

MILES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CUSTER COUNTY, MONTANA

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

**AUDIT REPORT**

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**ORGANIZATION**

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Jamie Ogolin	Chairperson
Tara Andrews	V. Chairperson
Jenna Janshen	Secretary
Debbie Morford	Trustee
Jeff Okerman	Trustee
Garret McFarland	Trustee
Ryan Jones	Trustee

**COLLEGE OFFICIALS**

Dr. Ron Slinger	President
Dr. Rita Kratky	Vice President of Academic Affairs
Kylene Phipps	Vice President of Administrative Services and Human Resources
Erin Niedge	Vice President of Enrollment Management and Educational Support Services
Richard De Shields	Vice President of Student Engagement and Auxiliary Services
Nancy Aaberge	Chief Financial Officer

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Trustees  
Miles Community College  
Miles City, Montana

### Report on the Financial Statements

#### *Opinions*

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities and the discretely presented component unit of Miles Community College, (the "College") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the College's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities and the discretely presented component unit of Miles Community College, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### *Basis for opinions*

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Miles Community College and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### *Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements*

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

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

### ***Auditor's Responsibility for the audit of the Financials Statements***

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

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

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

### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, schedule of employer contributions – OPEB and share of total OPEB liability, schedule of employer's proportionate share of net pension liability, and schedule of employer contributions as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the 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.

**Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the College’s basic financial statements. The functional classification of operating expenses, student financial aid modified statement of cash receipts and disbursements, schedule of federal expenditures – student financial assistance program, schedule of full-time equivalents, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is 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 March 24, 2025, on our consideration of the College’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the College’s internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the College’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Wipfli LLP

Billings, Montana  
March 24, 2025

## Overview

Miles Community College was founded in 1939 and is located in Miles City, Montana. The College mission promotes students for success and provides opportunities for lifelong learning through quality programs, community outreach, and partnerships.

The following is a Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) for Miles Community College, which includes an overview of its financial condition and assists the reader in focusing on significant financial issues for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information has been prepared by management and is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements and footnotes.

## Using the Financial Statements

The College's financial statements consist of the following three statements: Statement of Net Position; Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position; and Statement of Cash Flows.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 35, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis-For Public Colleges and Universities*. These statements focus on the financial condition of the college, the results of operations, and cash flows of the college as a whole.

A discussion of each of the individual statements follows. Some key points to be aware of regarding the statements are:

- The financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting, which means revenues are reported when earned, and expenses are reported when incurred, regardless of when the cash was actually received or paid.
- Capital assets are depreciated over their expected useful lives instead of recorded entirely as a current period expense in the year of acquisition. Depreciation is treated as an operating expense, and capital assets are reported in the statements at cost less accumulated depreciation.
- Assets and liabilities are treated as current (due within one year) or as non-current (due in more than one year) and, in the Statement of Net Position, are presented in order of their relative liquidity.
- Revenues and expenses are classified as operating or non-operating. "Operating" is defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) as resulting from transactions involving exchanges of goods or services for payment. "Non-operating" is defined by GASB as resulting from transactions not involving the exchange of goods or services for payment. Miles Community College shows a substantial "operating loss" in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position primarily because GASB requires that State Appropriation and District Levy revenues must be reported as "non-operating."
- Tuition and fees are reported net of any tuition waivers that were applied directly to a student's account.
- Due to the issuance of GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, and GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, the Statement of Net Position added new sections, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources.

- The issuance of GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, provides guidance regarding the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based IT arrangements (SBITA). It establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset (an intangible asset) and a corresponding subscription liability. The provisions of the statement were effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022 and all reporting periods thereafter. The College implemented GASB Statement No. 96 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

The three financial statements are designed to help the reader of the financial statements to determine whether the College's overall financial condition has improved or deteriorated as a result of the current year's financial activities. These financial statements present similar information to that disclosed in private sector financial statements.

### Financial Highlights for Fiscal Year 2024

#### Statement of Net Position

The Statement of Net Position, which reports all assets and liabilities of the College, presents the financial position of the College at the end of the fiscal year. The net position is simply the difference between total assets and total liabilities. The change in net assets during the fiscal year is an indicator of the change in the overall financial condition of the College during the year. A summary of the Statement of Net Position follows:

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>June 30, 2024</b>	<b>June 30, 2023</b>
Total current assets	\$4,481,948	\$4,323,199
Total noncurrent assets	10,000,947	9,989,478
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>14,482,895</b>	<b>14,312,677</b>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>1,229,426</b>	<b>1,394,446</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Total current liabilities	742,486	802,678
Total noncurrent liabilities	7,082,734	6,997,422
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>7,825,220</b>	<b>7,800,100</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>995,714</b>	<b>1,235,524</b>
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Net Investment Capital Assets	8,327,024	8,062,890
Restricted, expendable	115,560	115,560
Unrestricted	(1,551,197)	(1,506,951)
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$6,891,387</b>	<b>\$6,671,499</b>



**Comparison of 2024 and 2023 Financial Position**

- **Current assets** include the College’s cash; taxes, grants, and accounts receivable; inventories; and other assets expected to benefit the College within one year. The \$158,749 increase from FY 2023 to FY 2024 was due primarily to an increase in cash and accounts receivable.
- **Noncurrent assets** primarily represent the College’s capital assets less accumulated depreciation. The increase of \$11,469 is primarily due to right-to-use subscription assets.
- **Current liabilities** include payroll and related liabilities, amounts payable to suppliers for goods and services received, revenue received which the College has not yet earned, student deposit balances, and debt principal payments due within one year. Total current liabilities decreased by \$60,192 from FY 2023 to FY 2024, due largely to a decrease in current portion of subscription liabilities.
- **Noncurrent liabilities** primarily represent debt principal payments due after a one-year period and the amount of compensated absence liability estimated to be due after a one-year period. These balances increased a total of \$85,312 from FY 2023 to FY 2024, primarily due to increases in net pension liability.
- **Net Investment Capital Assets** represent the historical costs of capital assets less accumulated depreciation and less debt balances related to the capital assets. This balance increases as assets are acquired, and debt is repaid and decreases as assets are depreciated, and debt is incurred. Total capital assets net of related debt increased by \$264,134 from FY 2023 to FY 2024 as capital assets increased.
- **Restricted expendable net assets** represent funds that may be expended by the College but only in accordance with restrictions imposed by an external party, such as a donor or governmental entity.
- **Unrestricted net assets** are funds that the College has to use for whatever purpose it determines is appropriate. These assets may be designated for specific purposes by the action of management.
- **Total net position** increased by \$219,886 from FY 2023 to FY 2024, which is a reflection of an increase in right-to-use subscription assets.

**Statement of Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position**

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position presents the revenues earned and expenses incurred during the year on a full accrual basis, which means revenues and expenses are recognized when they were earned or incurred, regardless of when cash was received or paid. Results of operations are classified as either operating or non-operating.

A summary of the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position follows:

	<b>June 30, 2024</b>	<b>June 30, 2023</b>
Operating revenues	\$5,557,095	\$5,355,396
Operating expenses	11,722,982	11,098,419
<b>OPERATING LOSS</b>	<b>(6,165,887)</b>	<b>(5,743,023)</b>
Non-operating revenues (expenses)	6,385,773	5,528,534
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$219,886</b>	<b>(\$214,489)</b>

**Comparison of 2024 and 2023 Results of Operations**

- **Operating revenues** represent the revenue received from tuition and fees, federal, state, and private grants and contracts, indirect cost recoveries (from grants), auxiliary activities, and other operating revenues. Total operating revenues increased by \$201,699 from FY 2023 to FY 2024. This is due primarily to increased tuition and fees.
  
- **Non-operating revenue (expenses)** consists of capital contributions, interest income, state appropriations, district levies, interest payments, and other non-operating revenues and expenses. Non-operating revenue increased \$874,310 from FY 2023 to FY 2024. This is due primarily to increased state appropriations and federal grants and contracts.

**Increase in net position** represents the difference between total revenues and total expenses.

The following provides a comparative analysis of revenues and expenses for two fiscal years:

**ANALYSIS OF ALL SOURCES OF REVENUE**

Source of Revenue	Fiscal Year 2024		Fiscal Year 2023		Increase (decrease) FY'24 vs. FY'23
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	
<b>Operating revenues</b>					
Tuition and fees (net)	\$2,250,688	18.70%	\$2,135,391	19.49%	\$115,297
Auxiliary enterprise activities	1,650,796	13.72%	1,606,640	14.66%	44,156
Private and local grants and contracts	617,115	5.13%	606,577	5.54%	10,538
Federal grants and contracts	329,626	2.74%	332,199	3.03%	(2,573)
Athletic donations	318,268	2.64%	282,261	2.58%	36,007
State grants and contracts	263,200	2.19%	268,682	2.45%	(5,482)
Other operating revenues	127,402	1.06%	123,646	1.13%	3,756
<b>Total operating revenue</b>	<b>5,557,095</b>	<b>46.17%</b>	<b>5,355,396</b>	<b>48.87%</b>	<b>201,699</b>
<b>Non-operating revenues</b>					
State appropriations	3,513,079	29.19%	2,933,534	26.77%	579,545
District levies	1,546,202	12.85%	1,437,104	13.11%	109,098
Federal grants and contracts	795,101	6.61%	633,190	5.78%	161,912
State reimbursements	460,323	3.82%	431,226	3.93%	29,097
Interest income	162,215	1.35%	96,669	0.88%	65,546
Gain on disposal of capital assets	905	0.01%	71,792	0.66%	(70,888)
<b>Total non-operating revenues</b>	<b>6,477,825</b>	<b>53.83%</b>	<b>5,603,515</b>	<b>51.13%</b>	<b>874,310</b>
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>\$12,034,920</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$10,958,911</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$1,076,009</b>

**ANALYSIS OF CATEGORY OF EXPENSE**

<b>Category of Expenses</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2024</b>		<b>Fiscal Year 2023</b>		<b>Increase (decrease) FY’24 vs. FY’23</b>
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percent</b>	
<b>Operating expenses</b>					
Personnel expenses	\$6,436,634	54.48%	\$6,033,976	54.00%	\$402,659
Scholarships and grants	1,434,565	12.14%	1,366,107	12.23%	68,457
Supplies	1,303,484	11.03%	1,242,889	11.12%	23,228
Contracted services	1,224,171	10.36%	1,279,835	11.45%	(55,664)
Depreciation and amortization	747,023	6.32%	688,789	6.16%	58,233
Other expense	335,173	2.84%	236,618	2.12%	155,513
Travel	241,935	2.05%	250,205	2.24%	(8,270)
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>11,722,982</b>	<b>99.22%</b>	<b>11,098,419</b>	<b>99.33%</b>	<b>644,156</b>
<b>Non-operating expenses</b>					
Interest payments	92,052	0.78%	74,979	0.67%	(2,521)
<b>Total non-operating expenses</b>	<b>92,052</b>	<b>0.78%</b>	<b>74,979</b>	<b>0.67%</b>	<b>(2,521)</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$11,815,034</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$11,173,398</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$641,635</b>

Comments about specific revenue and expense items are:

- **Revenues:** During FY 2024, the College received an increase in tuition and fees of \$115,297.
- **Expenses (general comment):** Overall expenses increased \$641,635 from FY 2023 to FY 2024. Increases in personnel expense and other expenses were the most significant factors affecting the overall increase in expenses.

