

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
**REGION IX EDUCATION  
COOPERATIVE**

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT  
AND  
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019  
WITH  
REPORT OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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INTRODUCTORY SECTION  
OF  
**REGION IX EDUCATION COOPERATIVE**

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR 2019

JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019



Established in 1984 by the New Mexico Department of Education. The Region IX Education Cooperative is one of nine regional educational cooperatives in the State of New Mexico. The cooperative provides services to seven rural school districts.

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# OFFICIAL ROSTER

June 30, 2019

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## COUNCIL

Travis Lightfoot	Chairman
Brenda Vigil	Vice-Chairman
Patti Nesbitt	Member
Tana Daugherty	Member
Todd Lindsay	Member
Marvin Martin	Member
George Bickert, Ed.D	Member

## ADMINISTRATION

Bryan Dooley	Executive Director
Carmen Spann	Business Manager



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FINANCIAL SECTION  
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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Brian S. Colón, Esq., State Auditor, and  
The Governing Council and Audit Committee of  
Region IX Education Cooperative

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, the aggregate remaining fund information, and the budgetary comparisons for the general fund and major special revenue funds of Region IX Education Cooperative, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements which collectively comprise Region IX Education Cooperative basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### ***Opinions***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Region IX Education Cooperative, as of June 30, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position thereof and the respective budgetary comparisons for the general fund and major special revenue funds for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Brian S. Colón, Esq., State Auditor, and  
The Governing Council and Audit Committee of  
Region IX Education Cooperative

### **Other Matters**

#### *Required Supplementary Information*

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing 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. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America also require that the Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Liability and Schedule of Contributions for pensions and OPEB on pages 39 and 40 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

#### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Region IX Education Cooperative's basic financial statements. The supplemental information such as the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and the other information, such as the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* and the other schedules required by 2.2.2.NMAC are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and other schedules 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 the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Expenditures and other schedules required by 2.2.2 NMAC are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated **September 6, 2019** on our consideration of the Region IX Education Cooperative'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 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 Region IX Education Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Accounting & Financial Solutions, LLC*  
Farmington, New Mexico  
September 6, 2019

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
OF  
**REGION IX EDUCATION COOPERATIVE**

AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2019

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
**REGION IX EDUCATION COOPERATIVE**

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
**June 30, 2019**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,783,723
Receivables:	
Grant	5,351,122
Other receivables	77,241
Non-current:	
Non-depreciable assets	20,494
Depreciable capital assets, net	<u>59,860</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>9,292,440</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources:</b>	
Contributions to pension subsequent to the measurement date	532,348
Difference between expected and actual pension experience	9,164
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments	27,796
Net change in pension assumptions	2,587,744
Net change in proportionate share of pension liability	894,337
Contributions to OPEB subsequent to the measurement date	48,177
Net change in proportionate share of OPEB liability	<u>462,264</u>
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<u>4,561,830</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	95,709
Aggregate net pension liability	12,556,056
Aggregate OPEB liability	<u>3,121,684</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>15,773,449</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	
Difference between expected and actual pension experience	238,962
Net change in proportionate share of pension liability	165,230
Difference between expected and actual OPEB experience	184,824
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on OPEB plan investments	38,957
Net change in OPEB assumptions	<u>582,805</u>
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<u>1,210,778</u>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	80,354
Restricted for:	
Special revenue funds	1,056,728
Unrestricted	<u>(4,267,039)</u>
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u>\$ (3,129,957)</u>

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
**REGION IX EDUCATION COOPERATIVE**

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
**Year Ended June 30, 2019**

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>			<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</u>
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Primary Government Governmental Activities</u>
<b>Primary government:</b>					
<b>Governmental activities:</b>					
Instruction	\$ 2,458,250	\$ 8,732	\$ 1,584,733	\$ 3,712	\$ (861,073)
Support Services - Students	3,835,078	-	2,472,320	-	(1,362,758)
Support Services - Instruction	2,894,987	-	1,866,281	-	(1,028,706)
Support Services - General Administration	6,386,958	-	4,117,413	-	(2,269,545)
Central Services	921,686	-	594,174	-	(327,512)
Operations & Maintenance of Plant	242,926	-	156,605	-	(86,321)
Student Transportation	30,126	-	-	-	(30,126)
Food Services	36,170	-	-	-	(36,170)
Community Services	<u>4,669,275</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,010,093</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,659,182)</u>
<b>Total governmental activities</b>	<b><u>\$ 21,475,456</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 8,732</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 13,801,619</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 3,712</u></b>	<b><u>(7,661,393)</u></b>
			General revenues:		
			Grants and contributions not restricted	4,037,570	
			Miscellaneous income	<u>3,316,191</u>	
			Total general revenues	<u>7,353,761</u>	
			<i>Change in net position</i>	(307,632)	
			<b>Net position - beginning</b>	<u>(2,822,325)</u>	
			<b>Net position - ending</b>	<b><u>\$ (3,129,957)</u></b>	

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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

**Balance Sheet**  
**June 30, 2019**

	General Fund	State Discretionary Fund #27200	Non PED - Entrepreneurial Fund #29102	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,867,816	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 915,907	\$ 3,783,723
Receivables:					
Grant	46,655	2,336,914	2,575,378	392,175	5,351,122
Other receivables	77,241	-	-	-	77,241
Due from other funds	<u>5,068,795</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,068,795</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>\$ 8,060,507</u>	<u>\$ 2,336,914</u>	<u>\$ 2,575,378</u>	<u>\$ 1,308,082</u>	<u>\$ 14,280,881</u>
<b>Liabilities, deferred inflows, and fund balance</b>					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ 858	\$ 33,919	\$ -	\$ 60,932	\$ 95,709
Due to other funds	<u>-</u>	<u>2,302,995</u>	<u>2,516,324</u>	<u>249,476</u>	<u>5,068,795</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>858</u>	<u>2,336,914</u>	<u>2,516,324</u>	<u>310,408</u>	<u>5,164,504</u>
Fund balance:					
Restricted for:					
Special revenue funds	-	-	59,054	997,674	1,056,728
Unassigned	<u>8,059,649</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,059,649</u>
<b>Total fund balance</b>	<u>8,059,649</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59,054</u>	<u>997,674</u>	<u>9,116,377</u>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balance</b>	<u>\$ 8,060,507</u>	<u>\$ 2,336,914</u>	<u>\$ 2,575,378</u>	<u>\$ 1,308,082</u>	<u>\$ 14,280,881</u>

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RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
**June 30, 2019**

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

Fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	9,116,377
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Capital assets		1,100,807
Accumulated depreciation		(1,020,453)
Deferred outflow of resources are not financial resources, and therefore are not reported in the funds and include:		
Contributions to pension subsequent to the measurement date		532,348
Difference between expected and actual pension experience		9,164
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments		27,796
Net change in pension assumptions		2,587,744
Net change in proportionate share of pension liability		894,337
Contributions to OPEB subsequent to the measurement date		48,177
Net change in proportionate share of OPEB liability		462,264
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds		
Net pension liability		(12,556,056)
Net OPEB liability		(3,121,684)
Deferred inflow of resources are not financial resources, and therefore are not reported in the funds and include:		
Difference between expected and actual pension experience		(238,962)
Net change in proportionate share of pension liability		(165,230)
Difference between expected and actual OPEB experience		(184,824)
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on OPEB plan investments		(38,957)
Net change in OPEB assumptions		<u>(582,805)</u>
Net position of governmental activities	\$	<u><u>(3,129,957)</u></u>

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
**REGION IX EDUCATION COOPERATIVE**

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2019**

	General Fund	State Discretionary Fund #27200	Non PED - Entrepreneurial Fund #29102	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Intergovernmental - federal grants	\$ 197,209	\$ 1,544,255	\$ 1,225,769	\$ 4,041,055	\$ 7,008,288
Intergovernmental - state grants	885,612	5,615,132	-	396,476	6,897,220
Contributions - private grants	-	-	3,933,181	500	3,933,681
Charges for services	8,732	-	-	-	8,732
Investment and interest income	3,712	-	-	-	3,712
Miscellaneous	<u>2,500,481</u>	<u>815,110</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>3,316,191</u>
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>3,595,746</u>	<u>7,974,497</u>	<u>5,158,950</u>	<u>4,438,631</u>	<u>21,167,824</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Current:					
Instruction	-	-	-	828,298	828,298
Support services:					
Students	1,538,340	552,602	451,904	1,288,666	3,831,512
Instruction	28,672	2,613,820	148,605	101,198	2,892,295
General Administration	679,829	4,808,075	448,316	444,800	6,381,020
Central Services	854,591	-	-	66,238	920,829
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	163,099	-	-	79,601	242,700
Student transportation	-	-	-	30,098	30,098
Food services operations	-	-	-	36,136	36,136
Community services	-	-	4,093,166	571,768	4,664,934
Capital outlay	<u>12,337</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,337</u>
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<u>3,276,868</u>	<u>7,974,497</u>	<u>5,141,991</u>	<u>3,446,803</u>	<u>19,840,159</u>
<i>Excess of revenues over expenditures</i>	318,878	-	16,959	991,828	1,327,665
<b>Fund balance at beginning of the year</b>	<u>7,740,771</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,095</u>	<u>5,846</u>	<u>7,788,712</u>
<b>Fund balance at end of the year</b>	<u>\$ 8,059,649</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 59,054</u>	<u>\$ 997,674</u>	<u>\$ 9,116,377</u>

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
**REGION IX EDUCATION COOPERATIVE**

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
**Year Ended June 30, 2019**

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

Net change in fund balance - total governmental funds	\$ 1,327,665
<p>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. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current year</p>	
Capital outlay	12,337
Depreciation	(19,966)
<p>Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.</p>	
Deferred contributions to pension plan	532,348
Deferred contributions to OPEB plan	48,177
Pension expense	(2,114,405)
OPEB expense	<u>(93,788)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ (307,632)</u>

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
**REGION IX EDUCATION COOPERATIVE**

GENERAL FUND  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and  
 Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)**  
 Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	(Budgetary Basis)	Positive (Negative)
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Intergovernmental - federal grants	\$ 225,661	\$ 225,661	\$ 197,209	\$ (28,452)
Intergovernmental - state grants	346,594	365,706	885,612	519,906
Charges for services	6,375	6,375	8,732	2,357
Investment and interest income	2,521	2,521	3,712	1,191
Miscellaneous	<u>1,766,678</u>	<u>1,781,378</u>	<u>2,461,500</u>	<u>680,122</u>
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>2,347,829</u>	<u>2,381,641</u>	<u>3,556,765</u>	<u>1,175,124</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Current:				
Support services:				
Students	1,477,191	1,835,287	1,563,823	271,464
Instruction	41,531	45,282	28,672	16,610
General Administration	707,888	978,537	679,582	298,955
Central Services	752,496	951,434	854,591	96,843
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	191,708	393,935	162,242	231,693
Capital outlay	<u>-</u>	<u>20,011</u>	<u>20,011</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<u>3,170,814</u>	<u>4,224,486</u>	<u>3,308,921</u>	<u>915,565</u>
<i>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures</i>	(822,985)	(1,842,845)	247,844	2,090,689
<i>Beginning cash balance budgeted</i>	822,985	1,842,845	-	(1,842,845)
<b>Fund balance at beginning of the year</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,740,771</u>	<u>7,740,771</u>
<b>Fund balance at end of the year</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>7,988,615</u>	<u>\$ 7,988,615</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION TO GAAP BASIS:</b>				
Change in grant receivable			38,980	
Change in payables			<u>32,054</u>	
<b>Fund balance at end of the year (GAAP basis)</b>			<u>\$ 8,059,649</u>	

