b>
Equities	33%	
Fixed Income	26%	
Alternatives	40%	
Cash	1%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>7.25%</b>

Discount rate. A single discount rate of 5.69% was used to measure the total pension liability as of June 30, 2018. This single discount rate was based on a long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.25%, and a municipal bond rate of 3.62%, net of expense. Based on the stated assumptions and the projection of cash flows, the plan's fiduciary net position and future contributions were sufficient to finance the benefit payments through the year 2050. As a result, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments through 2050 fiscal year, and the municipal bond rate was applied to all benefit payments after that date.

The projections of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that plan member and employer contributions will be made at the current statutory levels.

***Sensitivity of the REC's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate.*** The following presents the REC's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 5.69 percent, as well as what the REC's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1- percentage-point lower (4.69 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.69 percent) than the current rate:

	<b>1% Decrease (4.69%)</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate (5.69%)</b>	<b>1% Increase (6.69%)</b>
REC's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 7,703,907	\$ 5,927,828	\$ 4,478,660

**Pension plan fiduciary net position.** Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued NMERB'S financial reports. The reports can be found on NMERB's Web site at [https://www.nmerb.org/Annual\\_reports.html](https://www.nmerb.org/Annual_reports.html).

**Payables to the pension plan.** At June 30, 2019, the REC had no outstanding amount of contributions to the pension plan and therefore, had no payables reported at fiscal year 2019.

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**NOTE 11. Post-Employment Benefits – State Retiree Health Care Plan**

*General Information about the OPEB*

**Plan description.** Employees of the REC are provided with OPEB through the Retiree Health Care Fund (the Fund)—a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the New Mexico Retiree Health Care Authority (NMRHCA). NMRHCA was formed February 13, 1990, under the New Mexico Retiree Health Care Act (the Act) of New Mexico Statutes Annotated, as amended (NMSA 1978), to administer the Fund under Section 10-7C-1-19 NMSA 1978. The Fund was created to provide comprehensive group health insurance coverage for individuals (and their spouses, dependents and surviving spouses) who have retired or will retire from public service in New Mexico.

NMRHCA is an independent agency of the State of New Mexico. The funds administered by NMRHCA are considered part of the State of New Mexico financial reporting entity and are OPEB trust funds of the State of New Mexico. NMRHCA’s financial information is included with the financial presentation of the State of New Mexico.

**Benefits provided.** The Fund is a multiple employer cost sharing defined benefit healthcare plan that provides eligible retirees (including terminated employees who have accumulated benefits but are not yet receiving them), their spouses, dependents and surviving spouses and dependents with health insurance and prescription drug benefits consisting of a plan, or optional plans of benefits, that can be contributions to the Fund and by co-payments or out-of-pocket payments of eligible retirees.

**Employees covered by benefit terms** – At June 30, 2018, the Fund’s measurement date, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Plan membership	
Current retirees and surviving spouses	51,205
Inactive and eligible for deferred benefit	11,471
Current active members	<u>93,349</u>
	<u>156,025</u>
Active membership	
State general	19,593
State police and corrections	1,886
Municipal general	17,004
Municipal police	3,820
Municipal FTRE	2,290
Educational Retirement Board	<u>48,756</u>
	<u>93,349</u>

**Contributions** – Employer and employee contributions to the Fund total 3% for non-enhanced retirement plans and 3.75% of enhanced retirement plans of each participating employee’s salary as required by Section 10-7C-15 NMSA 1978. The contributions are established by statute and are not based on an actuarial calculation. All employer and employee contributions are non-refundable under any circumstance, including termination of the employer’s participation in the Fund. Contributions to the Fund from the REC were \$24,610 for the year ended June 30, 2019.

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**NOTE 11. Post-Employment Benefits – State Retiree Health Care Plan (continued)**

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

At June 30, 2019, the REC reported a liability of \$1,471,918 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2018, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The REC's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on actual contributions provided to the Fund for the year ending June 30, 2018. At June 30, 2018, the REC's proportion was 0.03385 percent.