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

The Statement of Cash Flows provides information about the College’s sources and uses of cash during the fiscal year. This statement aids in assessing the College’s ability to meet obligations and commitments as they become due, their ability to generate future cash flows and their needs for external financing. As required by GASB, the statement is presented using the “Direct Method,” which focuses on those transactions that either provided or used cash during the fiscal year.

A summary of the Statement of Cash Flows follows:

<b>CASH FLOW CATEGORY</b>	<b><u>June 30, 2024</u></b>	<b><u>June 30, 2023</u></b>
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operating activities	(\$5,416,168)	(\$5,316,780)
Noncapital activities	6,303,148	5,429,537
Capital financing activities	(963,753)	(659,915)
Investing activities	<u>162,215</u>	<u>96,669</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash	<u>85,442</u>	<u>(450,489)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>3,293,679</u>	<u>3,744,168</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u><u>\$3,379,121</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,293,679</u></u>

**Comparison of 2024 and 2023 Cash Flows**

- **Operating activities** represent the revenue received from tuition and fees, federal, state, and private grants and contracts, indirect cost recoveries (from grants), auxiliary activities, and other operating revenues. Total operating activities increased by \$99,388 from FY 2023 to FY 2024. This is mainly due to payments for employees.
- **Noncapital financing activities** consist of interest income, state appropriations, district levies, interest payments, and other non-operating revenues and expenses. Non-operating activities increased \$873,611 from FY 2023 to FY 2024. The major items affecting this change were state appropriations and federal grants and contracts.
- **Capital and related financing activities** consist of purchases of capital assets and payments of principal and interest on loans. These activities decreased \$303,838, mainly due to the principal paid on capital debt and leases.

**Capital Assets**

The College’s investment in capital assets as of June 30, 2024, equates to \$9,481,253, net of accumulated depreciation. Investment in capital assets normally includes land, buildings, improvements, machinery and equipment, library holdings, and software. The decrease was due to depreciation of capital assets. See additional information within footnote 5.

**Debt Administration**

The College’s long-term debt obligations as of June 30, 2024, equating to \$1,476,863. The College had three long-term debt obligations at fiscal year-end June 30, 2024. See additional information within footnote 6.

**DISCUSSION OF SIGNIFICANT PENDING ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ISSUES**

- **Enrollment** – Miles Community College is located in eastern Montana and has a Fall 2023 headcount of 660 and full-time equivalent (FTE) of 383. This represents an 2.08% decrease in FTE from the Fall 2022 15-day census, and a 13.21% increase in headcount from 583 at Fall 2022 end of term. Community college enrollments across the country have been seriously impacted and have struggled to rebound from the COVID-19 pandemic, and MCC has also been impacted by record low unemployment rates in its immediate service region. MCC continues to utilize strategic enrollment management and planning measures and implement campus wide student success programming in an effort to positively impact enrollment for the future. Efforts made to partner with K-12 schools, the business community, and other

colleges and universities in Montana have led to enrollment gains, though it means headcount increases at a more rapid rate than FTE as many new students are non-degree seeking or dual enrollment and not taking a full-time credit load.

- **Workforce Training** - The need for workforce training is still prevalent in Custer County and all of Eastern Montana. MCC has met this need by partnering with local employers and entities through Advisory Boards to our academic programs and through a workforce training program with eastern Montana employers called Workforce Solutions (WFS). The WFS partners MCC with a business or non-profit to develop a certificate or badge from the company for their employees to earn by taking the companies selected curriculum/courses at MCC (online/hyflex/in person) to advance their skills in the workplace and/or prepare them at the company for progression into future roles/positions. The companies have a liaison at MCC to assist in monitoring and enrolling their employees in the selected program at MCC. This program provides an economical and custom professional workforce training program via MCC for companies to up-skill their workforce and grow employees within their company to meet job needs, expansion and development. MCC is still host to the Small Business Development Center for Eastern Montana. Additionally, MCC has developed a Career Development and Interpersonal Skills course that we are offering for free to high school students throughout Montana through our Opportunity Realized Program. We now have 32 school district partners. This course teaches vital soft skills needed and requested from over 1,000 Montana businesses through a recent Montana Chamber of Commerce survey. Furthermore, MCC continues to extended partnerships with four-year colleges and universities to create additional offerings and degree completion opportunities for MCC students. Through partnerships that allow our students to complete degrees while remaining in Eastern Montana. These are opportunities designed to allow rural eastern Montana students to remain in place to complete their training using online and remote instruction and on-site clinical and lab delivery in Miles City. The College's strategic plan (Vision 2028) has positioned MCC to meet the workforce and educational needs of Custer County, the Miles City community, and all of Eastern Montana.
- **Faculty and Staff** – The College continues to have challenges finding and retaining qualified faculty and staff. Competitive trade areas make it extremely challenging to offer wages competitive with what can be found in the field. Additionally, availability and pricing of housing (rent and/or purchasing of a home) make the competitive salary even higher to maintain affordable living expenses. As a result, the College sees few qualified applicants in high demand areas such as nursing, CDL, computers, science, and math.
- **State and Local Funding** – Eastern Montana has remained economically sound since the recession and has seen recent growth with the potential for large growth in various industries. To support growth in the service region and increased employment options for its population, Miles Community College must continue to work with the state legislature, local taxpayers, federal and private grants, and private industry to develop funding and partnership opportunities to maintain inflationary costs and meet demands associated with new program and economic development.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions about this report or need additional information, contact President Dr. Ron Slinger, 2715 Dickinson Street, Miles City, MT 59301, 406-874-6165.

Miles Community College, Custer County, Montana  
Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2024

	<u>Primary Government</u>	<u>Component Unit</u>
	<u>Business-Type</u>	<u>Miles Community</u>
	<u>Activities</u>	<u>College</u>
		<u>Foundation</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,263,561	\$ 546,671
Taxes receivable	44,541	-
Grants receivable	121,225	-
Accounts receivable - net	883,409	78,000
Inventories	112,925	-
Prepaid expense	56,287	-
Total current assets	<u>4,481,948</u>	<u>624,671</u>
Noncurrent assets:		
Restricted cash and investments	115,560	1,200,011
Capital assets, net	9,481,253	-
Right-to-use subscription assets, net	404,134	-
Total noncurrent assets	<u>10,000,947</u>	<u>1,200,011</u>
Total assets	<u>14,482,895</u>	<u>1,824,682</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Pension and OPEB related deferred outflows	<u>1,229,426</u>	<u>-</u>

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements

Miles Community College, Custer County, Montana  
Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2024

	<b>Primary Government</b>	<b>Component Unit</b>
	<b>Business-Type</b>	<b>Miles Community</b>
	<b>Activities</b>	<b>College</b>
		<b>Foundation</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	57,677	130,504
Accrued payroll	306,687	-
Unearned revenue - tuition and fees	203,678	-
Student deposits	23,100	-
Current portion of compensated absences payable	56,297	-
Current portion of long term obligations	85,495	73,471
Current portion of subscription liabilities	39,652	-
Total current liabilities	772,586	203,975
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Compensated absences payable	506,672	-
Long term obligations	1,391,368	139,049
Other post employment benefits	379,761	-
Net pension liability	4,732,985	-
Subscription liabilities	41,848	-
Total noncurrent liabilities	7,052,634	139,049
Total liabilities	7,825,220	343,024
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Pension and OPEB related deferred inflows	995,714	-
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	8,327,024	-
Restricted for debt service	115,560	-
Restricted for scholarships, research, instruction, and other	-	1,481,658
Unrestricted	(1,551,197)	-
Total net position	\$ 6,891,387	\$ 1,481,658

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements

Miles Community College, Custer County, Montana  
Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Net Position  
June 30, 2024

	<u>Primary Government</u>	<u>Component Unit</u>
	<u>Business-Type</u>	<u>Miles Community</u>
	<u>Activities</u>	<u>College</u>
		<u>Foundation</u>
<b>Operating revenues</b>		
Tuition and Fees (net of scholarship allowance of \$1,038,775) \$	2,250,688	\$ -
Auxiliary activities	1,650,796	-
Private and local grants and contracts	617,115	691,025
State grants and contracts	263,200	-
Athletic donations	318,268	-
Federal grants and contracts	329,626	-
Other operating revenues	127,402	-
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Total operating revenues	\$ 5,557,095	\$ 691,025
<b>Operating expenses</b>		
Personnel services \$	6,436,634	\$ -
Scholarships and grants	1,434,565	88,474
Contracted services	1,224,171	-
Supplies	1,303,481	-
Depreciation and amortization expense	747,023	-
Other operating expense	335,173	-
Travel	241,935	-
Program disbursements	-	455,443
Professional fees	-	23,801
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Total operating expenses	\$ 11,722,982	\$ 567,718
Operating income (loss)	<u>\$ (6,165,887)</u>	<u>\$ 123,307</u>