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

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**REGION IX EDUCATION COOPERATIVE**

STATE DISCRETIONARY FUND - NO. 27200  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and  
 Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2019**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		Positive (Negative)
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Intergovernmental - federal grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,518,626	\$ 1,518,626
Intergovernmental - state grants	2,155,789	9,297,948	5,615,132	(3,682,816)
Miscellaneous	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,008,666</u>	<u>2,008,666</u>
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>2,155,789</u>	<u>9,297,948</u>	<u>9,142,424</u>	<u>(155,524)</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Current:				
Support services:				
Students	450,966	769,565	518,683	250,882
Instruction	-	3,840,803	2,614,620	1,226,183
General Administration	1,704,823	4,687,580	4,784,824	(97,244)
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<u>2,155,789</u>	<u>9,297,948</u>	<u>7,918,127</u>	<u>1,379,821</u>
<i>Excess of revenues over expenditures</i>	-	-	1,224,297	1,224,297
<b>Fund balance at beginning of the year</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Fund balance at end of the year</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	1,224,297	<u>\$ 1,224,297</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION TO GAAP BASIS:</b>				
Change in grant receivable			(1,167,927)	
Change in payables			<u>(56,370)</u>	
<b>Fund balance at end of the year (GAAP basis)</b>			<u>\$ -</u>	

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NON PED - ENTREPRENEURIAL FUND - NO. 29102  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and  
 Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)  
 Year Ended June 30, 2019**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		Positive (Negative)
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Intergovernmental - federal grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,225,769	\$ 1,225,769
Contributions - private grants	<u>529,750</u>	<u>6,960,121</u>	<u>2,566,650</u>	<u>(4,393,471)</u>
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>529,750</u>	<u>6,960,121</u>	<u>3,792,419</u>	<u>(3,167,702)</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Current:				
Support services:				
Students	109,047	477,491	451,904	25,587
Instruction	-	134,999	148,605	(13,606)
General Administration	24,056	554,143	448,316	105,827
Community services	<u>396,647</u>	<u>5,843,765</u>	<u>4,093,166</u>	<u>1,750,599</u>
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<u>529,750</u>	<u>7,010,398</u>	<u>5,141,991</u>	<u>1,868,407</u>
<i>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures</i>	-	(50,277)	(1,349,572)	(1,299,295)
<i>Beginning cash balance budgeted</i>	-	50,277	-	(50,277)
<b>Fund balance at beginning of the year</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,095</u>	<u>42,095</u>
<b>Fund balance at end of the year</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(1,307,477)</u>	<u>\$ (1,307,477)</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION TO GAAP BASIS:</b>				
Change in grant receivable			<u>1,366,531</u>	
<b>Fund balance at end of the year (GAAP basis)</b>			<u>\$ 59,054</u>	

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



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## I. SUMMARY OF ALL SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### A. Reporting Entity

Region IX Education Cooperative (Cooperative) is a special purpose government corporation organized for the purpose of providing supplementary special education services to local education agencies and is governed by a ten-member Governing Council. The Council is the basic level of government, which has oversight responsibility and control over all activities related to the Cooperative. The Cooperative is responsible for all activities related to public elementary and secondary school education within its jurisdiction. The Cooperative receives funding from local, state, and federal government sources and must comply with the requirements of these funding source entities.

The Cooperative's financial statements include all entities over which the Council exercises oversight responsibility. Oversight responsibility includes such aspects as appointment of governing body members, designation of management, the ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability for fiscal matters. Based upon the application of these criteria, no component units or fiduciary units were included in the financial statements.

Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) requires that financial statements present the Cooperative (primary government) and its component units. The Cooperative has no component units that are required to be presented in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity* and GASB Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units, an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14*, and GASB Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus – an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34*.

#### 1. Blended Component Units

The Cooperative does not have any component units reported as blended component units.

#### 2. Discretely Presented Component Units

The Cooperative does not have any component units reported as discretely presented component units.

The summary of significant accounting policies of the Cooperative is presented to assist in the understanding of the Cooperative's financial statements. The financial statements and notes are the representation of Region IX Education Cooperative's management who is responsible for their integrity and objectivity. The financial statements of the Cooperative conform to GAAP as applied to governmental units. GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

### B. Implementation of New Accounting Principles

During fiscal year 2019, the Cooperative adopted the following Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements:

#### ➤ **GASB Statement No. 83**, *Certain Asset Retirement Obligations*

This Statement addresses accounting and financial reporting for certain asset retirement obligations (AROs). An ARO is a legally enforceable liability associated with the retirement of a tangible capital asset. A government that has legal obligations to perform future asset retirement activities related to its tangible capital assets should recognize a liability based on the guidance in this Statement.

This Statement establishes criteria for determining the timing and pattern of recognition of a liability and a corresponding deferred outflow of resources for AROs. This Statement requires that recognition occur when the liability is both incurred and reasonably estimable. The determination of when the liability is incurred should be based on the occurrence of external laws, regulations, contracts, or court judgments, together with the occurrence of an internal event that obligates a government to perform asset retirement activities. Laws and regulations may require governments to take specific actions to retire certain tangible capital assets at the end of the useful lives of those capital assets, such as decommissioning nuclear reactors and dismantling and removing sewage treatment plants. Other obligations to retire tangible capital assets may arise from contracts or court judgments. Internal obligating events include the occurrence of contamination, placing into operation a tangible capital asset that is required to be retired, abandoning a tangible capital asset before it is placed into operation, or acquiring a tangible capital asset that has an existing ARO.

This Statement requires the measurement of an ARO to be based on the best estimate of the current value of outlays expected to be incurred. The best estimate should include probability weighting of all potential outcomes, when such information is available or can be obtained at reasonable cost. If probability weighting is not feasible at reasonable cost, the most likely amount should be used. This Statement requires that a deferred outflow of resources associated with an ARO be measured at the amount of the corresponding liability upon initial measurement.





**I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)**

**B. Implementation of New Accounting Principles (cont'd)**

This Statement requires the current value of a government's AROs to be adjusted for the effects of general inflation or deflation at least annually. In addition, it requires a government to evaluate all relevant factors at least annually to determine whether the effects of one or more of the factors are expected to significantly change the estimated asset retirement outlays. A government should remeasure an ARO only when the result of the evaluation indicates there is a significant change in the estimated outlays. The deferred outflows of resources should be reduced and recognized as outflows of resources (for example, as an expense) in a systematic and rational manner over the estimated useful life of the tangible capital asset.

A government may have a minority share (less than 50 percent) of ownership interest in a jointly owned tangible capital asset in which a nongovernmental entity is the majority owner and reports its ARO in accordance with the guidance of another recognized accounting standards setter. Additionally, a government may have a minority share of ownership interest in a jointly owned tangible capital asset in which no joint owner has a majority ownership, and a nongovernmental joint owner that has operational responsibility for the jointly owned tangible capital asset reports the associated ARO in accordance with the guidance of another recognized accounting standards setter. In both situations, the government's minority share of an ARO should be reported using the measurement produced by the nongovernmental majority owner or the nongovernmental minority owner that has operational responsibility, without adjustment to conform to the liability measurement and recognition requirements of this Statement.

In some cases, governments are legally required to provide funding or other financial assurance for their performance of asset retirement activities. This Statement requires disclosure of how those funding and assurance requirements are being met by a government, as well as the amount of any assets restricted for payment of the government's AROs, if not separately displayed in the financial statements. This Statement also requires disclosure of information about the nature of a government's AROs, the methods and assumptions used for the estimates of the liabilities, and the estimated remaining useful life of the associated tangible capital assets. If an ARO (or portions thereof) has been incurred by a government but is not yet recognized because it is not reasonably estimable, the government is required to disclose that fact and the reasons therefor. This Statement requires similar disclosures for a government's minority shares of AROs.

The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2018 (FYE June 30, 2019). Earlier application is encouraged.

➤ **GASB Statement No. 88, *Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements***

The primary objective of this Statement is to improve the information that is disclosed in notes to government financial statements related to debt, including direct borrowings and direct placements. It also clarifies which liabilities governments should include when disclosing information related to debt.

This Statement defines debt for purposes of disclosure in notes to financial statements as a liability that arises from a contractual obligation to pay cash (or other assets that may be used in lieu of cash) in one or more payments to settle an amount that is fixed at the date the contractual obligation is established.

Requires that additional essential information related to debt be disclosed in notes to financial statements, including unused lines of credit; assets pledged as collateral for the debt; and terms specified in debt agreements related to significant events of default with finance-related consequences, significant termination events with finance-related consequences, and significant subjective acceleration clauses.

For notes to financial statements related to debt, this Statement also requires that existing and additional information be provided for direct borrowings and direct placements of debt separately from other debt.

The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2018 (FYE June 30, 2019). Earlier application is encouraged.



## I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

### B. Implementation of New Accounting Principles (cont'd)

Other accounting standards that the Cooperative is currently reviewing for applicability and potential impact on the financial statements include:

➤ **GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities***

This Statement supersedes NCGA Statement 1, Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Principles, footnote 24; Statement No. 32, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans, paragraph 4; Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements—and Management’s Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments, paragraphs 70–73, 110, and 111; Implementation Guide No. 2015-1, Questions 4.14.1, 4.14.2, 6.43.2, 7.7.2, and 7.52.4; and Implementation Guide No. 2016-1, Implementation Guidance Update—2016, Question 4.26. It also amends NCGA Statement 1, paragraphs 32, 139, 143, and 147; NCGA Statement 5, Accounting and Financial Reporting Principles for Lease Agreements of State and Local Governments, paragraphs 5 and 6; Statement No. 6, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Special Assessments, paragraph 19; Statement No. 10, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Risk Financing and Related Insurance Issues, footnote 12; Statement No. 14, The Financial Reporting Entity, paragraphs 19 and 27; Statement No. 24, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Grants and Other Financial Assistance, paragraph 5; Statement No. 31, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools, paragraphs 18 and 22; Statement 34, paragraphs 6, 12, 13, 63, 65, 67, 69, 106–109, 115, 123, 125, 135, 138, 141, and 147, and footnotes 48, 49, and 51; Statement No. 37, Basic Financial Statements—and Management’s Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments: Omnibus, paragraph 3; Statement No. 38, Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures, paragraphs 6, 14, and 15; Statement No. 40, Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures, paragraph 5; Statement No. 44, Economic Condition Reporting: The Statistical Section, paragraph 10; Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, paragraphs 30, 33, and 35; Statement No. 61, The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus, paragraph 9; Statement No. 62, Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements, paragraph 34; Statement No. 67, Financial Reporting for Pension Plans, paragraph 11; Statement No. 72, Fair Value Measurement and Application, paragraph 80; Statement No. 73, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That Are Not within the Scope of GASB Statement 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68, paragraph 116; Statement No. 74, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans, paragraphs 18 and 59; NCGA Interpretation 6, Notes to the Financial Statements Disclosure, paragraph 5; Technical Bulletin No. 2006-1, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers and OPEB Plans for Payments from the Federal Government Pursuant to the Retiree Drug Subsidy Provisions of Medicare Part D, paragraph 8; Implementation Guide 2015-1, Questions 1.4.2, 1.4.8, 2.7.1, 2.7.2, 3.49.1, 3.55.2, 3.58.1, 4.6.2, 4.27.1, 4.28.1, 4.28.11, 4.30.3, 4.62.2, 5.64.3, 5.64.4, 5.113.1, 6.29.3, 6.34.3, 6.34.4, 6.43.5, 6.45.1, 6.45.3, 7.3.5, 7.4.1, 7.51.6, 7.52.2, 7.52.3, 7.52.5–7.52.8, 7.55.5, 7.72.10, 7.77.4, 7.81.1, 7.81.2, 7.84.1, 7.97.1, 7.97.2, 7.97.4, 8.1.2, 8.1.3, and 8.15.4; Implementation Guide 2016-1, Questions 4.2, 4.13, 4.27, 4.61–4.63, 5.7, 5.8, 5.16, and 5.24; and 2002 AICPA State and Local Government Auditing and Accounting Guide, paragraph 5.28.