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the REC recognized OPEB expense of (\$434,901). At June 30, 2019 the REC reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<b>Deferred Outflow of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflow of Resources</b>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 87,147
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on OPEB plan investments	-	18,369
Change of assumptions	-	274,801
Change in proportion		1,924,340
REC's contributions subsequent to the measurement date	24,610	-
Total	\$ 24,610	\$ 2,304,657

Deferred outflows of resources totaling \$24,610 represent REC contributions to the Fund made subsequent to the measurement date and will be recognized as a reduction of net OPEB liability in the year ending June 30, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

2019	\$ (504,329)
2020	(504,329)
2021	(504,329)
2022	(482,322)
2023	(309,348)



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**NOTE 11. Post-Employment Benefits – State Retiree Health Care Plan (continued)**

**Actuarial assumptions.** The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation using the following actuarial assumptions:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2017
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal, level percent of pay, calculated on individual employee basis
Asset valuation method	Market value of assets
Actuarial assumptions:	
Inflation	2.50% for ERB; 2.25% for PERA
Projected payroll increases	3.50%
Investment rate of return	7.25%, net of OPEB plan investment expense and margin for adverse deviation including inflation
Health care cost trend rate	8% graded down to 4.5% over 14 years for Non-Medicare medical plan costs and 7.5% graded down to 4.5% over 12 for Medicare medical plan costs

**Rate of Return.** The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which the expected future real rates of return (net of investment fees and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These returns are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adding expected inflation and subtracting expected investment expenses and a risk margin. The target allocation and projected arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class, after deducting inflation, but before investment expenses, used in the derivation of the long-term expected investment rate of return assumptions.

The best estimates for the long-term expected rate of return is summarized as follows:

Asset Class	Long-Term Rate of Return
U.S. core fixed income	4.1%
U.S. equity - large cap	9.1
Non U.S. - emerging markets	12.2
Non U.S. - developed equities	9.8
Private equity	13.8
Credit and structured finance	7.3
Real estate	6.9
Absolute return	6.1
U.S. equity - small/mid cap	9.1

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**NOTE 11. Post-Employment Benefits – State Retiree Health Care Plan (continued)**

**Discount Rate.** The discount rate used to measure the Fund’s total OPEB liability is 4.08% as of June 30, 2018. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employer contributions will be made at rates proportional to the actuary determined contribution rates. For this purpose, employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs for future plan members and their beneficiaries are not included. Based on those assumptions, the Fund's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments for current plan members through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2029. Thus, the 7.25% discount rate was used to calculate the net OPEB liability through 2029. Beyond 2029, the index rate for 20-year, tax exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. Thus, 4.08% is the blended discount rate.

**Sensitivity of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate and healthcare cost trend rates.** The following presents the net OPEB liability of the REC, as well as what the REC’s net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (3.08 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (5.08 percent) than the current discount rate:

	<b>1% Decrease (3.08%)</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate (4.08%)</b>	<b>1% Increase (5.08%)</b>
REC's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 1,781,368	\$ 1,471,918	\$ 1,228,003

The following presents the net OPEB liability of the REC, as well as what the REC’s net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	<b>Trend Rate Sensitivity Analysis</b>		
	<b>1% Decrease</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>1% Increase</b>
REC's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 1,244,287	\$ 1,471,918	\$ 1,650,386

**OPEB plan fiduciary net position.** Detailed information about the OPEB plan’s fiduciary net position is available in NMRHCA’s audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2018.

**Payable Changes in the Net OPEB Liability.** At June 30, 2019, the REC had no outstanding amount of contributions to the OPEB plan and therefore, had no payables reported at fiscal year 2019.

**NOTE 12. Concentrations**

The REC depends on financial resources flowing from, or associated with, both the Federal Government and the State of New Mexico. Because of this dependency, the REC is subject to changes in specific flows of intergovernmental revenues based on modifications to Federal and State laws and Federal and State Appropriations.

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**NOTE 13. Subsequent Events**

The date to which events occurring after June 30, 2019, the date of the most recent Statement of Net Position, have been evaluated for possible adjustment to the financial statements or disclosures is September 15, 2019 which is the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

**NOTE 14. Contingent Liabilities**

Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time, although the REC expects such amount, if any, to be immaterial.

**NOTE 15. Subsequent Pronouncement**

In June 2017, GASB Statement No. 87 *Leases*, was issued. Effective Date: The provisions of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019. The REC does not expect this pronouncement to have a material effect on the financial statements.

In June 2018, GASB Statement No. 89, *Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period*, was issued. Effective Date: The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019. The standard will be implemented during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The REC is still evaluating how this pronouncement will affect the financial statements.

In August 2019, GASB Statement No. 90, *Majority Equity Interest-an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 61*, was issued. Effective Date: The provisions of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2020. The REC does not expect this pronouncement to have a material effect on the financial statements.

In May 2019, GASB Statement No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*, was issued. Effective Date: The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2020. The REC does not expect this pronouncement to have a material effect on the financial statements.