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements



Miles Community College, Custer County, Montana  
Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Net Position  
June 30, 2024

	<b>Primary Government</b>	<b>Component Unit</b>
	<b>Business-Type Activities</b>	<b>Miles Community College Foundation</b>
<b>Non-operating revenues (expenses)</b>		
State appropriations	\$ 3,513,079	\$ -
District levies	1,546,202	-
Federal grants and contracts	795,101	-
State reimbursements	460,323	-
Interest revenue	162,215	153,206
Debt service interest expense	(92,052)	-
Interest expense	-	(15,745)
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets	905	-
	\$ 6,385,773	\$ 137,461
Change in net position	\$ 219,886	\$ 260,768
Net position, beginning	\$ 6,671,501	\$ 1,220,890
Net position, ending	\$ 6,891,387	\$ 1,481,658

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Miles Community College, Custer County, Montana  
Statement of Cash Flows  
June 30, 2024

	<b>Primary Government</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>	
Tuition and fees	\$ 2,222,376
Grants and contracts	1,159,434
Payments to employees	(6,339,887)
Payments to suppliers	(2,534,186)
Payments for utilities	(303,205)
Payments for scholarships and fellowships	(1,434,564)
Auxiliary activities	1,651,397
Other cash receipts (payments)	162,467
Net cash used in operating activities	\$ (5,416,168)
<b>Cash flows from noncapital financing activities</b>	
State appropriations	\$ 3,513,079
Federal grants and contracts	795,101
State reimbursements	460,323
District levies	1,534,645
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	\$ 6,303,148
<b>Cash flows from capital and related financing activities</b>	
Purchase of capital assets	\$ (408,942)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	6,785
Purchase of right to use subscription assets	(231,599)
Principal paid on capital debt and leases	(106,997)
Interest paid on capital debt and leases	(60,016)
Principal paid on subscription liabilities	(130,948)
Interest paid on subscription liabilities	(32,036)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	\$ (963,753)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>	
Interest received on cash and cash equivalents	\$ 162,215
Net cash provided by investing activities	\$ 162,215
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 85,442
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	3,293,679
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 3,379,121
<b>Reconciliation to Statement of Net Position</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,263,561
Restricted cash	115,560
Total cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,379,121

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**Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided  
by (used in) operating activities**

Operating loss	\$	(6,165,887)
Noncash income and expense:		
Depreciation and amortization		747,023
Other post employment benefits		24,179
Net pension benefits		58,873
Changes in net assets and liabilities:		
Grants receivable		(50,504)
Accounts receivable - net		(133,377)
Prepaid expense		2,961
Inventories		(19,378)
Accounts payable		580
Accrued payroll		(554)
Deferred revenue - tuition and fees		80,885
Student deposits		600
Compensated absences payable		38,431
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>\$</u>	<u>(5,416,168)</u>

**Schedule of noncash financing and investing activities**

Acquisition of right-to-use subscription assets financed by subscription liabilities	\$	95,166
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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Miles Community College (the College) complies with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Pronouncements.

**Financial Reporting Entity**

In determining the financial reporting entity, the College complies with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 14, The Financial Reporting Entity, and includes all component units of which the College appointed a voting majority of the units' board; the College is either able to impose its will on the unit or a financial benefit, or burden relationship exists. In addition, the College complies with GASB Statement No. 39, Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units, which relates to organizations that raise and hold economic resources for the direct benefit of the College. The College adopted the provision of GASB Statement No. 61, The Financial Reporting Entity, which amended statement No. 14.

*Primary Government*

The College was established under Montana law to provide post-secondary educational services. Based on the criteria for determining the reporting entity (separate legal entity and financial or fiscal dependency on other governments), the College is a primary government as defined by GASB Cod. Sec. 2100 and has one component unit.

*Discretely Presented Component Units*

Discretely presented component units are separate legal entities that meet the component unit criteria described above but do not meet the criteria for blending. The College has the following discretely presented component unit: Miles Community College Foundation (the Foundation).

**Basis of Presentation, Measurement Focus, and Basis of Accounting**

For financial reporting purposes, the College is considered a special-purpose government engaged only in business-type activities. Accordingly, the financial statements of the College are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Proprietary funds account for operations that are primarily financed by user charges. The economic resource focus involves determining costs as a means of maintaining the capital investment and management control. Revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized when incurred. Allocations of costs, such as depreciation, are recorded in proprietary funds.

The College distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connections with the proprietary funds' principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues for enterprise funds are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expense, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the College's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reported periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### **Income Taxes**

As a public institution of higher education, the income of the College is generally exempt from federal and state income taxes under Section 115(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and a similar provision of state law. However, the College is subject to federal income tax on any unrelated business taxable income. Defined by the Internal Revenue Code, unrelated business income is income from a trade or business regularly carried on that is not substantially related to the performance by the organization of its exempt purpose or function. The College does not have unrelated business income tax to report during fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

### **Pensions**

#### Teachers Retirement System

The Teachers' Retirement System prepares its financial statements using the accrual basis of accounting. For the purposes of measuring the Net Pension Liability, deferred inflows of resources and deferred outflows of resources related to pensions, pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS), and additions to/deductions from TRS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same accrual basis as they are reported by TRS. For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized as of employer payroll paid dates, and benefit payments and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value. TRS adheres to all applicable Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) statements.

TRS' stand-alone financial statements, actuarial valuations, and experience studies can be found online at <https://trs.mt.gov/TrsInfo/NewsAnnualReports>.

### Montana Public Employees Retirement System

Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration (MPERA) prepared financial statements using the accrual basis of accounting. The same accrual basis was used by MPERA for the purposes of determining the NPL; Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources related to pensions; Pension Expense; the Fiduciary Net Position; and Additions to or Deductions from Fiduciary Net Position. Member contributions are recognized in the period in which contributions are due. Employer contributions are recognized when due, and the employer has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions.

Revenues are recognized in the accounting period they are earned and become measurable. Benefit payments and refunds are recognized in the accounting period in which they are due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Expenses are recognized in the period incurred. Investments are reported at fair value. MPERA adhered to all accounting principles generally accepted by the United States of America. MPERA applied all applicable pronouncements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

### **Other Post-Employment Benefits**

#### Montana University System (MUS) OPEB liability

For purposes of measuring the MUS OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the MUS OPEB and plan expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the plan and additions to/deductions from the plan's fiduciary net position have been determined based on the same basis as they are reported by the MUS OPEB plan. These are allocated to employers based on their proportionate share. For this purpose, benefits payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms.

### **Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position includes a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The College has two items that qualify for reporting in this category: the deferred net pension liability for MPERA and TRS and deferred other post-employment benefits (OPEB) liability for the MUS OPEB plan reported on the government-wide Statement of Net Position. The deferred net pension and OPEB liability result from changes in assumptions or other inputs in the actuarial calculation of the College's net pension and OPEB liability.

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position includes a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The College has two items that qualify for reporting in this category: the deferred net pension liability for MPERA and TRS and deferred other post-employment benefits (OPEB) liability for the MUS OPEB plan reported on the government-wide Statement of Net Position. The deferred net pension and OPEB liability result from changes in assumptions or other inputs in the actuarial calculation of the College's net pension and OPEB liability.

## **NOTE 2 CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS**

### **Cash Composition**

The College's cash is held by the Custer County Treasurer and pooled with other County cash. With the College cash that is not necessary for short-term obligations, the College participates in a County-wide investment program whereby all available cash is invested by the County Treasurer in pooled investments. Interest earned on the pooled investments is distributed to each contributing entity and fund on a pro-rata basis. The County's investment portfolio as of June 30, 2024, consisted of time deposits, U.S. Government Securities, Repurchase Agreements, and the State Short-Term Investment Pool (STIP).

The College does not own specific identifiable investment securities in the pool; therefore, is not subject to categorization. Information regarding investment risk, collateral, security, and fair values for Custer County deposits and investments is available from Custer County Treasurer's office, 1010 Main Street, Miles City, Montana 59301. The Custer County external investment pool is not rated. Fair value approximates carrying value for investments as of June 30, 2024.

The College may invest in savings deposits, time deposits, or repurchase agreements in financial institutions that are both located in Montana and insured by FDIC, FSLIC, or NCUA. The College may also invest in general obligations of the United States Government, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Mortgage Corporation, and Federal Farm Credit Bank, or a U.S. Government security money market fund which holds eligible securities in its investment program, or in a unified investment program with the state, county treasurer, or any other political subdivision as long as investments are eligible.

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash equivalents include all cash and investments, including restricted cash.

## Deposits

The College’s cash, cash equivalents, and investments as of June 30, 2024, consisted of the following:

Cash on hand	\$ 5,811
Restricted cash – Debt Service	115,560
Invested in the County Investment Pool	3,257,750
Total cash and investments	<u>\$ 3,379,121</u>

## Disclosures Relating to Credit Risk

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The Custer County Investment Pool does not have a rating provided by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

## Concentration of Credit Risk

The investment policy of the College contains no limitations on the amount that can be invested in any one issuer beyond that stipulated by the Montana Code Annotated. There are no investments in any one issuer that represent 5% or more of the total College investments.

## Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Montana law requires 50% security of deposits with financial institutions in excess of the depository insurance coverage limits. A governmental entity’s money is insured for each “public unit” based on how the account is titled at the financial institution. The Custer County government is considered to have \$250,000 FDIC coverage for demand deposits and \$250,000 FDIC coverage for time and savings deposits in each bank in the state.

The College’s deposits with financial institutions did not exceed federal depository insurance limits at June 30, 2024. The College’s deposits are held with Custer County Investment Pool.

The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty (e.g., broker-dealer) to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party. Custodial credit risk does not apply to a local government’s indirect investment in securities through the use of mutual funds or governmental investment pools (such as the Custer County Investment Pool).



**NOTE 3 RECEIVABLES**

**Taxes**

Property tax levies are set in August, in connection with the budget process, and are based on taxable values listed as of January 1 for all property located in the District. Taxable values are established by the Montana Department of Revenue, and a revaluation of all property is required to be completed on a periodic basis. Taxable value is defined by Montana statute as a fixed percentage of market value.