This Statement establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments. The focus of the criteria generally is on (1) whether a government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity and (2) the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists. Separate criteria are included to identify fiduciary component units and postemployment benefit arrangements that are fiduciary activities. An activity meeting the criteria should be reported in a fiduciary fund in the basic financial statements. Governments with activities meeting the criteria should present a statement of fiduciary net position and a statement of changes in fiduciary net position. An exception to that requirement is provided for a business-type activity that normally expects to hold custodial assets for three months or less. This Statement describes four fiduciary funds that should be reported, if applicable: (1) pension (and other employee benefit) trust funds, (2) investment trust funds, (3) private-purpose trust funds, and (4) custodial funds. Custodial funds generally should report fiduciary activities that are not held in a trust or equivalent arrangement that meets specific criteria. A fiduciary component unit, when reported in the fiduciary fund financial statements of a primary government, should combine its information with its component units that are fiduciary component units and aggregate that combined information with the primary government’s fiduciary funds. This Statement also provides for recognition of a liability to the beneficiaries in a fiduciary fund when an event has occurred that compels the government to disburse fiduciary resources. Events that compel a government to disburse fiduciary resources occur when a demand for the resources has been made or when no further action, approval, or condition is required to be taken or met by the beneficiary to release the assets.



## I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

### B. Implementation of New Accounting Principles (cont'd)

The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018 (FYE June 30, 2020). Earlier application is encouraged. Changes adopted to conform to the provisions of this Statement should be applied retroactively by restating financial statements, if practicable, for all prior periods presented. If restatement for prior periods is not practicable, the cumulative effect, if any, of applying this Statement should be reported as a restatement of beginning net position (or fund balance or fund net position, as applicable) for the earliest period restated. In the first period that this Statement is applied, the notes to the financial statements should disclose the nature of the restatement and its effect. Also, the reason for not restating prior periods presented should be disclosed.

➤ **GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases***

The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. This Statement increases the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this Statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities.

Definition of a Lease - A lease is defined as a contract that conveys control of the right to use another entity's nonfinancial asset (the underlying asset) as specified in the contract for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. Examples of nonfinancial assets include buildings, land, vehicles, and equipment. Any contract that meets this definition should be accounted for under the leases guidance, unless specifically excluded in this Statement.

The provisions of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019 (FYE June 30, 2021).

➤ **GASB Statement No. 89, *Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period***

This Statement establishes accounting requirements for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period. The requirements of this Statement apply to the financial statements of all state and local governments. In financial statements prepared using the economic resources measurement focus, interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period should be recognized as an expense in the period in which the cost is incurred. Such interest cost should not be capitalized as part of the historical cost of a capital asset. In financial statements prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus, interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period should be recognized as an expenditure on a basis consistent with governmental fund accounting principles.

The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019 (FYE June 30, 2021). Earlier application is encouraged.

➤ **GASB Statement No. 90, *Majority Equity Interests an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 61***

The primary objectives of this Statement are to improve consistency in the measurement and comparability of the financial statement presentation of majority equity interests in legally separate organizations and to improve the relevance of financial statement information for certain component units.

This Statement modifies previous guidance for reporting a government's majority equity interest in a legally separate organization. This Statement also provides guidance for reporting a component unit if a government acquires a 100 percent equity interest in that component unit. The requirements of this Statement apply to the financial statements of all state and local governments.

The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018 (FYE June 30, 2020). Earlier application is encouraged.



## I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

### B. Implementation of New Accounting Principles (cont'd)

#### ➤ GASB Statement No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*

This Statement provides a single method of reporting conduit debt obligations by issuers and eliminate diversity in practice associated with (1) commitments extended by issuers, (2) arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations, and (3) related note disclosures. This Statement achieves those objectives by clarifying the existing definition of a conduit debt obligation; establishing that a conduit debt obligation is not a liability of the issuer; establishing standards for accounting and financial reporting of additional commitments and voluntary commitments extended by issuers and arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations; and improving required note disclosures.

The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2020 (FYE June 30, 2022). Earlier application is encouraged.

### C. 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 Cooperative. For the most part, the effect of inter-fund activity has been removed from these statements.

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

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

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

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

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues.

The Cooperative reports all direct expenses by function in the statement of activities. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function. The Cooperative does not currently employ indirect cost allocation systems. 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 on the statement of activities.

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. Revenues received during the year but are applicable to subsequent years are reported as deferred inflows of resources. 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. Expenditures incurred during the year that are for the benefit of subsequent years are reported as deferred outflows of resources.

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



**I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)**

**D. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation (cont'd)**

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

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

**Special Revenue Funds** are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources – which are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management’s Discussion and Analysis* requires the Cooperative to present certain governmental funds as major funds. In addition to the General Fund, the Cooperative reports the following major governmental funds:

➤ **SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

<b>State Discretionary</b> (Fund No. 27200)	Minimum Balance:	None
To support the improvement of educational results and functional outcomes for all children with disabilities.		

<b>Non-PED – Entrepreneurial</b> (Fund No. 29102)	Minimum Balance:	None
To support the improvement of educational results and functional outcomes for all children with disabilities.		

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

1. *Deposits and investments*

The government’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.

State statutes authorize the investment of the Cooperative’s funds in a wide variety of instruments including certificates of deposit and other similar obligations, state investment pool, and money market accounts. The Cooperative is also allowed to invest in United States Government obligations. All funds for the Cooperative must follow the above investment policies.

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 Cooperative. 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.

2. *Receivables and payables*

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either “due from/to other funds” (i.e., the current portion of inter-fund loans) or “advances to/from other funds” (i.e., the non-current portion of inter-fund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as “due from/to other funds.”



**I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)**

**E. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity (cont'd)**

3. *Capital assets*

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment (software), are reported in the applicable governmental-wide financial statements. Beginning July 1, 2005, the threshold for defining Capital assets by the government was raised from \$1,000 to assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 (amount not rounded) and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Software costs have been included with the cost of computer equipment and are capitalized with that equipment. The Cooperative does not develop software for internal use or any other use.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest on construction projects has not been capitalized.

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

<b>ESTIMATED USEFUL LIVES</b>	
ASSETS	YEARS
Buildings	40-50
Building improvements	20
Vehicles	5
Office equipment	5
Computer equipment	3

4. *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 Education 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. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms.

5. *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 Fund (RHCA) and additions to/deductions from RHCA's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by RHCA. For this purpose, RHCA recognizes benefit payments when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value, except for money market investments and participating interest-earning investment contracts that have a maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less, which are reported at cost.

6. *Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources*

Both deferred inflows and outflows are reported in the Statement of Net Position but are not recognized in the financial statements as revenues, expenses, and reduction of liabilities or increase in assets until the period(s) to which they relate.

In addition to assets, the Cooperative reports a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents a use of net position/fund balance that applies to future periods and will not be recognized as an expenditure until that time.

The Cooperative also reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents an acquisition of net position/fund balance that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as a revenue until that time. Revenue must be susceptible to accrual (measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current fiscal period) to be recognized. If assets are recognized in connection with a transaction, but those assets are not yet available to finance expenditures of the current fiscal period, then the assets must be offset by a corresponding liability for deferred inflows of resources.



## I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

### E. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity (cont'd)

The Cooperative reports deferred outflows of resources for pension-related amounts for the Cooperative's share of the difference between projected and actual earnings, for the Cooperative's share of the difference between contributions to the individual plans and the proportionate share of the contributions, and for changes of assumptions or other inputs.

The Cooperative reports deferred inflows of resources for pension-related amounts in the government wide financial statements or the Cooperative's share of the difference between expected and actual experience and for the Cooperative's share of the difference between contributions to the individual plans and the proportionate share of the contributions.

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenue and other fund financial resources are recognized in the period in which they become both measurable and available. Assets recorded in the fund financial statements for which the revenues are not available are reported as a deferred inflow of resources. Deferred inflows of resources are also comprised of property tax and long-term receivables that are unavailable in the fund statements.

#### 7. Fund balance

##### a. Non-Spendable

The non-spendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash, for example, inventories and prepaid amounts.

##### b. Restricted

Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either (1) externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or (2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

##### c. Committed

Amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by the formal action of the Cooperative's Board of Education should be reported as committed fund balance. The committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Cooperative's Board of Education removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action it employed to previously commit those amounts. The Cooperative did not have committed fund balances for the year ended June 30, 2019.

##### d. Assigned

Assigned fund balance includes (a) all remaining amounts, except for negative balances, that are reported in governmental funds, other than the general fund, that are not classified as non-spendable and are neither restricted nor committed and amounts in the general fund that are constrained by the Cooperative's intent to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. Intent, and removal of, is expressed by the Board of Education or the Finance Committee. The Cooperative did not have assigned fund balances for the year ended June 30, 2019.

##### e. Unassigned

The remaining fund balance, after all other classifications, within the general fund is reported as unassigned fund balance. This classification 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. In governmental funds other than the general fund, if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes, a negative fund balance will be reported as unassigned fund balance.

When committed, assigned, and unassigned resources are available for use, it is the Cooperative's policy to use committed first followed by assigned and unassigned resources as they are needed.



## I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

### E. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity (cont'd)

#### 8. *Net Position*

Net Position is presented on the Statement of Net Position and may be presented in any of three components.

##### a. Net investment in capital assets

This component of Net Position 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. The portion of the debt attributable to the unspent proceeds is not included in the calculation of invested in capital assets, net of related debt. That portion of the debt is included in restricted for capital projects.

##### b. Restricted Net Position

Net Position is reported as being restricted when the restriction is either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Enabling legislation authorizes the government to assess, levy, charge, or otherwise mandate payment of resources (from external resource providers) and includes a legally enforceable requirement that those resources be used only for the specific purposes stipulated in the legislation.

##### c. Unrestricted Net Position

Unrestricted Net Position consists of Net Position that does not meet the definition of “net investment in capital assets” or “restricted.”

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

In the governmental environment, Net Position often is designated to indicate that management does not consider them to be available for general operations. In contrast to restricted Net Position, these types of constraints on resources are internal and management can remove or modify them. However, enabling legislation established by the reporting government should not be construed as an internal constraint.

#### 9. *Indirect Costs*

The Cooperative’s General Fund receives indirect cost reimbursements from the various federal programs it administers. These reimbursements are for expenses incurred in performing administrative functions on behalf of the Special Revenue Funds. They are shown as expenditures in the Special Revenue Funds, and as other special federal revenue in the General Fund.

#### 10. *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.

#### 11. *Inter-fund Transactions*

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





**II. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**A. Budgetary Information**

Budgets for the General and Special Revenue Funds are prepared by management and are approved by the local Governing Council and the Public School Budget and Planning Unit of the Department of Education. Auxiliary student activity accounts are not budgeted.