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**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
 High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3  
 Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability  
 Educational Retirement Board (ERB) Pension Plan  
 Last 10 Fiscal Years\*

	<b>2019</b> <b>Measurement</b> <b>Date (As of and</b> <b>for the Year</b> <b>Ended June 30,</b> <b>2018)</b>	<b>2018</b> <b>Measurement</b> <b>Date (As of and</b> <b>for the Year</b> <b>Ended June 30,</b> <b>2017)</b>	<b>2017</b> <b>Measurement</b> <b>Date (As of and</b> <b>for the Year</b> <b>Ended June 30,</b> <b>2016)</b>
High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.04985%	0.11392%	0.03747%
High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 5,927,828	\$ 12,660,463	\$ 2,696,504
High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3's covered payroll	1,393,126	3,244,318	1,071,497
High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	426%	390%	252%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	52.17%	52.95%	61.58%

\* Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68 requires ten years of historical information be presented; however, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the statement only requires presentation of information for those years that information is available. Complete information for High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3 is not available prior to fiscal year 2015, the year the statement's requirements became effective.

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<b>2016 Measurement Date (As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2015)</b>	<b>2015 Measurement Date (As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2014)</b>
0.03579%	0.03504%
\$ 2,042,081	\$ 1,999,281
1,017,270	913,669
201%	219%
63.97%	66.54%

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High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3  
Schedule of Contributions  
Educational Retirement Board (ERB) Pension Plan  
Last 10 Fiscal Years\*

	<u>As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2019</u>	<u>As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2018</u>	<u>As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2017</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 164,890	\$ 193,645	\$ 450,960
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>164,890</u>	<u>193,645</u>	<u>450,960</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3's covered payroll	1,186,267	1,393,126	3,244,318
Contribution as a percentage of covered payroll	13.90%	13.90%	13.90%

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<b>As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2016</b>	<b>As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2015</b>
\$ 148,818	\$ 141,401
<u>148,818</u>	<u>141,401</u>
<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>
1,071,497	1,017,270
13.89%	13.90%

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*Changes in benefit provisions.* There were no modifications to the benefit provisions that were reflected in the actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2019.

*Changes in assumptions and methods.* Actuarial assumptions and methods are set by the Board of Trustee, based upon recommendations made by the Plan's actuary. The Board adopted new assumptions on April 21, 2017 in conjunction with the six-year actuarial experience study period ending June 30, 2016. At that time, The Board adopted a number of economic assumption changes, including a decrease in the inflation assumption from 3.00% to 2.50%. The 0.50% decrease in the inflation assumption also led to decreases in the nominal investment return assumption from 7.75% to 7.25%, the assumed annual wage inflation rate from 3.75% to 3.25%, the payroll growth assumption from 3.50% to 3.00%, and the annual assumed COLA from 2.00% to 1.90%.

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High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3  
 Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability  
 Retiree Health Care OPEB Plan  
 Last 10 Fiscal Years\*

	<b>2019</b>		<b>2018</b>
	<b>Measurement</b>		<b>Measurement</b>
	<b>Date (As of and</b>		<b>Date (As of and</b>
	<b>for the Year</b>		<b>for the Year</b>
	<b>Ended June 30,</b>		<b>Ended June 30,</b>
	<b>2018)</b>		<b>2017)</b>
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High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset)	0.03385%		0.07577%
High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 1,471,918		\$ 3,433,649
High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3's covered payroll	1,413,652		3,156,311
High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	104%		109%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	13.14%		11.34%

\* Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 75 requires ten years of historical information be presented; however, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the statement only requires presentation of information for those years that information is available. Complete information for High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3 is not available prior to fiscal year 2018, the year the statement's requirements became effective.

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 High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3  
 Schedule of Contributions  
 Retiree Health Care OPEB Plan  
 Last 10 Fiscal Years\*

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	<b>As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2019</b>	<b>As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2018</b>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 24,610	\$ 28,273
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	24,610	28,273
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -
High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3's covered payroll	1,230,474	1,413,652
Contribution as a percentage of covered payroll	2.00%	2.00%

\* Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 75 requires ten years of historical information be presented; however, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the statement only requires presentation of information for those years that information is available. Complete information for High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3s is not available prior to fiscal year 2018, the year the statement's requirements became effective.