Real property taxes are generally billed in October and are payable 50% by November 30 and 50% by May 31. After these dates, taxes become delinquent and become a lien on the property. Personal property is assessed, and personal property taxes are billed throughout the year, with a significant portion generally billed in May, June, and July. Personal property taxes are based on levies set during the prior August. These taxes become delinquent 30 days after billing.

Taxes that become delinquent are charged interest at the rate of 5/6 of 1% a month plus a penalty of 2%. Real property on which taxes remain delinquent and unpaid may be sold at tax sales. In the case of personal property, the property is to be seized and sold after the taxes become delinquent.

An allowance for uncollectable accounts was not maintained for real and personal property taxes receivable. The direct write-off method is used for these accounts.

**Student Accounts Receivable**

Student accounts receivable are reported net of allowance for doubtful accounts. These amounts are included in “Accounts Receivable – Net” on the Statement of Net Position.

Student accounts receivable	\$ 301,001
Less allowances	<u>(41,100)</u>
Net student accounts receivable	<u>\$ 259,901</u>

**Accounts Receivable- Other and Credit Cards Receivable**

Accounts receivable other than student accounts receivable of \$615,209, and credit cards receivable of \$8,299 are included in “Accounts Receivable – Net” on the Statement of Net Position.

An allowance for uncollectable accounts was not maintained for accounts receivable-other and credit cards receivable. The direct write-off method is used for these accounts.

### **Grants Receivable**

Grants receivable of \$121,225 generally includes Federal and State grants. An allowance for uncollectable accounts was not maintained for these grants.

### **Unearned Revenue**

Unearned revenue includes amounts received from student tuition and fees prior to the end of the fiscal year relating to summer term. These revenues are earned in the subsequent year.

### **Scholarship Discounts and Allowances**

Student tuition and fee revenues and certain other revenues from students are reported net of scholarship discounts and allowances in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position.

Scholarship discounts and allowances are the difference between the stated charge for goods and services provided by the College and the amount that is paid by students and/or other third parties making payments on the student's behalf.

## **NOTE 4 INVENTORIES AND PREPAID EXPENSES**

Inventories are valued at cost using the First In First Out (FIFO) method. The cost of inventories is recorded as an expenditure when consumed.

Prepaid expenses to vendors benefit future reporting periods and are also reported on the consumption basis.

## **NOTE 5 CAPITAL ASSETS**

The College's assets are capitalized at historical cost, or estimated historical cost, and the capitalization threshold for reporting purposes is as follows:

*Major tangible* items costing \$5,000 or more and having a useful life of more than one year, shall be capitalized and depreciated over the useful life of the item, when applicable, for purposes of property management and this policy. The useful life of an item shall be determined by Business Office personnel. Items costing less than \$5,000 shall be expensed.

*Software* costing \$25,000 or more and having a useful life of more than one year shall be capitalized and depreciated over the useful life of the software, when applicable, for purposes of property management and this policy. The useful life of the software shall be determined by Business Office personnel. Items costing less than \$25,000 shall be expensed.

*Library* books shall be treated as a collection. Books shall be capitalized and reported at their historical cost. In the absence of historical cost information, the book's estimated historical cost shall be used. Donated books shall be capitalized and reported at their estimated acquisition value at the time of donation.

All capitalized individual books shall be depreciated over their estimated useful life using the straight-line method for depreciation, with no salvage value, and the collection shall be depreciated over its estimated useful life using one type of group or composite depreciation method, with no salvage value. The estimated useful life shall be determined by Business Office personnel.

*Buildings and building improvements* costing \$25,000 or more shall be capitalized, and the useful life determined by the structure type defined in a current useful life table maintained by Business Office personnel. Buildings and building improvements costing less than \$25,000 shall be expensed.

*Land* purchases shall be capitalized, regardless of cost.

*Land improvements and infrastructure* costing \$25,000 or more shall be capitalized, and the useful life determined by the category of improvement as defined in a current useful life table maintained by Business Office personnel. Land improvements and infrastructure costing less than \$25,000 shall be expensed.

Gifts or contributions of capital assets are recorded at acquisition value when received. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs are charged to operations as incurred.

Depreciation is recorded on a straight-line basis over the useful lives of the assets as follows:

Buildings	.....	20-50 years
Land improvements	.....	15 years
Equipment	.....	5-20 years
Library	.....	5 years
Software	.....	5 years

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The following tables present the changes in capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2024:

	Balance 7/1/2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance 6/30/2024
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 666,056	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 666,056
CIP	28,664	5,623	-	34,287
Total capital assets not being depreciated	694,720	5,623	-	700,343
Other capital assets				
Buildings	15,731,441	111,879	-	15,843,320
Machinery & equipment	3,051,810	271,642	(56,537)	3,266,915
Software	405,847	-	-	405,847
Library inventory	105,127	2,024	-	107,151
Land improvements	171,253	17,774	-	189,027
Total other capital assets at historical cost	19,465,478	403,319	(56,537)	19,812,260
Less accumulated depreciation				
Buildings	(7,540,273)	(370,680)	-	(7,910,953)
Machinery & equipment	(2,438,349)	(190,383)	50,656	(2,578,076)
Software	(405,847)	-	-	(405,847)
Library inventory	(100,696)	(1,577)	-	(102,273)
Land improvements	(20,536)	(13,665)	-	(34,201)
Total accumulated depreciation	(10,505,701)	(576,305)	50,656	(11,031,350)
Total capital assets, depreciable, net	8,959,777	(172,986)	(5,881)	8,780,910
Total	\$ 9,654,497	\$(167,363)	\$ (5,881)	\$ 9,481,253

*Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements* are amortized over the years remaining on the term of the arrangement. The following table presents the changes in the Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements for the year ended June 30, 2024:

	Balance 7/1/2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance 6/30/2024
Right of use assets:				
Right of use – software agreements	\$ 50,709	\$ 326,766	\$ -	\$ 677,475
Less accumulated amortization:				
Right of use – software agreements	(102,623)	(170,718)	-	(273,341)
Right of use – software agreements, net	248,086	156,048	\$ -	404,134

**NOTE 6      LONG TERM LIABILITIES**

The following table presents the changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2024:

	Balance 7/1/2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance 6/30/2024	Due within one year
Contracted debt	\$ 1,583,860	\$ -	\$(106,997)	\$1,476,863	\$ 85,495
Compensated absences	524,538	110,073	(71,642)	562,969	56,297
Other post-employment benefits	355,582	24,179	-	379,761	-
Net pension liability	4,599,322	133,663	-	4,732,985	-
Total	<u>\$7,063,302</u>	<u>\$267,915</u>	<u>\$(178,640)</u>	<u>\$7,152,578</u>	<u>\$141,792</u>

Contracted Debt

USDA Rural Development #2

The mortgage payable to the USDA Rural Development was in the original amount of \$1,500,000. This note is payable in monthly installments of \$6,630 on the 18th day of each month. This note bears interest at 4.375% per annum. This note is secured by the residence hall building. Final payment on this note is due on April 18, 2044.

Annual requirement to amortize debt for USDA Rural Development:

For Fiscal Year Ended	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 34,162	\$ 45,398
2026	35,686	43,874
2027	37,279	42,281
2028	38,944	40,616
2029	40,682	38,878
2030-2034	232,326	165,474
2035-2039	289,020	108,780
2040-2044	345,110	38,274
Total	<u>\$1,053,209</u>	<u>\$523,575</u>

Montana Department of Environmental Quality

The note payable to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality was in the original amount of \$350,408 and will be paid off on August 1, 2031. This note is payable in annual installments of \$23,553, due on August 1st of each year. Interest is payable at 3.00% per annum.

Annual requirement to amortize debt for the Montana Department of Environmental Quality:

For Fiscal Year Ended	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 18,593	\$ 4,960
2026	19,151	4,402
2027	19,725	3,828
2028	20,317	3,236
2029	20,927	2,626
2030-2032	66,621	4,038
Total	<u>\$ 165,334</u>	<u>\$ 23,090</u>

Board of Investments of the State of Montana

The note payable to the Board of Investments of the State of Montana was in the original amount of \$480,000. This note is payable in semi-annual installments due on February 15th and August 15th of each year. This mortgage bears interest at a variable rate, currently at 5.75%. Final payment on this note is due on August 15, 2031.

Annual requirement to amortize debt for Board of Investments of the State of Montana:

For Fiscal Year Ended	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 32,740	\$ 14,382
2026	33,250	12,490
2027	33,767	10,571
2028	34,293	8,622
2029	34,826	6,642
2030-2032	89,444	7,741
Total	<u>\$ 258,320</u>	<u>\$ 60,448</u>

Compensated absences

Non-teaching College employees earn vacation leave ranging from fifteen to twenty-four days per year, depending on the employee’s years of service. Vacation leave may be accumulated not to exceed two times the maximum number of days earned annually. Sick leave is earned at a rate of one day per month for non-teaching employees and at the rate of one day per month for the length of the full-time teaching contract. Upon retirement or termination, employees are paid for 100% of unused vacation and 25% of unused sick leave. Upon termination, all payments are made at the employee’s current rate of pay.

**NOTE 7      RIGHT-TO-USE SUBSCRIPTION ASSETS AND RELATED SUBSCRIPTION LIABILITIES**

In May 2020, the GAB issued Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, which provided guidance regarding the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based IT arrangements (SBITA). It establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset (an intangible asset) and a corresponding subscription liability. The provisions of the statement were effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022 and all reporting periods thereafter. The College implemented GASB Statement No. 96 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

The College capitalizes the SBITA obtained under contracts in accordance with GASB Statement No. 96. The assets are calculated utilizing the value of the subscription liabilities plus any contract prepayments made for future periods, as well as any capitalizable initial implementation costs. The assets will be amortized over the years remaining on the term.