These budgets are prepared on the Non-GAAP cash 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. 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 reserved portion of 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 Governing Council approval. If a transfer between ‘series’ or a budget increase is required, approval must also be obtained from Public School Finance Division.

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

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

1. In April or May, the Executive Director submits to the Governing Council a proposed operating budget of the fiscal year commencing the following July. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures, the means of financing them, and has approval by the Department of Education.
2. In May or June, the budget is approved by the Governing Council.
3. The Governing Council meeting, while not intended for the general public, is open for the general public unless a closed meeting has been called for.
4. The Executive Director 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 school board and the State of New Mexico Department of Education.
5. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds.
6. Budgets for the General and Special Revenue 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 Governing Council may approve amendments to the appropriated budget, which are required when a change is made affecting budgeted ending fund balance. The appropriated budget for the year ended June 30, 2019 was properly amended by the Governing Council through the year. New Mexico state law prohibits a Governmental Agency to exceed an individual functional line item. These amendments resulted in the following changes:

	ORIGINAL	FINAL
<b>Major Funds:</b>		
General Funds	\$ 3,170,814	\$ 4,224,486
Special Revenue Funds:		
State Discretionary	2,155,789	9,297,948
Non PED - Entrepreneurial	529,750	7,010,398
<b>Nonmajor Funds:</b>		
Special Revenue Funds	2,653,171	4,538,909
<b>Total Budget</b>	<u>\$ 8,509,524</u>	<u>\$ 25,071,741</u>



I. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY (cont'd)

**B. Budgetary Violations**

The Cooperative did not have any budgetary violations during the year ended June 30, 2019.

**C. Deficit Fund Equity**

The Cooperative did not have any deficit fund balances as of June 30, 2019.

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

**A. Cash and Temporary Investments**

At June 30, 2019, the carrying amount of the Cooperative's deposits was \$3,783,723 and the bank balance was \$6,964,887 with the difference consisting of outstanding checks.

	BALANCE
Financial institution:	
First Savings Bank	\$ 6,964,887
Less net reconciling items	(3,181,164)
Total cash and equivalents	\$ 3,783,723

Of the total cash and cash equivalents balance, \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$6,062,465 was covered by collateral held in joint safekeeping by a third party.

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Cooperative's deposits may not be returned to it. 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 Cooperative for at least one half of the amount on deposit with the institution. The Cooperative 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). The statement listed below will meet the State of New Mexico Office of the State Auditor's requirement in reporting the uninsured portion of the deposits. As of June 30, 2019, \$652,422 of the Cooperative's bank deposits was exposed to custodial risk as follows:

	INSURED	UNDER INSURED	TOTAL
<b>Bank deposits:</b>			
Uninsured and uncollateralized	\$ 652,422	\$ -	\$ 652,422
Uninsured and collateral held by pledging bank's trust dept not in the Cooperative's name	6,062,465	-	6,062,465
Total uninsured	6,714,887	-	6,714,887
Insured (FDIC)	250,000	-	250,000
Total deposits	\$ 6,964,887	\$ -	\$ 6,964,887
 <b>State of New Mexico collateral requirement:</b>			
50% of uninsured public fund bank deposits	\$ 3,357,443	\$ -	\$ 3,357,443
Pledged security	6,062,465	-	6,062,465
Over collateralization	\$ 2,705,022	\$ -	\$ 2,705,022



**III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (cont'd)**

**A. Cash and Temporary Investments (cont'd)**

The collateral pledged is listed on Schedule of Pledged Collateral in the Other Supplemental Information section 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 Authority, public unit deposits are funds owned by the Cooperative. 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.

**B. Receivables**

Receivables as of June 30, 2019 for the government’s individual major funds and non-major funds in the aggregate, including the following:

	<u>RECEIVABLES</u>		<u>DUE FROM OTHER</u>	
	Other	Grants	Governments	Funds
<b>Major Funds:</b>				
General Funds	\$ 77,241	\$ 46,655	\$ -	\$ 5,068,795
State Discretionary	-	2,336,914	-	-
Non PED - Entrepreneurial	-	2,575,378	-	-
<b>Other Governmental Funds</b>	-	392,175	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 77,241</u>	<u>\$ 5,351,122</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,068,795</u>

An allowance for doubtful accounts has not been established. All receivables are expected to be collectible.

**C. Inter-Fund Receivables and Payables**

The inter-fund receivables and payables at June 30, 2019 were:

	<u>RECEIVABLES</u>	<u>PAYABLES</u>
<b>Major Funds:</b>		
General Funds	\$ 5,068,795	\$ -
State Discretionary	-	2,302,995
Non PED - Entrepreneurial	-	2,516,324
<b>Other Governmental Funds</b>	-	249,476
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 5,068,795</u>	<u>\$ 5,068,795</u>

The inter-fund loans were made for the purposes of cash shortfalls within the individual funds. The loans are expected to be repaid within the next fiscal year.



**III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (cont'd)**

**D. Capital Assets**

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2019 was as follows:

	BEGINNING	INCREASES	DECREASES	ENDING
<b>Governmental activities:</b>				
<u>Capital assets not being depreciated:</u>				
Land	\$ 20,494	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,494
<u>Capital assets being depreciated:</u>				
Buildings and improvements	217,199	-	-	217,199
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	850,777	12,337	-	863,114
<i>Total capital assets being depreciated</i>	<u>1,067,976</u>	<u>12,337</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,080,313</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	(191,241)	(4,729)	-	(195,970)
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	(809,246)	(15,237)	-	(824,483)
<i>Total accumulated depreciation</i>	<u>(1,000,487)</u>	<u>(19,966)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,020,453)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>67,489</u>	<u>(7,629)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59,860</u>
<b>Total capital assets, net</b>	<u>\$ 87,983</u>	<u>\$ (7,629)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 80,354</u>

Depreciation has been allocated to the functions by the following amounts:

	AMOUNT
Instruction	\$ 6,468
Support Services:	
Students	6,406
Instruction	118
General Administration	2,794
Central Services	3,513
Operations & Maintenance of Plant	667
<b>Total Depreciation Expense</b>	<u>\$ 19,966</u>

The Schedule of Capital Assets Used by Source, and the Schedule of Changes in Capital Assets by Function and Activity have not been prepared because the detailed information is unavailable.

Construction commitments

The Cooperative is not involved in any long-term construction projects as part of their master plan for upgrading.



## IV. OTHER INFORMATION

### A. Risk Management

The Cooperative is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injury to employees; and natural disasters. The New Mexico Public Schools Insurance Authority (NMPSIA) was formed on April 5, 1985 under the New Mexico Public Schools Insurance Authority Act, Chapter 22, Section 2 of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA 1978), as amended, as an insurance fund to provide health, disability and life insurance coverage (benefits coverage), and property, casualty and workers' compensation insurance coverage (risk coverage) to participating public schools, school board members, public school employees, and retirees within the State of New Mexico. The Cooperative is one of 91 members that participate in NMPSIA. Participation in NMPSIA is mandatory for all K-12 public schools except those with enrollment exceeding 60,000 students. Participation is voluntary for other public education institutions. The Cooperative pays an annual premium to the pool for its general insurance coverage. The agreement for formation of NMPSIA provides that the pool will be self-sustaining through member premiums. NMPSIA establishes self-insured retentions by line of coverage and procures insurance or reinsurance, where indicated, in excess of the self-insured retention on a per occurrence basis. NMPSIA will publish its own financial report for the year ended June 30, 2019.

### B. Employee Retirement Plan

*Plan Description* - Substantially all of the Cooperative's full-time employees participate in a public employee retirement system authorized under the Educational Retirement Act (Chapter 22, Article 11, Sections 1 through 52, NMSA 1978). The Educational Retirement Board (ERB) is the administrator of the New Mexico Educational Employees' Retirement Plan (Plan), which is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit retirement plan. ERB issues a separate, publicly available financial report that includes the financial statements and required supplementary information for the plan. That report may be obtained [www.nmerb.org](http://www.nmerb.org), [www.saonm.org](http://www.saonm.org), or by writing to:

ERB  
P.O. Box 26129  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-6129  
[www.nmerb.org](http://www.nmerb.org)

Membership in the Plan is a condition of employment. Employees of public schools, universities, regional cooperatives, special schools and state agencies providing educational programs, who are employed at more than 25% of a full-time equivalency, are required to be members of the Plan. There were 150,082 active, retired, and inactive members in fiscal year 2016; there were 146,089 active, retired, and inactive members in fiscal year 2015.

*Benefits Provided* - The plan provides for retirement benefits, disability benefits, survivor benefits and cost-of-living adjustments to plan members (certified teachers, and other employees of State public school districts, colleges and universities) and beneficiaries. Benefits are based on three components: Final Average Salary (FAS), years of both earned and allowed service credits, and a 2.35% factor. The gross annual benefit is determined by multiplying the three components together. FAS is the higher of annual earnings for the previous 20 calendar quarters prior to retirement or the highest average annual earnings for any 20 consecutive calendar quarters.

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 or 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. The eligibility for a member who either becomes a new member on or after July 1, 2010, or at any time prior to that date refunded all member contributions and then became, or becomes, reemployed after that date 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.

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. There are three benefit options available: single life annuity; single life annuity monthly benefit reduced to provide for a 100% survivor's benefit; or single life annuity monthly benefit is reduced to provide for a 50% survivor's benefit.



#### **IV. OTHER INFORMATION (cont'd)**

##### **B. Employee Retirement Plan (cont'd)**

Retired members and surviving beneficiaries receiving benefits receive an automatic cost of living adjustment (COLA) to their benefit commencing on July 1 following the later of: (i) the year a member retires, or (ii) the year in which a member attains age 65 (Tier 1 and Tier 2) or age 67 (Tier 3).

If the plan's funded ratio for the next preceding fiscal year is 100%, or greater, Section 22-11-31(C)(1) of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated defines the adjustment factor as  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the percentage increase of the consumer price index between the next preceding calendar year and the preceding calendar year. The adjustment factor cannot exceed four percent, nor be less than two percent. However, if the percentage increase of the consumer price index is less than two percent, the adjustment factor will be equal to the percentage increase of the consumer price index.

If the plan's funded ratio for the next preceding fiscal year is greater than 90%, but less than 100%, Section 22-11-31(C)(2) indicates that the adjustment factor for all non-disability retirements will be 95% of the adjustment factor defined in Section 22-11-31(C)(1) if the member had 25 or more years of service credit at retirement and whose annuity is less than or equal to the median adjusted annuity for the fiscal year next preceding the adjustment date. For all other retirees eligible for an adjustment, the adjustment factor will be 90% of the adjustment factor defined in Section 22-11-31(C)(1).

If the plan's funded ratio for the next preceding fiscal year is 90%, or less, Section 22-11-31(C)(3) indicates that the adjustment factor for all non-disability retirements will be 90% of the adjustment factor defined in Section 22-11-31(C)(1) if the member had 25 or more years of service credit at retirement and whose annuity is less than or equal to the median adjusted annuity for the fiscal year next preceding the adjustment date. For all other retirees eligible for an adjustment, the adjustment factor will be 80% of the adjustment factor defined in Section 22-11-31(C)(1).

Finally, annuities shall not be decreased in the event that there is a decrease in the consumer price index between the next preceding calendar year and the preceding calendar year.

As of July 1, 2013, for current and future retirees the COLA was immediately reduced until the plan is 100% funded. The COLA reduction was 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%. All other retirees will have a 20% COLA reduction; their average COLA will be 1.6%. 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%. All other retirees will have a 10% COLA reduction; their average will be 1.8%. 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.