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**RHC Plan**

*Changes of benefit provisions:* There were no modifications to the benefit provisions as this is the second year of adoption of the OPEB accounting standard

*Change in assumptions and methods:* There were no modifications to the assumptions and methods as this is the second year of adoption of the OPEB accounting standard

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## **SUPPORTING SCHEDULES**

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 Schedule of Collateral Pledged by Depository for Public Funds  
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Schedule I

<u>Name of Depository</u>	<u>Description of Pledged Collateral</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>CUSIP Number</u>	<u>Fair Market June 30, 2019</u>
<b>IN Bank</b>				
	FNMA Pool #FN0001	12/1/2020	3138NJAB4	\$ 2,902,133
			<b>Total IN Bank</b>	<u>2,902,133</u>
Name and location of safekeeper for above pledged collateral: Federal Reserve Bank, Kansas City, Missouri				
	<i>Total collateral pledged</i>			<u><u>\$ 2,902,133</u></u>

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 Schedule of Deposits  
 June 30, 2019

Schedule II

<u>Bank Account Type/ Name</u>	<u>IN Bank</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash Deposits:		
Checking - Interest Bearing	\$ 1,865,404	\$ 1,865,404
Checking	100,000	100,000
Money Market	1,219,150	1,219,150
Total Cash Deposits	<u>3,184,554</u>	<u>3,184,554</u>
Total Deposits	3,184,554	3,184,554
Reconciling items	<u>(977,440)</u>	<u>(977,440)</u>
<i>Reconciled balance June 30, 2019</i>	<u>\$ 2,207,114</u>	<u>\$ 2,207,114</u>
Reconciliation to financial statements:		
Cash:		
Government-wide statement of net position - Exhibit A-1		<u>\$ 2,207,114</u>
<i>Cash per Financial Statements</i>		<u>\$ 2,207,114</u>

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Cash Reconciliation  
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	<b>Operational 27101</b>	<b>State Directed Activities 27200</b>	<b>Medicaid in Our Schools 25000</b>
Audited Cash June 30, 2018	\$ 1,729,556	\$ (584,054)	\$ 363,250
Add:			
2018-2019 receipts	<u>1,752,893</u>	<u>2,395,748</u>	<u>287,287</u>
Total cash available	<u>3,482,449</u>	<u>1,811,694</u>	<u>650,537</u>
Less:			
2018-2019 expenditures	(2,567,872)	(2,978,122)	(228,332)
Payroll Liabilities	<u>15,894</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash per PED report	<u>930,471</u>	<u>(1,166,428)</u>	<u>422,205</u>
Add / Less:			
Negative cash loans from (to)	<u>(930,471)</u>	<u>1,166,428</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Cash per financial statement</i>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 422,205</u></u>

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<b>Medicaid HSD 28000</b>	<b>Private Non-categorical 29000</b>	<b>Total</b>
\$ 599,345	\$ 1,315,181	\$ 3,423,278
<u>307,211</u>	<u>381,902</u>	<u>5,125,041</u>
<u>906,556</u>	<u>1,697,083</u>	<u>8,548,319</u>
(198,563)	(385,415)	(6,358,304)
<u>1,205</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,099</u>
<u>709,198</u>	<u>1,311,668</u>	<u>2,207,114</u>
<u>-</u>	<u>(235,957)</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>\$ 709,198</u>	<u>\$ 1,075,711</u>	<u>\$ 2,207,114</u>

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## **COMPLIANCE SECTION**

**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***

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

Brian S. Colón, Esq.  
New Mexico State Auditor  
High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3  
Board of Directors and Management  
Raton, New Mexico

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, the aggregate remaining fund information, and the budgetary comparisons of the General Fund and major special revenue funds of the High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 15, 2019.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3'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 on the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be a material weakness 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.

## **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests did not disclose instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

## **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Cordova CPAs LLC  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
September 15, 2019

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High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3  
Schedule of Findings and Responses  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

Schedule IV

**SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS**

*Financial Statements:*

- |  |            |
|--|------------|
| 1. Type of auditors' report issued   | Unmodified |
| 2. Internal control over financial reporting:                                    |            |
| a. Material weaknesses identified?   | None noted |
| b. Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses? | None noted |
| c. Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted?                     | None noted |



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**SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS**

**None**

**SECTION III. PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS**

**2018-001 Purchase of Goods before Receipt of Goods – (Significant Deficiency) - Resolved**

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High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3  
Other Disclosures  
June 30, 2019

**OTHER DISCLOSURES**

**Exit Conference**

An exit conference was held on August 8, 2019. In attendance were the following:

**Representing High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3:**

Stacy Diller – Board of Director Chair  
R. Stephen Aguirre – Executive Director  
Mary L. Gonzales – Business Manager  
Gary Gabriele – Human Resources Director

**Representing Cordova CPAs LLC:**

Robert Cordova, CPA – Principal  
Justin Casias - Manager

**Auditor Prepared Financial Statements**

Cordova CPAs LLC prepared the GAAP-basis financial statements and footnotes of High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3 from the original books and records asserted by management. The responsibility for the financial statements remains with High Plains Regional Education Cooperative No. 3.