The College has SBITAs related to various right-to-use subscription assets, including cloud link encryption software, video licenses, virtual job shadow software, internet safety software, simulation learning software, recruiting software, and multimedia and creativity software products. Terms range from two to four years. The College recognized right-to-use subscription assets of \$677,475 at June 30, 2024. The accumulated amortization on the right-to-use subscription assets was \$273,641 at June 30, 2024

Future minimum subscription-based payments under the SBITAs as of June 30, 2024 are as follows:

For Fiscal Year Ended	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 39,652	\$ 4,645
2026	26,893	2,237
2027	7,085	472
2028	7,870	-
Total	\$ 81,500	\$ 7,354

There were no significant commitments under the SBITAs that existed before the commencement of the subscription terms or significant losses associated with impairment.

**NOTE 8 TRS RETIREMENT PLAN**

**Net Pension Liability**

In accordance with GASB Statement 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, employers are required to recognize and report certain amounts associated with their participation in the Montana Teachers’ Retirement System (TRS or the System). Statement 68 became effective June 30, 2015, and includes requirements to record and report their proportionate share of the collective Net Pension Liability. In accordance with Statement 68, the System has a special funding situation in which the State of Montana is legally responsible for making contributions directly to TRS that are used to provide pension benefits to the retired members of TRS. Due to the existence of a special funding situation, employers are also required to report the portion of the State of Montana’s proportionate share of the collective Net Pension Liability that is associated with the employer. The following table displays the amounts and the percentages of Net Pension Liability for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 (reporting date).

	<b>Net Pension Liability as of 6/30/2024</b>	<b>Percent of Collective NPL as of 6/30/2024</b>	<b>Change in Percent of Collective NPL</b>
Miles Community College Proportionate Share	\$3,184,134	0.1643%	0.0065%
State of Montana Proportionate Share associated with employer	\$1,720,081	0.0888%	0.0017%

At June 30, 2024, the employer recorded a liability of \$3,184,134 for its proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023. Therefore, no update procedures were used to roll forward the total pension liability to the measurement date. The employer’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on the employer’s contributions received by TRS during the measurement period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, relative to the total employer contributions received from all of TRS’ participating employers. At June 30, 2024, the employer’s proportion was 0.1643 percent.

***Changes in actuarial assumptions and other inputs:*** There have been no changes in actuarial assumptions since the previous measurement date.

***Changes in benefit terms:*** There have been no changes in benefit terms since the previous measurement date.



**Changes in proportionate share:** There were no changes between the measurement date of the collective net pension liability and the reporting date. However, each employer may have unique circumstances that will impact the employer’s proportionate share of the collective net pension liability.

**Pension Expense**

	<b>Pension Expense as of 6/30/2024</b>
Miles Community College Employer’s Proportionate Share	\$275,262
State of Montana Proportionate Share associated with the Employer	159,765
Total	\$435,027

At June 30, 2024, the employer recognized a Pension Expense of \$435,027 for its proportionate share of the TRS’ pension expense. The employer also recognized grant revenue of \$159,765 for the support provided by the State of Montana for its proportionate share of the pension expense that is associated with the employer.

**Deferred Inflows and Outflows**

At June 30, 2024, the employer reported its proportionate share of TRS’ deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to TRS from the following sources:

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$60,238	\$0
Changes in actuarial assumptions	46,188	198,921
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings	6,884	0
Changes in proportion and Differences between actual and expected contributions	97,880	18,517
*Contributions paid to TRS subsequent to the measurement date - FY 2024 Contributions	269,978	0
Total	\$481,167	\$217,438

- \* Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the employer’s contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2025.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<b>Year ended June 30:</b>	<b>Amount of Deferred Outflows (Inflows) to be recognized as an increase or (decrease) to Pension Expense</b>
2025	\$ (54,049)
2026	(151,727)
2027	194,112
2028	5,415
2029	-
Thereafter	-

**Plan Description**

Teachers’ Retirement System (TRS or the System) is a mandatory-participation multiple-employer cost-sharing defined-benefit public pension plan that provides retirement services to individuals employed as teachers, administrators, and in other professional and skilled positions employed in public education in Montana.

The TRS Board is the governing body of the System, and the TRS staff administers the system in conformity with the laws set forth in Title 19, chapter 20 of the Montana Code Annotated, and administrative rules set forth in Title 2, chapter 44 of the Administrative Rules of Montana. Additional information pertaining to membership, benefit structure, and prior years' actuarial valuations, as well as links to applicable statutes and administrative rules, may be obtained by visiting the TRS website at [trs.mt.gov](http://trs.mt.gov).

**Summary of Benefits**

Through June 30, 2013, all members enrolled in TRS participated in a single-tiered plan ("Tier One"). Employees with a minimum of 25 years of service or who have reached age 60 with 5 years of service are eligible to receive an annual retirement benefit equal to creditable service years divided by 60 times the average final compensation. Final compensation is the average of the highest three consecutive years of earned compensation. Benefits fully vest after 5 years of creditable service. Vested employees may retire at or after age 50 and receive reduced retirement benefits. Beginning July 1, 2013, new members in TRS participate in a second benefit tier ("Tier Two"), which differs from Tier One as follows:

- Tier Two uses a 5-year average final compensation (as opposed to 3-year AFC in Tier One)

- Tier Two provides for unreduced service retirement benefits at age 60 with 5 years of creditable service or at age 55 with at least 30 years of creditable service (rather than at age 60 with 5 years of service or at any age with creditable service in 25 years in Tier One)
- Tier Two provides for early retirement benefits with 5 years of creditable service at age 55 (rather than age 50 in Tier One)
- Tier Two has a one percent higher normal employee contribution rate (though a temporary 1% supplemental employee contribution rate is also now currently in place for Tier One members), and
- Tier Two provides for an enhanced benefit calculation -  $1.85\% \times \text{AFC} \times \text{years of creditable service}$  - for members retiring with at least 30 years of creditable service and at least 60 years of age (rather than  $1.6667 \times \text{AFC} \times \text{years of creditable service}$ )

A guaranteed annual benefit adjustment (GABA) is payable on January 1st of each calendar year for each retiree who has received at least 36 monthly retirement benefit payments prior to that date. The GABA is applicable to both Tier One and Tier Two members. The GABA for Tier One members is 1.5% of the benefit payable as of January 1st. For Tier Two members, the GABA each year may vary from 0.5% to 1.5% based on the retirement system's funding status and the period required to amortize any unfunded accrued actuarial liability as determined in the prior actuarial valuation.

### **Overview of Contributions**

The System receives a portion of the total required statutory contributions directly from the State for all employers. The employers are considered to be in a special funding situation as defined by GASB 68, and the State is treated as a non-employer contributing entity in TRS. The System receives 2.49% of reportable compensation from the State's general fund for School Districts and Other Employers. The System also receives 0.11% of reportable compensation from the State's general fund for all TRS Employers, including State Agency and University System Employers. Finally, the State is also required to contribute \$25 million in perpetuity, payable July 1st of each year.

The tables below show the legislated contribution rates for TRS members, employers, and the State.

**School District and Other Employers**

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Employers</u>	<u>General fund</u>	<u>Total employee &amp; employer</u>
Prior to July 1, 2007	7.15%	7.47%	0.11%	14.73%
July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2009	7.15%	7.47%	2.11%	16.73%
July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2013	7.15%	7.47%	2.49%	17.11%
July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014	8.15%	8.47%	2.49%	19.11%
July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015	8.15%	8.57%	2.49%	19.21%
July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016	8.15%	8.67%	2.49%	19.31%
July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017	8.15%	8.77%	2.49%	19.41%
July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018	8.15%	8.87%	2.49%	19.51%
July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	8.15%	8.97%	2.49%	19.61%
July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020	8.15%	9.07%	2.49%	19.71%
July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021	8.15%	9.17%	2.49%	19.81%
July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022	8.15%	9.27%	2.49%	19.91%
July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023	8.15%	9.37%	2.49%	20.01%
July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024	8.15%	9.47%	2.49%	20.11%

**State and University Employers**

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Employers</u>	<u>General fund</u>	<u>Total employee &amp; employer</u>
Prior to July 1, 2007	7.15%	7.47%	0.11%	14.73%
July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2009	7.15%	9.47%	0.11%	16.73%
July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2013	7.15%	9.85%	0.11%	17.11%
July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014	8.15%	10.85%	0.11%	19.11%
July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015	8.15%	10.95%	0.11%	19.21%
July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016	8.15%	11.05%	0.11%	19.31%
July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017	8.15%	11.15%	0.11%	19.41%
July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018	8.15%	11.25%	0.11%	19.51%
July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	8.15%	11.35%	0.11%	19.61%
July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020	8.15%	11.45%	0.11%	19.71%
July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021	8.15%	11.55%	0.11%	19.81%
July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022	8.15%	11.65%	0.11%	19.91%
July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023	8.15%	11.75%	0.11%	20.01%
July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024	8.15%	11.85%	0.11%	20.11%

**TRS Stand-Alone Statements**

TRS' stand-alone financial statements, actuarial valuations, and experience studies can be found online at <https://trs.mt.gov/TrsInfo/NewsAnnualReports>

### **Actuarial Assumptions**

The Total Pension Liability as of June 30, 2023, is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of July 1, 2023. There were several significant assumptions and other inputs used to measure the total pension liability. The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2023, valuation were based on the results of the last actuarial experience study, dated May 3, 2022. Among those assumptions were the following:

- Total Wage Increases\*  
Members and 3.50%-9.00% for Non-University  
4.25% for University Members
  - Investment Return 7.30%
  - Price Inflation 2.75%
  - Postretirement Benefit Increases
    - Tier One Members: If the retiree has received benefits for at least 3 years, the retirement allowance will be increased by 1.5% on January 1st.
    - Tier Two Members, the retirement allowance will be increased by an amount equal to or greater than 0.5% but no more than 1.5% if the most recent actuarial valuation shows the System to be at least 90% funded and the provisions of the increase is not projected to cause the funded ratio to be less than 85%.
  - Mortality among contributing members
    - PUBT-2010 General Employee mortality projected to 2021. Projected generationally using MP-2021.
  - Mortality among service retired members
    - PUBT-2010 Retiree mortality projected to 2021 adjusted 102% for males and 103% for females. Projected generationally using MP-2021.
  - Mortality among beneficiaries
    - PUBT-2010 Contingent Survivor table projected to 2021. Projected generationally using MP-2021.
  - Mortality among disabled
    - PUBT-2010 Disabled Retiree mortality table projected to 2021.
- \*Total Wage Increases include 3.50% general wage increase assumption

### **Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.30%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from participating plan members, employers, and non-employer contributing entities will be made based on the Board's funding policy, which establishes the contractually required rates under Montana Code Annotated. In addition to the contributions, the State general fund will contribute \$25 million annually to the System, payable July 1st of each year. Based on those assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be adequate to make all the projected future benefit payments of current plan members through the year 2132. Therefore, 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. No municipal bond rate was incorporated in the discount rate.