A member is eligible for a disability benefit provided (a) he or she has credit for at least 10 years of service, and (b) the disability is approved by ERB. The monthly benefit is equal to 2% of FAS times years of service, but not less than the smaller of (a) one-third of FAS or (b) 2% of FAS times year of service projected to age 60. The disability benefit commences immediately upon the member's retirement. Disability benefits are payable as a monthly life annuity, with a guarantee that, if the payments made do not exceed the member's accumulated contributions, determined as of the date of retirement, the balance will be paid in a lump sum to the member's surviving beneficiary. If the disabled member survives to age 60, the regular optional forms of payment are then applied. A member with five or more years of earned service credit on deferred status may retire on disability retirement when eligible under the Rule of 75 or when the member attains age 65.



**IV. OTHER INFORMATION (cont'd)**

**B. Employee Retirement Plan (cont'd)**

The member, upon retirement, has three options as to how to receive the benefit.

Option A – If the member elects the Option A, there is no reduction to the monthly benefit other than any “Rule of 75” deductions or any community property or child support reductions. There will be no continuing benefit to a beneficiary or estate upon the retiree’s death, except the balance, if any, of member contributions. Those contributions are usually exhausted in the first three to four years of retirement.

Option B – If the member elects Option B, the monthly benefit is reduced to provide for a 100% survivor’s benefit. The reduced benefit is payable during the life of the member and upon the retiree’s death, the same benefit is paid to the beneficiary for his or her lifetime. The named beneficiary may not be changed after the effective date of retirement since the amount of the option is calculated by using both the age of the member and the beneficiary. If the beneficiary predeceases the member, the member’s benefit will be adjusted by returning it to the Option A Benefit amount. The IRS prohibits selection of Option B for a non-spouse beneficiary more than ten years younger than the member.

Option C – If the member elects Option C, the monthly benefit is reduced to provide for a 50% survivor’s benefit. The benefit is payable during the life of the member and upon the retiree’s death, one half of the member’s benefit is paid to the beneficiary for his or her lifetime. Here again, the named beneficiary may not be changed after the effective date of retirement. If the beneficiary predeceases the member, the member’s benefit is adjusted by returning it to the Option A Benefit amount.

Under the provisions of Options B and C coverage, the beneficiary must be a person, and only one beneficiary may be named. The term beneficiary means a person having an insurable interest in the life of the member.

Member Contributions – Plan members whose annual salary is \$20,000 or less are required by statute to contribute 7.9% of their gross salary. Plan members whose annual salary is over \$20,000 are required to make the following contributions to the Plan: 10.7% of their gross salary in fiscal year 2019.

Employer Contributions – In fiscal year 2019, the Cooperative was required to contribute 13.9% of the gross covered salary for employees whose annual salary is \$20,000 or less, and 13.9% of the gross covered salary for employees whose annual salary is more than \$20,000. The contribution requirements of plan members and the Cooperative are established in State statute under Chapter 22, Article 11, NMSA 1978. The requirements may be amended by acts of the legislature. The Cooperative’s contributions to ERB for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2019 was \$369,911, which equals the amount of the required contributions for year ended June 30, 2019.

Employers

The Educational Retirement Act designates employers as Local Administrative Units, directly responsible for payment of compensation for the employment of members or participants of this Plan. There were 216 contributing employers in fiscal year 2018; there were 218 contributing employers in fiscal year 2017.

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

At June 30, 2019, the Cooperative reported a liability of \$12,556,056 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 that date. The Cooperative's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Cooperative's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating school districts and regional education cooperatives, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2018, the Cooperative's proportion was 0.105590 percent, which was an increase of 0.01214 percent from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2017.

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the Cooperative recognized pension expense of \$2,114,405.

PENSION EXPENSE CALCULATION	
Net pension liability - end of the year	\$ 12,556,056
Net pension liability - beginning of the year	(10,385,536)
Deferred outflows of resources during the year	(22,188)
Deferred inflows of resources during the year	(73,686)
Reductions to ending net pension liability due contributions paid	<u>39,759</u>
Total Pension Expense	<u>\$ 2,114,405</u>



**IV. OTHER INFORMATION (cont'd)**

**B. Employee Retirement Plan (cont'd)**

At June 30, 2019, the Cooperative reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	OUTFLOWS	INFLOWS
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 9,164	\$ 238,962
Change of assumptions	2,587,744	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	27,796	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Cooperative contributions and proportionate share of contributions	894,337	165,230
Cooperative contributions subsequent to the measurement date	532,348	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,051,389</b>	<b>\$ 404,192</b>

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions in the amount of \$327,392 resulted from Cooperative contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2018. Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

JUNE 30,	AMORTIZATION
2019	\$ 1,831,763
2020	1,146,822
2021	135,898
2022	366
2023	-
Thereafter	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,114,849</b>

Actuarial Assumptions

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 an expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.25 percent and a municipal bond rate of 3.62 percent. Based on the assumptions described below and the projection of cash flows, pension plan's fiduciary net position and future contributions were projected to be available to finance all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. The long term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

The total pension liability, net pension liability, and certain sensitivity information are based on an actuarial valuation performed as of June 30, 2018. The total pension liability was rolled forward from the valuation date to the Plan's year ended 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 or changes in benefit provisions that required an adjustment to the roll-forward liabilities as of June 30, 2018. The liabilities reflect the impact of the new assumptions adopted by the Board of Trustees on April 21, 2017 as well as the change in the single discount rate between June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2018. Specifically, the liabilities measured as of June 30, 2018 incorporate the following assumptions:

- 1) All members with an annual salary of more than \$20,000 will contribute 10.7% during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 and thereafter.
- 2) Members hired after June 30, 2013 will have an actuarially reduced retirement benefit if they retire before age 55 and their Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) will be deferred until age 67.
- 3) COLAs for most retirees are reduced until ERB attains a 100% funded status.
- 4) The new assumptions adopted by the Board on April 21, 2017 in conjunction with the change in the single discount rate, and
- 5) For purposes of projecting future benefits, it is assumed that the full COLA is paid in all future years.





**IV. OTHER INFORMATION (cont'd)**

**B. Employee Retirement Plan (cont'd)**

For the purposes of projecting future benefits, it is assumed that the full COLA is paid in all future years. The actuarial methods and assumptions used to determine contributions rates included in the measurement are as follows:

Actuarial Cost Method Entry Age:	Normal
Amortization Method:	Level Percentage of Payroll
Remaining Period:	Amortized - closed 30 years from June 30, 2012 to June 30, 2042
Asset Valuation Method:	5 year smoothed market for funding valuation (fair value for financial valuation)
Inflation:	2.50%
Salary Increases:	Composition: 3.00% inflation, plus 0.75% productivity increase rate, plus step rate promotional increases for members with less than 10 years of service
Investment Rate of Return:	7.25%
Single Discount Rate:	5.90%
Retirement Age:	Experience based table of age and service rates
Mortality:	Healthy Males – RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table with white collar adjustments, generational mortality improvements with scale BB.  Healthy Females – 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.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is determined annually using a building-block approach that includes the following: 1) rate of return projections are the sum of current yield plus projected changes in price (valuation, defaults, etc.), 2) application of key economic projections (inflation, real growth, dividends, etc.), and 3) structural themes (supply and demand imbalances, capital flows, etc.). These items are developed for each major asset class. Best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in the Plan's target asset allocation for 2018 and 2017 for 30-year return assumptions are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	2018 Long-Term Expected <u>Real Rate of Return</u>	2017 Long-Term Expected <u>Real Rate of Return</u>
Cash	-0.49%	-0.25%
U.S. Treasuries	-0.01%	0.25%
IG Corp Credit	1.44%	1.75%
Mortgage Backed Securities	-0.01%	0.25%
Core Bonds*	0.47%	0.75%
Treasury Inflation Protected Securities	0.48%	0.50%
High-Yield Bonds	2.13%	2.50%
Bank Loans	2.16%	2.75%
Global Bonds (Unhedged)	-0.75%	-0.50%
Global Bonds (Hedged)	-0.47%	-0.38%
Emerging Market Debt External	1.64%	2.50%
Emerging Market Debt Local Currency	3.10%	3.25%
Large Cap Equities	4.03%	4.25%
Small/ Mid Cap Equities	4.24%	4.50%
International Equities (Unhedged)	4.24%	4.50%
International Equities (Hedged)	4.65%	4.89%
Emerging International Equities	5.61%	6.25%
Private Equity	5.92%	6.25%
Private Debt	4.07%	4.75%
Private Real Assets	4.24%	5.90%
Real Estate	3.10%	3.25%
Commodities	2.08%	2.25%
Hedge Funds	2.97%	3.22%



**IV. OTHER INFORMATION (cont'd)**

**B. Employee Retirement Plan (cont'd)**

*Rate of Return*

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

- 1) Rate of return projections are the sum of current yield plus projected changes in price (valuation, defaults, etc.),
- 2) Application of key economic projections (inflation, real growth, dividends, etc.), and
- 3) Structural themes (supply and demand imbalances, capital flows, etc.).

These items are developed for each major asset class.

*Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate Assumption*

The following table shows the sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate as of fiscal year end 2018 and 2017. In particular, the table presents the Plan's net pension liability under the current single rate assumption, as if it were calculated using a discount rate one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the single discount rate.

CURRENT SINGLE RATE					
		Discount	Single Rate		
		Rate	1% Decrease	Assumption	1% Increase
<b>ERB (All Employers)</b>					
2018	5.69%	\$ 15,454,175,919	\$ 11,891,330,976	\$ 8,984,271,849	
2017	5.90%	14,466,972,041	11,113,468,217	8,372,251,980	
<b>Region IX Education Cooperative</b>					
2018	5.69%	\$ 16,318,064	\$ 12,556,056	\$ 9,486,493	
2017	5.90%	13,519,385	10,385,536	7,823,869	

**C. Post-Retirement Health Care Benefits**

*Plan Description* - The Cooperative, as an employer, contributes to the New Mexico Retiree Health Care Fund (RHCA), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment healthcare plan. The plan provides healthcare insurance and prescription drug benefits to retired employees of participating employers, their spouses, dependents, and surviving spouses and dependents. The RHCA Board was established by the Retiree Health Care Act (Chapter 10, Article 7C, NMSA 1978). The Board is responsible for establishing and amending benefit provisions of the healthcare plan and is also authorized to designate optional and/or voluntary benefits like dental, vision, supplemental life insurance, and long-term care policies. RHCA issues a separate, publicly available financial report that includes the financial statements and required supplementary information for the plan. That report may be obtained [www.nmrhca.org](http://www.nmrhca.org), [www.saonm.org](http://www.saonm.org), or by writing to:

Retiree Health Care Authority  
 4308 Carlisle NE, Suite 104  
 Albuquerque, NM 87107

The plan is used to provide postemployment benefits other than pensions (OPEB) for retirees who were an employee of participating employer in either the New Mexico Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) or Educational Retirement Board (ERB), eligible to receive a pension. For employers who “buy-in” to the plan, retirees are eligible for benefits six months after the effective date of employer participation. Retirees not in a PERA enhanced (Fire, Police, Corrections) pension plan who commence benefits on or after January 1, 2020 will not receive any subsidy from RHCA before age 55.



#### IV. OTHER INFORMATION (cont'd)

##### C. Post-Retirement Health Care Benefits (cont'd)

Eligible retirees are:

- 1) retirees who make contributions to the fund for at least five years prior to retirement and whose eligible employer during that period of time made contributions as a participant in the RHCA plan on the person's behalf unless that person retires before the employer's RHCA effective date, in which the event the time period required for employee and employer contributions shall become the period of time between the employer's effective date and the date of retirement;
- 2) retirees defined by the Act who retired prior to July 1, 1990;
- 3) former legislators who served at least two years; and
- 4) former governing authority members who served at least four years.

There were 156,025 active, retired, surviving spouses, and inactive members in fiscal year 2018; there were 160,035 active, retired, surviving spouses, and inactive members in fiscal year 2017.

##### *Funding Policy*

The Retiree Health Care Act (Section 10-7C-13 NMSA 1978) authorizes the RHCA Board to establish the monthly premium contributions that retirees are required to pay for healthcare benefits. Each participating retiree pays a monthly premium according to a service-based subsidy rate schedule for the medical, plus basic life plan, plus an additional participation fee of five dollars (\$5) if the eligible participant retired prior to the employer's effective date or is a former legislator or former governing authority member. Former legislators and governing authority members are required to pay 100% of the insurance premium to cover their claims and the administrative expenses of the plan. The monthly premium rate schedule can be obtained from RHCA or viewed on their website at [www.nmrhca.org](http://www.nmrhca.org).

The employer, employee and retiree contributions are required to be remitted to the RHCA on a monthly basis. The statutory requirements for the employer and employee contributions can be changed by the New Mexico State Legislature. Employers that choose to become participating employers after January 1, 1998, are required to make contributions to the fund in the amount determined to be appropriate by the Board.

The Retiree Health Care Act (Section 10-7C-15 NMSA 1978) is the statutory authority that establishes the required contributions of participating employers and their employees. For employees that were members of an enhanced retirement plan (state police and adult correctional officer member coverage plan 1; municipal police member coverage plans 3, 4 or 5; municipal fire member coverage plan 3, 4 or 5; municipal detention officer member coverage plan 1; and members pursuant to the Judicial Retirement Act) during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, the statute required each participating employer to contribute 2.5% of each participating employee's annual salary; and each participating employee was required to contribute 1.25% of their salary. For employees that were not members of an enhanced retirement plan during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, the statute required each participating employer to contribute 2.0% of each participating employee's annual salary; each participating employee was required to contribute 1.0% of their salary. In addition, pursuant to Section 10-7C-15(G) NMSA 1978, at the first session of the Legislature following July 1, 2013, the legislature shall review and adjust the distributions pursuant to Section 7-1-6.1 NMSA 1978 and the employer and employee contributions to the authority in order to ensure the actuarial soundness of the benefits provided under the Retiree Health Care Act.

*Benefits Provided* - Retirees and spouses are eligible for medical and prescription drug benefits. Dental and vision benefits are also available but were not included in any valuation since they are 100% retiree-paid. A description of these benefits may be found in Enrolled Participants at [www.nmrhca.org](http://www.nmrhca.org).

*Member Contributions* – Employees that were not members of an enhanced plan, the statute required each participating employee was required to contribute 1% of their gross salary in fiscal year 2019.

*Employer Contributions* – In fiscal year 2019, the Cooperative was required to contribute 2% of the gross covered salary for employees who are entitled to RHCA benefits. The Cooperative's contributions to RHCA for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 was \$61,310, which equal the amount of the required contributions for that fiscal year.

*Employers* - The Educational Retirement Act designates employers as Local Administrative Units, directly responsible for payment of compensation for the employment of members or participants of this Plan. There were 302 contributing employers in fiscal year 2019.



**IV. OTHER INFORMATION (cont'd)**

**C. Post-Retirement Health Care Benefits (cont'd)**

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

At June 30, 2019, the Cooperative reported a liability of \$3,121,684 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 Cooperative's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on a projection of the Cooperative's long-term share of contributions to the OPEB plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2018, the Cooperative's proportion was 0.07179 percent, which was an increase of 0.01788 percent from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2017.

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the Cooperative recognized OPEB expense of \$93,788.

OPEB EXPENSE CALCULATION	
Net OPEB liability - end of the year	\$ 3,121,684
Net OPEB liability - beginning of the year	(2,796,949)
Deferred outflows of resources during the year	(462,264)
Deferred inflows of resources during the year	170,007
Reductions to ending net OPEB liability due contributions paid	<u>61,310</u>
Total OPEB Expense	<u>\$ 93,788</u>

At June 30, 2019, the Cooperative reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	OUTFLOWS	INFLOWS
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 184,824
Change of assumptions	-	582,805
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	-	38,957
Changes in proportion and differences between Cooperative contributions and proportionate share of contributions	462,264	-
Cooperative contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>48,177</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 510,441</u>	<u>\$ 806,586</u>

Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB in the amount of \$48,177 resulted from Cooperative contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2020. Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

	JUNE 30, AMORTIZATION
2019	\$ (106,999)
2020	(106,999)
2021	(106,999)
2022	(60,325)
2023	37,000
Thereafter	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ (344,322)</u>



**IV. OTHER INFORMATION (cont'd)**

**C. Post-Retirement Health Care Benefits (cont'd)**

Actuarial Assumptions

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 OPEB plan'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, 2028.

A blended rate of the assumed investment return on Plan assets (e.g. 7.25% for the June 30, 2019 valuation) and the rate for 20-year, tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher (e.g. 3.58% as of June 30, 2017). The 7.25% discount rate was used to calculate the net OPEB liability through June 30, 2029. Benefit payments after June 30, 2029 are then discounted by the index rate for 20-year, tax exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher, currently 4.08%. The blended discount rate of 4.08% was used to measure the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2018.

The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2018 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
Amortization Method:	30-year open-ended amortization, level percent of payroll
Remaining Period:	30 years as of June 30, 2016
Asset Valuation Method:	Market value of assets

Actuarial assumptions

Inflation:	2.50% for ERB; 2.25% for PERA
Projected Salary Increases:	3.5% to 12.50% based on years of service, including inflation
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 target allocation and best estimates for the long-term expected rate of return is summarized as follows:

<u>Asset Class</u>	2018 <u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return %</u>	2017 <u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return %</u>
U.S. core fixed income	2.1	9.1
U.S. equity - large cap	7.1	9.1
Non U.S. - emerging markets	10.2	12.2
Non U.S. - developed equities	7.8	9.8
Private equity	11.8	13.8
Credit and structured finance	5.3	7.3
Real estate	4.9	6.9
Absolute return	4.1	6.1
U.S. equity - small/mid cap	7.1	9.1



**IV. OTHER INFORMATION (cont'd)**

**C. Post-Retirement Health Care Benefits (cont'd)**

*Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate Assumption*

The following table shows the sensitivity of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate as of June 30, 2018. In particular, the table presents the Plan's net OPEB liability under the current single rate assumption, as if it were calculated using a discount rate one percentage point lower (1% decrease) or one percentage point higher (1% increase) than the single discount rate.

		CURRENT SINGLE RATE			
		Discount Rate	1% Decrease	Single Rate Assumption	1% Increase
<b>RHCA (All Employers)</b>					
2018	4.08%	\$ 5,262,533,266	\$ 4,348,354,815	\$ 3,627,778,443	
2017	3.81%	\$ 5,496,848,763	\$ 4,531,673,018	\$ 3,774,405,896	
<b>Region IX Education Cooperative</b>					
2018	4.08%	\$ 3,777,973	\$ 3,121,684	\$ 2,604,362	
2017	3.81%	\$ 3,392,655	\$ 2,443,025	\$ 2,329,563	

The following presents the Net OPEB Liability of RHCA as of June 30, 2018, as well as what the Fund's Net OPEB Liability would be if it were calculated using a health cost trend rate that is one percentage point lower (1% decrease) or one percentage point higher (1% increase) than the health cost trend rates used:

		HEALTH COST TREND RATE		
		1% Decrease	Current Trend Rates	1% Increase
<b>RHCA (All Employers)</b>				
2018	\$ 3,675,884,346	\$ 4,348,354,815	\$ 4,875,586,778	
2017	\$ 3,854,499,980	\$ 4,348,354,815	\$ 5,059,700,584	
<b>Region IX Education Cooperative</b>				
2018	\$ 2,638,917	\$ 3,121,684	\$ 3,500,184	
2017	\$ 2,165,564	\$ 2,443,025	\$ 2,842,679	

**D. Contingent Liabilities**

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

The government is a defendant in various lawsuits. Although the outcome of these lawsuits is not presently determinable, in the opinion of the government's counsel the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the government.



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**IV. OTHER INFORMATION (cont'd)**

**E. Cash Flows**

The Cooperative's federal and state grants operate on a reimbursement basis. The Cooperative must support the expenditures of these grants with monies from the unrestricted operating monies. Operating on a reimbursement basis for these grants in its self does not adversely affect the Cooperative's ability to operate effectively. However, the time it takes to receive reimbursement, if extensive, does significantly affect the Cooperative's cash flows and the ability to deliver educational services to the community in an effective manner. This could affect the Cooperative's financial operations in subsequent years.

**F. Subsequent Events**

Subsequent events were evaluated through September 6, 2019 which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.



SCHEDULE OF THE COOPERATIVE'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE  
NET PENSION LIABILITY  
Educational Retirement Board (ERB) Pension Plan  
Last 10 Fiscal Years\*

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Cooperative's proportion of the net pension liability	0.105590%	0.093450%	0.989400%	0.084090%	0.087540%
Cooperative's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 12,556,056	\$ 10,385,536	\$ 7,120,151	\$ 5,446,733	\$ 4,994,790
Cooperative's covered-employee payroll	\$ 2,355,338	\$ 2,946,340	\$ 2,779,577	\$ 2,827,566	\$ 2,393,158
Cooperative's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	533.09%	352.49%	256.16%	192.63%	208.71%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	52.95%	52.95%	61.58%	63.97%	66.54%

\* These schedules are intended to present 10 years of trending history. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the Cooperative will present information for those years for which information is available.

SCHEDULE OF THE COOPERATIVE'S PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS  
Educational Retirement Board (ERB) Pension Plan  
Last 10 Fiscal Years\*

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 327,392	\$ 409,670	\$ 386,349	\$ 391,932	\$ 317,193
Contributions in relation to the contractually required	<u>(327,392)</u>	<u>(409,670)</u>	<u>(386,349)</u>	<u>(391,932)</u>	<u>(317,193)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Cooperative's Covered-employee Payroll	\$ 2,355,338	\$ 2,946,340	\$ 2,779,577	\$ 2,827,566	\$ 2,393,158
Contribution as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	13.90%	13.90%	13.90%	13.86%	13.25%

\* These schedules are intended to present 10 years of trending history. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the Cooperative will present information for those years for which information is available.

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

*Changes of benefit terms:* The COLA and retirement eligibility benefits changes in recent years are described in the Benefits Provided subsection of the financial statement note disclosure General Information on the Pension Plan.

*Changes of assumptions:* ERB conducts an actuarial experience study for the Plan on a biennial basis. Based on the six-year actuarial experience study presented to the Board of Trustees on June 30, 2016. There were no modifications to the benefit provisions that were reflected in the actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2018.

Assumptions that were not changed:

- a. Wage inflation 3.25%
- b. Payroll growth 3.00%
- c. COLA assumption 1.90% per year
- d. Salary increases at 2.50% inflation, plus 0.75% productivity increase rate, plus step-rate promotional increases for less than ten years of service
- e. Inflation rate 2.50%
- f. Investment return 7.25%

See also the Note VI (B) *Actuarial Assumptions* of the financial statement note disclosure on the Pension Plan.