**Target Allocations**

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Target Asset Allocation</b>	<b>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</b>
Domestic Equity	30.00%	5.90%
International Equity	17.00%	7.14%
Private Investments	15.00%	9.13%
Real Assets	5.00%	4.03%
Real Estate	9.00%	5.41%
Core Fixed Income	15.00%	1.14%
Non-Core Fixed Income	6.00%	3.02%
Cash	3.00%	(0.33%)
	100.00%	

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.30% is reviewed as part of regular experience studies prepared for the System about every five years. The current long-term rate of return is based on analysis in the experience study report dated May 3, 2022, without consideration for the administrative expense analysis shown. Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and an analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of investment expense and inflation), along with estimates of variability and correlations for each asset class. These ranges were combined to develop the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and then adding expected inflation. The assumption is intended to be a long-term assumption (30 to 50 years) and is not expected to change absent a significant change in the asset allocation, a change in the underlying inflation assumption, or a fundamental change in the market that alters expected returns in future years.

**Sensitivity Analysis**

	<b>1.0% Decrease (6.30%)</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate (7.30%)</b>	<b>1.0% Increase (8.30%)</b>
The Employer's proportion of Net Pension Liability	\$4,498,167	\$3,184,134	\$2,085,399

In accordance with GASB 68 regarding the disclosure of the sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate, the above table presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.30%, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1.00% lower (6.30%) or 1.00% higher (8.30%) than the current rate.

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

The Teachers' Retirement System prepares its financial statements using the accrual basis of accounting. For the purposes of measuring the Net Pension Liability, deferred inflows of resources and deferred outflows of resources related to pensions, pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS), and additions to/deductions from TRS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same accrual basis as they are reported by TRS. For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized as of employer payroll paid dates, and benefit payments and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value. TRS adheres to all applicable Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) statements.

TRS' stand-alone financial statements, actuarial valuations, and experience studies can be found online at <https://trs.mt.gov/TrsInfo/NewsAnnualReports>

### **NOTE 9 PERS RETIREMENT PLAN**

In accordance with GASB Statement 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, employers and the non-employer contributing entity are required to recognize and report certain amounts associated with participation in the Public Employees' Retirement System Defined Benefit Retirement Plan (the Plan). This includes the proportionate share of the collective Net Pension Liability, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources associated with pensions. Employers are provided guidance in GASB Statement 68, paragraph 74, where pension amounts must be combined as a total or aggregate for reporting, whether provided through cost-sharing, single-employer, or agent plans. This report provides information for employers who are using a June 30, 2023, measurement date for the 2023 reporting. If an employer's fiscal year end is after June 30th, the employer will not use the measurements shown in this report but will need to wait for the measurement date as of June 30, 2024.

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

MPERA prepared financial statements using the accrual basis of accounting. The same accrual basis was used by MPERA for the purposes of determining the Net Pension Liability (NPL); Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources related to pensions; Pension Expense; the Fiduciary Net Position; and, Additions to or Deductions from Fiduciary Net Position. Member contributions are recognized in the period in which contributions are due. Employer contributions are recognized when due, and the employer has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period they are earned and become measurable. Benefit payments and refunds are recognized in the accounting period in which they are due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Expenses are recognized in the period incurred. Investments are reported at fair value. MPERA adhered to all accounting principles generally accepted by the United States of America. MPERA applied all applicable pronouncements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

### **General Information about the Pension Plan**

*Plan Description:* The PERS-Defined Benefit Retirement Plan (DBRP), administered by the Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration (MPERA), is a multiple-employer, cost-sharing plan established July 1, 1945, and governed by Title 19, chapters 2 & 3, Montana Code Annotated (MCA). This plan provides retirement benefits to covered employees of the State, local governments, and certain employees of the Montana University System, and school districts. Benefits are established by state law and can only be amended by the Legislature.

All new members are initially members of the PERS-DBRP and have a 12-month window during which they choose to remain in the PERS-DBRP or join the PERS-DCRP by filing an irrevocable election. Members may not be participants of both the *defined benefit* and *defined contribution* retirement plans. All new members from the universities also have a third option to join the university system's Montana University System Retirement Program (MUS-RP).

*Benefits provided:* The PERS-DBRP provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan members and their beneficiaries. Benefits are based on eligibility, years of service, and highest average compensation (HAC). Member rights are vested after five years of service.

#### **Service retirement:**

- Hired prior to July 1, 2011:
  - Age 60, 5 years of membership service
  - Age 65, regardless of membership service
  - Any age, 30 years of membership service
- Hired on or after July 1, 2011:
  - Age 65, 5 years of membership service
  - Age 70, regardless of membership service

#### **Early Retirement:**

- Hired prior to July 1, 2011:
  - Age 50, 5 years of membership service
  - Any age, 25 years of membership service
- Hired on or after July 1, 2011:
  - Age 55, 5 years of membership service

#### **Second Retirement:** (requires returning to PERS-covered employer or PERS service)

- Retired before January 1, 2016, and accumulate less than 2 years additional service credit or retired on or after January 1, 2016, and accumulate less than 5 years additional service credit:
  - A refund of member's contributions plus return interest (currently 2.02%, effective July 1, 2018).
  - No service credit for second employment;
  - Start the same benefit amount the month following termination; and
  - Guaranteed Annual Benefit Adjustment (GABA) starts again in the January, immediately following the second retirement.
- Retired before January 1, 2016, and accumulate at least 2 years of additional service credit:



- A recalculated retirement benefit based on provisions in effect after the initial retirement; and
- GABA starts on the recalculated benefit in the January after receiving the new benefit for 12 months.
- Retired on or after January 1, 2016, and accumulate 5 or more years of service credit:
  - The same retirement as prior to the return to service;
  - A second retirement benefit prior to the second period of service based on laws in effect upon the rehire date; and
  - GABA starts on both benefits in the January after receiving the original and the new benefit for 12 months.

**Member's highest average compensation (HAC)**

- Hired prior to July 1, 2011, highest average compensation during any consecutive 36 months;
- Hired on or after July 1, 2011 – highest average compensation during any consecutive 60 months.

**Compensation Cap**

- Hired on or after July 1, 2013 – 110% annual cap on compensation considered as a part of a member's highest average compensation.

**Monthly benefit formula**

- Members hired prior to July 1, 2011
  - Less than 25 years of membership service: 1.785% of HAC per year of service credit;
  - 25 years of membership service or more: 2% of HAC per year of service credit.
- Members hired on or after July 1, 2011
  - Less than 10 years of membership service: 1.5% of HAC per year of service credit;
  - 10 years or more, but less than 30 years of membership service: 1.785% of HAC per year of service credit;
  - 30 years or more of membership service: 2% of HAC per year of service credit.

**Guaranteed Annual Benefit Adjustment (GABA)**

After the member has completed 12 full months of retirement, the member's benefit increases by the applicable percentage (provided below) each January, **inclusive** of all other adjustments to the member's benefit.

- 3.0% for members hired **prior to** July 1, 2007
- 1.5% for members hired between July 1, 2007, and June 30, 2013
- Members hired on or after July 1, 2013:
  - (a) 1.5% for each year PERS is funded at or above 90%;
  - (b) 1.5% reduced by 0.1% for each 2.0% PERS is funded below 90%; and
  - (c) 0% whenever the amortization period for PERS is 40 years or more.

*Contributions:* The state Legislature has the authority to establish and amend contribution rates. Member and employer contribution rates are specified by Montana Statute and are a percentage of the member's compensation. Contributions are deducted from each member's salary and remitted by participating employers.

*Special Funding:* The state of Montana, as the non-employer contributing entity, paid to the Plan, additional contributions that qualify as *special funding*. Those employers who received *special funding* are all participating employers.

*Not Special Funding:* Per Montana law, state agencies, and universities paid their own additional contributions. The employer-paid contributions are *not* accounted for as special funding for state agencies and universities but are reported as employer contributions.

Member and employer contribution rates are shown in the table below.

	Member		State & Universities Employer
	Hired <07/01/11	Hired >07/01/11	
2024	7.900%	7.900%	9.170%
2023	7.900%	7.900%	9.070%
2022	7.900%	7.900%	8.970%
2021	7.900%	7.900%	8.870%
2020	7.900%	7.900%	8.770%
2019	7.900%	7.900%	8.670%
2018	7.900%	7.900%	8.570%
2017	7.900%	7.900%	8.470%
2016	7.900%	7.900%	8.370%
2015	7.900%	7.900%	8.270%
2014	7.900%	7.900%	8.170%
2012-2013	6.900%	7.900%	7.170%
2010-2011	6.900%		7.170%
2008-2009	6.900%		7.035%
2000-2007	6.900%		6.900%

1. Member contributions to the system of 7.9% are temporary and will be decreased to 6.9% on January 1 following actuary valuation results that show the amortization period has dropped below 25 years and would remain below 25 years following the reduction of both the additional employer and additional member contribution rates.
2. Employer contributions to the system:
  - a. Effective July 1, 2014, following the 2013 Legislative session, PERS-employer contributions increase an additional 0.1% a year and will continue over 10 years through 2024. The additional employer contributions, including the 0.27% added in 2007 and 2009, will terminate on January 1 following actuary valuation results that show the amortization period has dropped below 25 years and would remain below the 25 years following the reduction of both the additional employer and additional member contributions rates.
  - b. Effective July 1, 2013, employers are required to make contributions on working retirees' compensation. Member contributions for working retirees are not required.