SCHEDULE OF THE COOPERATIVE'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE  
NET OPEB LIABILITY  
Retiree Health Care Authority (RHCA) OPEB Plan  
Last 10 Fiscal Years\*

	2019	2018
Cooperative's proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.071790%	0.061720%
Cooperative's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 3,121,684	\$ 2,796,949
Cooperative's covered-employee payroll	\$ 2,571,038	\$ 2,571,038
Cooperative's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	121.42%	108.79%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	13.14%	11.34%

\* These schedules are intended to present 10 years of trending history. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the Cooperative will present information for those years for which information is available.

SCHEDULE OF THE COOPERATIVE'S OPEB CONTRIBUTIONS  
Retiree Health Care Authority (RHCA) OPEB Plan  
Last 10 Fiscal Years\*

	2019	2018
Contractually required contribution	\$ 48,177	\$ 195,990
Contributions in relation to the contractually required	<u>(48,177)</u>	<u>(98,365)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 97,625</u>
Cooperative's Covered-employee Payroll	\$ 2,282,909	\$ 2,571,038
Contribution as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	2.11%	3.83%

\* These schedules are intended to present 10 years of trending history. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the Cooperative will present information for those years for which information is available.

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

*Changes of assumptions:* RHCA conducts an actuarial experience study for the Plan on a biennial basis. Based on the six-year actuarial experience study presented to the Board of Trustees on June 30, 2017, RHCA implemented the following changes in assumptions for fiscal years 2018 and 2017.

The total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2018 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2018. The mortality, retirement, disability, turnover and salary increase assumptions are based on the PERA annual valuation as of June 30, 2017 and the ERB actuarial experience study as of June 30, 2017.

- 1) Fiscal year 2018 valuation assumptions that changed based on this study:
    - a. Minor changes to demographic assumptions
  - 2) Assumptions that were not changed:
    - a. Investment return 7.25%
    - b. Inflation rate 2.50% for ERB and 2.25 for PERA
    - c. Population growth per year at 0.00%
    - d. Health care cost trend rate 8% graded down to 4.5% over 14 years for Non-Medicare medical plan costs and 7.5%
- See also the Note IV (C) *Actuarial Assumptions* of the financial statement note disclosure on the OPEB Plan.

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OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
OF  
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AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2019

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OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
( *NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS* )

Funds that did not meet the requirements of GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis* to be considered Major Funds and have not been identified as Major Funds by management.

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## Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds

Special revenue funds are operating funds used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are intended for specific purposes other than special assessments or major capital projects.

**Carl D Perkins JAG** (Fund No. 24171) Minimum Balance: None  
 The Carl D. Perkins program provides financial assistance to support the alignment of career-technical education with state initiatives relating to the redesign of secondary schools and enhanced collaboration with post-secondary education. The Program is funded by the United States government under the Carl D Perkins Vocational-Technical Education Act Amendments, Title I, 20 U.S.C. 2321 et seq, Public Law 105.332

**Carl D Perkins Secondary Redistribution** (Fund No. 24176) Minimum Balance: None  
 To account for funds administered through the State Public Education Office to the deployment of the HSTW framework is intended to improve student achievement, increase graduation rates and provide relevant and rigorous high school instruction. The Program is funded by the United States government under the Carl D Perkins Vocational-Technical Education Act Amendments, Title I, 20 U.S.C. 2321 et seq, Public Law 105.332

**Headstart** (Fund No. 25127) Minimum Balance: None  
 To promote school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of low-income children, including children on federally recognized reservations and children of migratory farm-workers, through the provision of comprehensive health, educational, nutritional, social and other services; and to involve parents in their children’s learning and to help parents make progress toward their educational, literacy and employment goals. Head Start also emphasizes the significant involvement of parents in the administration of their local Head Start programs. The project is funded through the federal government, under the Community Opportunities, Accountability, and Training and Educational Services Act of 1998, Title I, Section 101-119.

**Medicaid – Title XIX (Birth to Two)** (Fund No. 25152) Minimum Balance: None  
 To provide financial assistance from the Federal government which flows-through the State of New Mexico to school districts, for payments of medical assistance on behalf of cash assistance recipients, children, pregnant women and the aged who meet income and resource requirements, and other categorically-eligible groups. The program is funded by the U.S. government under the Social Security Act, Title XIX, as amended; Public Laws 92-223, 92-602, 93-66, 93-233, 96-499, 97-35, 97-2248, 98-369, 99-272, 99-509, 100-93, 100-202, 100-203, 100-360, 100-436, 100-485, 100-647, 101-166, 101-234, 101-239, 101-508, 101-517, 102-234, 102-170, 102-394, 103-66, 103-112, 103-333, 104-91, 104-191, 104-193, 104-208, and 104-134; Balanced Budget Act of 1997, Public Law 105-33.

**Medicaid – Title XIX (3 to 21)** (Fund No. 25153) Minimum Balance: None  
 To provide financial assistance from the Federal government which flows-through the State of New Mexico to school districts, for payments of medical assistance on behalf of cash assistance recipients, children, pregnant women and the aged who meet income and resource requirements, and other categorically-eligible groups. The program is funded by the U.S. government under the Social Security Act, Title XIX, as amended; Public Laws 92-223, 92-602, 93-66, 93-233, 96-499, 97-35, 97-2248, 98-369, 99-272, 99-509, 100-93, 100-202, 100-203, 100-360, 100-436, 100-485, 100-647, 101-166, 101-234, 101-239, 101-508, 101-517, 102-234, 102-170, 102-394, 103-66, 103-112, 103-333, 104-91, 104-191, 104-193, 104-208, and 104-134; Balanced Budget Act of 1997, Public Law 105-33.

**Workforce Investment Act** (Fund No. 25220) Minimum Balance: None  
 To account for the federal revenues and expenditures for training to increase the basic skills, work readiness or occupational skills, including secondary diplomas or other credentials. The creation of this fund was authorized by Workforce Investment Act of 1998, Title I.

**Birth to 2 Year** (Fund No. 28105) Minimum Balance: None  
 Accounts for the state grant revenues and expenditures for the operation and maintenance of delivering services to developmentally disabled children between birth and two years old. The creation of this fund was authorized by the grant provisions.

**Healthier Schools** (Fund No. 28155) Minimum Balance: None  
 To account for state funds used for school based health centers infrastructure, develop and implement billing protocols, improve communication with school personnel, families, and outside agencies, and improve behavioral health programs. The fund was created by the NM Public Education Department.

**REC Donations** (Fund No. 29101) Minimum Balance: None  
 The account for funds donated to the Region IX Education Cooperative for the purpose of educating children. The fund was created by the NM Public Education Department.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
**REGION IX EDUCATION COOPERATIVE**

NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
**Combining Balance Sheet**  
**June 30, 2019**

	<b>Special Revenue Funds</b>						
	Carl D Perkins - JAG Fund #24171	Carl D Perkins Secondary Redistribution Fund #24176	Headstart Fund #25127	Title XIX Medicaid Fund #25152	Title XIX Medicaid Fund #25153	Workforce Investment Act Fund #25220	Birth to Two Year Fund #28105
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ 100,515	\$ 694,780	\$ -	\$ 116,512
Receivables:							
Grant	<u>80,318</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,053</u>	<u>32,366</u>	<u>74,264</u>	<u>148,596</u>	<u>10,078</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<u><u>\$ 80,318</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 20,653</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 132,881</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 769,044</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 148,596</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 126,590</u></u>
 <b>Liabilities, deferred inflows and fund balance</b>							
Liabilities:							
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,653	\$ -	\$ 40,279	\$ -	\$ -
Due to other funds	<u>80,318</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>148,596</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities	80,318	-	20,653	-	40,279	148,596	-
Fund balance:							
Restricted for:							
Special revenue funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>132,881</u>	<u>728,765</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126,590</u>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balance</b>	<u><u>\$ 80,318</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 20,653</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 132,881</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 769,044</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 148,596</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 126,590</u></u>

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
**REGION IX EDUCATION COOPERATIVE**

NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
**Combining Balance Sheet**  
**June 30, 2019**

	<b>Special Revenue Funds</b>		
	Healthier Schools <u>Fund #28155</u>	REC Donations <u>Fund #29101</u>	Total Nonmajor Governmental <u>Funds</u>
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 3,500	\$ 915,907
Receivables:			
Grant	<u>26,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>392,175</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<u><u>\$ 26,500</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,500</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,308,082</u></u>
 <b>Liabilities, deferred inflows and fund balance</b>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,932
Due to other funds	<u>20,562</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>249,476</u>
Total liabilities	20,562	-	310,408
Fund balance:			
Restricted for:			
Special revenue funds	<u>5,938</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>997,674</u>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balance</b>	<u><u>\$ 26,500</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,500</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,308,082</u></u>

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
**REGION IX EDUCATION COOPERATIVE**

NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
**Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and  
 Changes in Fund Balance  
 Year Ended June 30, 2019**

**Special Revenue Funds**

	Carl D Perkins JAG Fund #24171	Carl D Perkins Secondary Redistribution Fund #24176	Headstart Fund #25127	Title XIX Medicaid Fund #25152	Title XIX Medicaid Fund #25153	Workforce Investment Act Fund #25220	Birth to Two Year Fund #28105
<b>Revenues:</b>							
Intergovernmental - federal grants	\$ 80,318	\$ 24,226	\$ 1,676,441	\$ 436,779	\$ 1,167,541	\$ 655,750	\$ -
Intergovernmental - state grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	264,840
Contributions - private grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	600	-	-	-	-
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>80,318</u>	<u>24,226</u>	<u>1,677,041</u>	<u>436,779</u>	<u>1,167,541</u>	<u>655,750</u>	<u>264,840</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>							
Current:							
Instruction	-	-	828,298	-	-	-	-
Support services:							
Students	-	-	459,848	281,232	363,516	-	61,308
Instruction	77,125	24,073	-	-	-	-	-
General Administration	3,193	153	283,620	22,666	31,502	48,769	51,961
Central Services	-	-	-	-	43,758	22,480	-
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	-	-	32,035	-	-	22,585	24,981
Student transportation	-	-	30,098	-	-	-	-
Food services operations	-	-	36,136	-	-	-	-
Community services	-	-	7,006	-	-	561,916	-
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<u>80,318</u>	<u>24,226</u>	<u>1,677,041</u>	<u>303,898</u>	<u>438,776</u>	<u>655,750</u>	<u>138,250</u>
<i>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures</i>	-	-	-	132,881	728,765	-	126,590
<b>Fund balance at beginning of the year</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Fund balance at end of the year</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 132,881</u>	<u>\$ 728,765</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 126,590</u>

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
**REGION IX EDUCATION COOPERATIVE**

NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
**Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and  
 Changes in Fund Balance  
 Year Ended June 30, 2019**

	Special Revenue Funds		Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	Healthier Schools <u>Fund #28155</u>	REC Donations <u>Fund #29101</u>	
	\$	\$	
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Intergovernmental - federal grants	-	-	\$ 4,041,055
Intergovernmental - state grants	131,636	-	396,476
Contributions - private grants	-	500	500
Miscellaneous	-	-	<u>600</u>
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>131,636</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>4,438,631</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
Current:			
Instruction	-	-	828,298
Support services:			
Students	122,762	-	1,288,666
Instruction	-	-	101,198
General Administration	2,936	-	444,800
Central Services	-	-	66,238
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	-	-	79,601
Student transportation	-	-	30,098
Food services operations	-	-	36,136
Community services	-	2,846	<u>571,768</u>
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<u>125,698</u>	<u>2,846</u>	<u>3,446,803</u>
<i>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures</i>	5,938	(2,346)	991,828
<b>Fund balance at beginning of the year</b>	-	5,846	5,846
<b>Fund balance at end of the year</b>	<u>\$ 5,938</u>	<u>\$ 3,500</u>	<u>\$ 997,674</u>

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## OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

*( STATE REQUIRED DISCLOSURES )*

Supplemental schedules required by the State of  
New Mexico to provide additional analysis.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
**REGION IX EDUCATION COOPERATIVE**

SCHEDULE OF PLEDGED COLLATERAL  
**June 30, 2019**

	<u>First Savings Bank</u>
<b>Cash on deposit at June 30, 2019:</b>	
Checking and savings	\$ 6,964,887
Less: FDIC coverage	(250,000)
Uninsured funds	\$ 6,714,887
 <b>Amount requiring pledged collateral:</b>	
50% collateral requirement	\$ 3,357,443
Pledged collateral	6,062,465
Excess (deficiency) of pledged collateral	\$ 2,705,022

Pledged collateral of financial institutions consists of the following at June 30, 2019

<u>First Savings Bank</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>CUSIP #</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
FNMA	1/5/2022	3135G0S38	\$ 904,651
FNMA	3/1/2022	31418ADU9	85,454
FHLMC	4/1/2022	31294MN72	30,546
FHLMC	3/1/2023	3128MDNT6	73,274
FNMA	7/1/2023	31418AVM7	117,373
FNMA	7/1/2023	31418AVM7	60,860
FHLMC	5/1/2027	3136A75A6	147,939
FNR	9/25/2027	3136A75A6	1,631,627
FHR	11/15/2027	3137AWKN4	79,628
RNMA	12/1/2027	31417D5C3	188,619
FNMA	1/1/2028	3138EKJA4	53,845
FNR	1/25/2028	3136AA2L8	43,179
FNMA	12/1/2029	3138ERHG8	698,806
FHLMC	2/1/1930	3128mMECV1	195,900
FNMA	2/1/1930	3138ETU53	544,756
FHLMC	8/1/1931	3132KFNN8	475,730
FNMA	1/1/1932	3138ER2Q2	165,219
GNR	11/20/1938	38377TBL4	14,520
GNR	11/20/1938	38377TBL4	3,630
GNR	11/20/1938	38377TBL4	14,520
FHR	1/15/1943	3137BPP29	532,389
			\$ 6,062,465

The above securities are held at First Savings Bank, Beresford, SD.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
**REGION IX EDUCATION COOPERATIVE**

CASH RECONCILIATION  
**Year Ended June 30, 2019**

	<u>Beginning Cash</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Distributions</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Net Cash End of Period</u>	<u>Adjustments to the report</u>	<u>Total Cash on Report</u>
Federal Flowthrough Funds	\$ (48,224)	\$ 72,450	\$ 104,544	\$ -	\$ (80,318)	\$ 80,318	\$ -
Federal Direct Funds	345,369	3,324,823	3,022,894	-	647,298	148,597	795,895
State Flowthrough Funds	4,238,717	12,699,189	11,227,049	(77,241)	5,633,616	(2,765,800)	2,867,816
State Direct Funds	159,866	200,032	263,948	-	95,950	20,562	116,512
Local/State	(1,160,906)	3,792,919	5,144,836	-	(2,512,823)	2,516,323	3,500
Total	<u>\$ 3,534,822</u>	<u>\$ 20,089,413</u>	<u>\$ 19,763,271</u>	<u>\$ (77,241)</u>	<u>\$ 3,783,723</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,783,723</u>

Account Name  
Operational

Account Type  
Checking - Interest

Bank Name  
First Savings Bank

Bank Amount  
\$ 6,964,887

Adjustments to report:

Checks not mailed at yearend	\$ -
Interfund loans - pooled cash	5,068,795
Interfund loans - pooled cash	<u>(5,068,795)</u>
Total adjustment to the report	<u>\$ -</u>

Adjustments to cash:

Bank Balance	\$ 6,964,887
Outstanding checks	(3,181,164)
Errors	-
Total adjusted cash	<u>\$ 3,783,723</u>



## 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

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Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program;  
Report on Internal Control Over Compliance; and  
Report on the Schedule of Expenditures of  
Federal Awards Required By Uniform Guidance

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs:  
Summary of Auditor's Results  
Financial Statement Findings  
Federal Award Findings

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Summary Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

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Required Disclosure

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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., State Auditor,  
The Governing Council and Audit Committee of  
Region IX Education Cooperative

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, the budgetary comparisons of the general fund and major special revenue funds, of the Region IX Education Cooperative as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Region IX Education Cooperative's basic financial statements, and the combining and individual funds and related budgetary comparisons of Region IX Education Cooperative, presented as supplemental information, and have issued our report thereon dated September 6, 2019.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

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

**Compliance and other matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Region IX Education Cooperative'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 any instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Brian S. Colón, Esq., State Auditor,  
The Governing Council and Audit Committee of  
Region IX Education Cooperative

### 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 the Region IX Education Cooperative's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Accounting & Financial Solutions, LLC*  
Farmington, New Mexico  
September 6, 2019



REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL  
OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
REQUIRED BY UNIFORM GUIDANCE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Brian S. Colón, Esq., State Auditor,  
The Governing Council and Audit Committee of  
Region IX Education Cooperative

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

We have audited Region IX Education Cooperative's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Region IX Education Cooperative's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2019. Region IX Education Cooperative's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

***Management's Responsibility***

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

***Auditor's Responsibility***

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

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of Region IX Education Cooperative's compliance.

***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

In our opinion, Region IX Education Cooperative complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2019.

Brian S. Colón, Esq., State Auditor,  
The Governing Council and Audit Committee of  
Region IX Education Cooperative

### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

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

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

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

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

*Accounting & Financial Solutions, LLC*  
Farmington, New Mexico  
September 6, 2019

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES  
OF FEDERAL AWARDS

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
**REGION IX EDUCATION COOPERATIVE**

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
**Year Ended June 30, 2019**

<u>Federal Grantor/Pass - Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	<u>Passed To Subrecipients</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>
<b>U.S. Department of Labor:</b>				
Direct Program:				
Workforce Investment Act	17.259	N.A	\$ -	\$ 655,750
<b>U.S. Department of Education:</b>				
<u>U.S. Department of Education (continued):</u>				
Pass-Through Programs From:				
New Mexico Public Education Department:				
Carl D Perkins - JAG	84.048	V048A170031	-	80,318
Carl D Perkins Secondary Redistribution	84.048	V048A180031-18A	-	24,226
Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy Award	84.371C	19-924-00112	-	49,516
<i>Total U.S. Department of Education</i>			-	<u>154,060</u>
<b>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:</b>				
Direct Programs:				
Headstart	93.600	06CH7149-06-03	-	1,677,041
Pass-Through Program From:				
New Mexico Department of Health:				
Title XIX Medicaid	93.778	N/A	-	438,776
Title XIX Medicaid	93.778	N/A	-	303,898
Pass-Through Program From:				
New Mexico Department of Children, Youth and Families:				
Headstart	93.600	19-690-4000-15657	-	27,244
Maternal, Infant, and early Childhood Home Visits	93.870	19-690-4000-15936	-	74,868
Maternal, Infant, and early Childhood Home Visits	93.870	18-690-21153	-	737,255
ESSA Preschool Development Grant B-5	93.434	19-690-4000-16663	-	<u>81,402</u>
<i>Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</i>				<u>3,340,484</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ -	<u>\$ 4,150,294</u>

See the accompanying notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.





**1. Scope of audit pursuant to OMB Uniform Grant Guidance**

All federal grant operations of Region IX Education Cooperative (the “Cooperative”) are included in the scope of the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) Uniform Grant Guidance audit (the “Single Audit”). The Single Audit was performed in accordance with the provisions of the OMB Circular Compliance Supplement (Revised July 2019 the “Compliance Supplement”). Compliance testing of all requirements are described in the Compliance Supplement, was performed for the grants programs noted below. These programs represent all federal award programs and other grants with fiscal year 2019 cash and non-cash expenditures to ensure coverage of at least 20% (LOW risk auditee) of federally granted funds. Actual coverage is approximately 58% of total cash and non-cash federal award program expenditures. Total cash expenditures were in the amount of \$4,150,294 and all non-cash expenditures amounted to \$0.

<u>MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAM DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
Cash Assistance:	
Headstart	\$ 1,677,041
Title XIX Medicaid	742,674
Total	<u>\$ 2,419,715</u>

The Cooperative had one federal program, Headstart CFDA# 93.600, considered to be a High-Risk Type A program for the year ended June 30, 2019.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is the Cooperative’s oversight agency for single audit.

**2. Summary of significant accounting policies**

Basis of presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the “Schedule”) includes the federal grant activity of the Cooperative under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2019. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Uniform Grant Guidance. Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Cooperative, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position and changes in net position of the Cooperative. All federal programs considered active during the year ended June 30, 2019, are reflected on the Schedule. An active federal program is defined as a federal program for which there were receipts or disbursements of funds or accrued (deferred) grant revenue adjustments during the fiscal year or a federal program considered as not completed or closed out at the beginning of the fiscal year. The Schedule is prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Grant revenues are recorded for financial reporting purposes when the Cooperative has met the qualifications for the respective grant.

Accrued and deferred reimbursements

Various reimbursement procedures are used for Federal awards received by the Cooperative. Consequently, timing differences between expenditures and program reimbursements can exist at the beginning and end of the year. Accrued balances at year end represent an excess of reimbursable expenditures over receipts to date. Deferred balance at year-end represent an excess of cash receipts over reimbursable expenditure to date. Generally, accrued or deferred balances covered by differences in the timing of cash receipts and expenditures will be reversed in the remaining grant period.

**3. Indirect costs**

The Cooperative has not elected to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost.



I. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Occurrences</u>
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:			
Type of auditor's report issued: <u>Unmodified</u>			
Internal control over financial reporting:			
Material weakness(es) identified?	—	✓	—
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	—	✓	—
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	—	✓	—
FEDERAL AWARDS:			
Internal control over major programs:			
Material weakness(es) identified?	—	✓	—
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	—	✓	—
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance with major programs: <u>Unmodified</u>			
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 200.516 of the Uniform Guidance?	—	✓	—
The programs treated as major programs include:			
<b><u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u></b>	<b><u>CFDA Number</u></b>		
Headstart	93.600		
Title XIX Medicaid	93.778		
The threshold for distinguishing types A and B programs: <u>\$750,000</u>			
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	✓	—	

II. FINDINGS RELATED TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

There were not any findings to be reported.

III. AUDIT FINDINGS - MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT

There were not any findings to be reported.



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I. NOT RESOLVED

There were not any findings to be reported from the prior year.

II. RESOLVED

2017 – 002 PROCUREMENT CODE

*Current Status:* Resolved. Not repeated in the current year.



The independent public accountants assisted in the preparation of the financial statements.

An exit conference was held September 23, 2019 and was attended by the following individuals:

Region IX Education Cooperative

Travis Lightfoot	Chair Coordinating Council
Brian Dooley	Executive Director
Carmen M Spann	Business Manager

ACCOUNTING & FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS, LLC

Terry Ogle, CPA	Partner
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