- c. The portion of employer contributions allocated to the Plan Choice Rate (PCR) are included in the employers' reporting. The PCR was paid off effective March 2016, and the contributions previously directed to the PCR are now directed to member accounts.

3. Non-Employer Contributions:

a. Special Funding

- i. The state contributed 0.1% of members' compensation on behalf of local government entities.
- ii. The state contributed 0.37% of members' compensation on behalf of school district entities.
- iii. The state contributed a Statutory Appropriation from the General Fund of \$34,979,900.

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

GASB Statement 68 allows a measurement date of up to 12 months before the employer's fiscal year-end. The basis for the Total Pension Liability (TPL) as of June 30, 2023, is on an actuarial valuation performed by the Plan's actuary as of June 30, 2023.

The Total Pension Liability (TPL) minus the Fiduciary Net Position equals the Net Pension Liability (NPL). The proportionate shares of the employer's and the state of Montana's NPL for June 30, 2023, and 2022 are displayed below. The employer's proportionate share equals the ratio of the employer's contributions to the sum of all employer and non-employer contributions during the measurement period. The state's proportionate share for a particular employer equals the ratio of the contributions for the particular employer to the total state contributions paid. The employer recorded a liability of \$1,548,851, and the employer's proportionate share was 0.063468 percent.

As of measurement date	Net Pension Liability as of 6/30/2023	Net Pension Liability as of 6/30/2022	Percent of Collective NPL as of 6/30/2023	Percent of Collective NPL as of 6/30/2022	Change in Percent of Collective NPL
Miles Community College	\$ 1,548,851	\$ 1,496,153	0.063468%	0.062919%	0.000549%
State of Montana	429,940	448,733	0.017618%	0.018871%	(0.001253)%
Proportionate Share associate with Employer	\$ 1,978,791	\$ 1,944,886	0.081086%	0.081790%	(0.000704)%
<b>Total</b>					

*Changes in actuarial assumptions and methods:* There have been no changes to the assumptions or other inputs that affected the measurement of the TPL since the previous measurement date

*Changes in benefit terms:* There have been no changes in benefit terms since the previous measurement date.

*Changes in proportionate share:* There were no changes between the measurement date of the collective NPL and the employer's reporting date that are expected to have a significant effect on the employer's proportionate share of the collective NPL. However, each employer may have unique circumstances that will impact the employer's proportionate share of the collective net pension.

*Pension Expense:* At June 30, 2023, the employer recognized a Pension Expense of \$157,258 for its proportionate share of the Plan's pension expense. The employer also recognized grant revenue of \$40,335 for the support provided by the State of Montana for its proportionate share of the pension expense associated with the employer.

<b>As of measurement date</b>	<b>Pension Expense as of 6/30/2023</b>
Miles Community College's Proportionate Share	\$ 157,258
State of Montana State Proportionate Share with the employer	40,335
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 197,593</b>

*Recognition of Deferred Inflows and Outflows:* At June 30, 2023, the employer reported its proportionate share of the Plan's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources from the following sources:

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Expected vs. Actual Experience	\$ 61,688	\$ -
Projected Investment Earnings vs. Actual Investment Earnings	3,930	-
Changes in Assumptions	-	55,244
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between Employer Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	19,995	-
Employer Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	113,278	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 198,891</b>	<b>\$ 55,244</b>

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are recognized in the employer's pension expense as follows:

<b>For the Measurement Year ended June 30:</b>	<b>Recognition of Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows in future years as an increase or (decrease) to Pension Expense</b>
2024	\$ (26,484)
2025	(25,332)
2026	91,586
2027	(9,401)
Thereafter	-

*Actuarial Assumptions:* The total pension liability as of June 30, 2023, was determined on the results of an actuarial valuation date of June 30, 2023, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement. Among those assumptions were the following:

Investment Return (net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation)	7.30%
General Wage Growth*	3.50%
*includes Inflation at	2.75%
Merit Increases	0% to 4.80%
Postretirement Benefit Increases	
Guaranteed Annual Benefit Adjustment (GABA) each January	
• After the member has completed 12 full months of retirement, the member's benefit increases by the applicable percentage (provided below) each January, inclusive of all other adjustments to the member's benefit.	
○ Members hired prior to July 1, 2007	3.0%
○ Members hired between July 1, 2007 & June 30, 2013	1.5%
○ Members hired on or after July 1, 2013	
- For each year PERS is funded at or above 90%	1.5%
The 1.5% is reduced by 0.1% for each 2.0% PERS is funded below 90%	
- 0% whenever the amortization period for PERS is 40 years or more	0%

Mortality:

- Active Participants
  - PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Employer Mortality projected to 2021 for males and females. Projected generationally using MP-2021.
- Disabled Retirees
  - PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Disabled Retiree Mortality table, projected to 2021, set forward one year for both males and females.

- Contingent Survivors
  - PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Contingent Survivor Mortality projected to 2021 with ages set forward one year for males and females. Projected generationally using MP-2021
- Healthy Retirees
  - PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Healthy Retiree Mortality table projected to 2021, with ages set forward one year and adjusted 104% for males and 103% for females. Projected generationally using MP-2021.

The actuarial assumptions and methods utilized in the June 30, 2023 valuation, were developed in the five-year experience study for the period ending 2021.

*Discount Rate:* The discount rate used to measure the TPL was 7.30%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from participating plan members, employers, and non-employer contributing entities would be made based on the Board's funding policy, which established the contractually required rates under the Montana Code Annotated. The state contributed 0.10% of the salaries paid by local governments and 0.37% paid by school districts. In addition, the state contributed a statutory appropriation from the general fund. Based on those assumptions, the Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be adequate to make all the projected future benefit payments of current plan members through the year 2126. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the TPL. A municipal bond rate was not incorporated in the discount rate.

*Target Allocations:* The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is reviewed as part of regular experience studies prepared for the Plan about every five years. The long-term rate of return as of June 30, 2023, is based on analysis in the experience study report dated May 2, 2022 without consideration for the administrative expense analysis shown. Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and an analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of investment expense and inflation), along with estimates of variability and correlations for each asset class. These ranges were combined to develop the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and then adding expected inflation. The assumption is intended to be a long-term assumption (30 to 50 years) and is not expected to change absent a significant change in the asset allocation, a change in the underlying inflation assumption, or a fundamental change in the market that alters expected returns in future years.

The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class as of the most recent experience study, are summarized in the following table.

Asset Class	Target Asset Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Cash	3.0%	(0.33%)
Domestic Equity	30.0%	5.90%
International Equity	17.0%	7.14%
Private Investments	15.0%	9.13%
Real Assets	5.0%	4.03%
Real Estate	9.0%	5.41%
Core Fixed Income	15.0%	1.14%
Non-Core Fixed Income	6.0%	3.02%
Total	100.0%	

*Sensitivity of the proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate:*  
The following presents the employer’s sensitivity of the NPL to the discount rate in the table below. A small change in the discount rate can create a significant change in the liability. The NPL was calculated using the discount rate of 7.30%, as well as what the NPL would be if it were calculated using a discount rate 1.00% lower or 1.00% higher than the current rate.

As of measurement date	1.0% Decrease (6.30%)	Current Discount Rate (7.30%)	1.0% Increase (8.30%)
Miles Community College’s Net Pension Liability	\$2,237,310	\$1,548,851	\$971,296

### **PERS Disclosure for the defined contribution plan**

Miles Community College contributed to the state of Montana Public Employee Retirement System Defined Contribution Retirement Plan (PERS-DCRP) for employees that have elected the DCRP. The PERS-DCRP is administered by the PERB and is reported as a multiple-employer plan established July 1, 2002, and governed by Title 19, chapters 2 & 3, MCA.

All new PERS members are initially members of the PERS-DBRP and have a 12-month window during which they may choose to remain in the PERS-DBRP or join the PERS-DCRP by filing an irrevocable election. Members may not be participants of both the *defined benefit* and *defined contribution* retirement plans.

Member and employer contribution rates are specified by state law and are a percentage of the member’s compensation. Contributions are deducted from each member’s salary and remitted by participating employers. The state Legislature has the authority to establish and amend contribution rates.

Benefits are dependent upon eligibility and individual account balances. Participants are vested immediately in their own contributions and attributable income. Participants are vested after 5 years of membership service for the employer's contributions to individual accounts and the attributable income. Non-vested contributions are forfeited upon termination of employment per 19-3-2117(5), MCA. Such forfeitures are used to cover the administrative expenses of the PERS-DCRP.

At the plan level for the measurement period ended June 30, 2023, the PERS-DCRP employer did not recognize any net pension liability or pension expense for the *defined contribution* plan. Plan-level non-vested forfeitures for the 348 employers that have participants in the PERS-DCRP totaled \$1,409,309.

*Pension plan fiduciary net position:* The stand-alone financial statements of the Montana Public Employees Retirement Board (PERB) *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report* (CAFR) and the GASB 68 Report disclose the Plan's fiduciary net position. The reports are available from the PERB at PO Box 200131, Helena MT 59620-0131, (406) 444-3154 or both are available on the MPERA website at <http://mpera.mt.gov/index.shtml>

#### **NOTE 10 OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

On July 1, 2017, the College implemented GASB Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions, which recognizes a long-term obligation for OPEB benefits.

##### **Plan Description**

The healthcare plan provides for, and Montana State Law (§2-18-704) requires local governments to allow employees with at least 5 years of service and who are at least age 50, along with surviving spouses and dependents, to stay on the government's healthcare plan as long as they pay the same premium. Since retirees are usually older than the average age of the plan participants, they receive a benefit of lower insurance rates. This benefit is reported as the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liability. Actuaries Northwest has prepared for the Montana University System the Total OPEB Liability (TOL) under Governmental Accounting Standards Boards. The above-described OPEB plan does not provide a stand-alone financial report.

##### **Funding Policy**

The government pays OPEB liability costs on a pay-as-you-go basis. A trust fund for future liabilities has not been established.



**Annual OPEB Cost and Total OPEB Obligation**

The total OPEB liability (TOL) measured under GASB 75 is based upon Service Cost and more standardized reporting assumptions than prior Statements. As a pay-as-you-go public entity, GASB 75 requires a current municipal bond discount rate to establish an Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADC). The GASB 75 valuation is further required to show both historical and projected future net changes in total OPEB liability, as well as sensitivity to changes in key underlying assumptions.

The Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADC) for the Montana University System Employee Group Benefits Plan has been determined under the entry age normal cost method as of December 31, 2022. The assumptions for future experience are described in the Actuarial Basis section of this report. Many of the assumptions adopted by the Montana University System are the same as those used in the actuarial valuations for the pension plans that cover the same employees.

<b>Valuation Result Highlights</b>	<b>March 31, 2024</b>
Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADC)	\$ 44,105
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 379,761
Participants	74

- The Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADC) is the OPEB expense that is actuarially determined in accordance with the requirements of GASB 75. If funds equal to the ADC are not set aside each year, then this amount, less actual benefit payments, will accumulate as a liability reported as the Net OPEB Obligation on your financial statements. This amount is expected to be higher under GASB 75 due to the shorter amortization period, all else equal.
- The Total OPEB Liability (TOL) is the employer’s share of the actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributed to past service. In other words, this is equal to the present value of future benefits, less the present value of future retiree contributions.

**Sensitivity analyses required by GASB 75**

The first sensitivity analysis is required to show how your liability will change based on your assumed discount rate. As more assets are set aside to fund OPEB liabilities, your expected investment return may increase, offsetting more of your liability cost. A second sensitivity analysis is required to show how your liability will change based on a change in the healthcare trend rates used in the valuation.

***Sensitivity 1: Change in Discount Rate Assumption***

Discount rate baseline is: 4.12%

The OPEB liability calculated using a discount rate 1% greater than and 1% less than the baseline discount rate is shown in the table below.

	<b>Discount Rate-1%</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>Discount Rate +1%</b>
Discount Rate	3.12%	4.12%	5.12%
Net OPEB Liability	\$469,810	\$379,761	\$311,083
Change from Baseline	\$90,049	\$-	(\$68,678)

***Sensitivity 2: Change in Healthcare Trend Rate***

The healthcare trend rate baseline is:

	<u>Medical</u>	<u>Pharmacy</u>
Year 1	5.60%	6.50%
Year 2	5.20%	5.20%
Year 3	5.20%	5.20%
Year 4	5.10%	5.10%
Year 5	5.10%	5.10%
Year 6	5.00%	5.00%
Year 7	5.00%	5.00%
Year 8	5.00%	5.00%
Year 9	5.00%	5.00%
Year 10+	5.00%	5.00%

The OPEB liability calculated using healthcare trend vectors 1% greater than and 1% less than the baseline trends are shown in the table below.

	<u>Baseline Trend-1%</u>	<u>Baseline</u>	<u>Baseline Trend +1%</u>
Net OPEB Liability	\$307,818	\$379,761	\$476,962
Change from Baseline	(\$71,943)	\$-	\$97,201

**Recognition of Deferred Outflows and Inflows**

At June 30, 2023, the College reported its proportionate share of Other Post Employment Benefits' deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the Montana University System from the following sources:

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Differences between expected and actual experience, and changes of assumptions or other inputs		\$ 723,032
Benefits payments subsequent to measurement date	\$ 549,368	

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

<b>Year ended June 30</b>	<b>Net Outflow/ (Inflows) Total</b>
2025	\$(18,421)
2026	(18,421)
2027	(18,421)
2028	(18,421)
2029	(18,396)
Thereafter	(81,584)

### **OPEB Expense**

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the College recognized OPEB expense of \$26,355.

### **Total OPEB Liability**

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the College recognized a total OPEB liability of \$379,761.

### **Actuarial Methods and Assumptions**

The actuarial funding method used to determine the cost of the Montana University System Employee Group Benefits Plan is the normal entry-age funding method. The key definition under this method is that the accrued liability is the present value of future benefits less the present value of future normal costs, where the entry age normal cost is the amount of level contribution such that the present value of future normal costs at entry age is exactly equal to the present value of future benefits at entry age. That is, the accrued liability is defined as the present value of prior normal cost deposits. For liability that is not covered by assets of the plan, there is an unfunded liability to be funded over a stipulated period in accordance with an amortization schedule.

A detailed description of the calculation follows:

- An individual's present value of future benefit at entry age is calculated as the monthly benefit due at the point of separation.
- The normal cost at entry age is the present value of future benefit divided by the working lifetime, accounting for interest and inflation assumptions.
- An individual's accrued liability is the present value of the future benefit for valuation purposes at the beginning of the plan year, and an individual's normal cost is the present value of the benefit from the prior year trended forward an increment. If multiple decrements are used, the accrued liability and the normal cost for an individual are the sum of the component accrued liabilities and normal costs associated with the various anticipated separation dates. Such accrued liabilities and normal costs reflect the accrued benefits as modified to obtain the benefits payable on those dates and the probability of the individual separating on those dates.
- The plan's service cost is the sum of the individual normal costs, and the plan's accrued liability is the sum of the accrued liabilities for all participants under the plan.

Valuation Date	December 31, 2022
Measurement Date	March 31, 2024
Interest/Discount rate (average anticipated rate)	4.12%
Average salary increases (consumer price index)	3.50%
Participant percentage:	
Future retirees assumed to elect coverage at retirement	40.00%
Future eligible spouses of future retirees assumed to elect coverage	70.00%

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Such events include assumptions about future employment, mortality rates, and healthcare cost trends. Amounts are subject to continual review and revision as actual results are compared with past expectations, and new estimates are made.

**NOTE 11    NET POSITIONS**

The College's net position is classified as follows:

*Net Investment in Capital Assets* – This represents the College's total investment in capital assets, net of outstanding debt obligations related to those capital assets.

*Restricted Net Position, Expendable* – This includes resources which the College is legally or contractually obligated to spend in accordance with restrictions imposed by external third parties.

*Unrestricted Net Position* – Unrestricted net position represents resources derived from student fees, state appropriations, and sales and services of educational departments. These resources are used for transactions related to the educational and general obligations of the College and may be used at the discretion of the governing board to meet current expenses for any lawful purpose.

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

**NOTE 12 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The following schedule presents significant transactions between the primary government and its component units during the year ended June 30, 2024:

Component Unit	Significant Transactions
Miles Community College Foundation	
Scholarships, Stipends, and Other	\$414,427

**NOTE 13 RISK MANAGEMENT**

The College faces considerable number of risks of loss, including (a) damage to and loss of property and contents, (b) employee torts, (c) professional liability, i.e., errors and omissions, (d) environmental damage, (e) workers’ compensation, i.e., employee injuries and (f) medical insurance costs of employees. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Insurance Policies:

Commercial policies transferring all risks of loss, except for relatively small deductible amounts, are purchased for property and content damage, employees’ torts, and professional liabilities. Employee medical insurance is provided for by a commercial carrier. And, given the lack of coverage available, the College has no coverage for potential losses from environmental damages.

**NOTE 14      COMPONENT UNIT FOUNDATION**

The Miles Community College Foundation is a nonprofit organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Miles Community College Foundation assists the Miles Community College in achieving its mission to provide affordable and accessible comprehensive, quality, student-centered academic preparation and innovative vocational training programs. The mission of the Miles Community College Foundation is to assist the College with fundraising and to promote community awareness of campus needs to increase the flow of resources to support excellence in education. The primary sources of revenue for the Foundation are from contributions and investment income. As such, certain presentation features are different from GASB presentation features, and accordingly, no modifications have been made to the Foundation’s financial information in the College’s financial reporting entity for these differences.

Basis of Accounting

The accounts of the Foundation are maintained, and the financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized when incurred.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For financial statement purposes, the Foundation considers all highly liquid investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

The Foundation’s cash, cash equivalents, and investments as of June 30, 2024, consisted of the following:

Demand deposit accounts	\$108,811
Money market accounts	437,860
Restricted for Scholarships:	
Edward Jones Mutual Funds	858,731
First Interstate Financial Mutual Funds – MFS Utilities A	151,593
Charles Schwab Mutual Funds	189,687
Total	\$1,746,682

The Foundation’s deposit balance at June 30, 2024, was \$105,811, and the bank balance was \$106,775. At June 30, 2024, \$106,775 was insured by the Federal Deposit and Insurance Corporation (FDIC), and \$0 was uninsured and uncollected.

*Fair Value Measurements* – Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an ordinary transaction between market participants at the measurement date. A three-tier hierarchy prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value. These tiers include Level 1, defined as observable inputs such as quoted market prices in active markets; Level 2, defined as inputs other than quoted market prices in active markets that are either directly or indirectly observable; and Level 3, defined as unobservable inputs in which little or no market data exists, therefore, requiring an entity to develop its own assumptions. The asset's or liability's fair value measurement within the hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. As of June 30, 2024, all \$1,200,011 of the Foundation's investments were considered to be Level 1 securities.

The investments are carried at fair value, and unrecognized gains and losses are reflected in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position as interest income.

#### Promises to Give

Unconditional promises to give are recorded as receivables and contribution revenue in the year promised. Conditional promises to give are recognized only when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Intentions to give are not recognized as revenue unless they are legally enforceable. Promises to give for which the eventual uses are restricted by the donors are recorded as increases in net assets with donor restrictions. Unrestricted promises to give that will be collected in future periods are also recorded as an increase in net assets with donor restrictions released from restriction when received.

The Foundation analyzes the promises to give and records an allowance that management of the Foundation believes will reserve for possible losses on existing promises that may become uncollectible. The evaluation takes into consideration such factors as prior loss experience, current economic conditions, and collectability. The Foundation's management has determined that all promises to give are collectible as of June 30, 2024, and has not provided an allowance for doubtful accounts.

#### Contribution Revenue

Contributions are recognized as revenue when received. Conditional contributions are recognized as revenue when the barriers of entitlement are overcome and either a right of return of the assets transferred or a right of release of the promisor's obligation to transfer assets is removed. Assets received for which conditions have not been satisfied are recorded as a refundable advance liability.

Contributions are recognized as revenue when they are received or unconditionally promised. Contributions that are restricted by the donor are reported as increased in net assets without donor restrictions if the restrictions expire, which is the stipulated time when a restriction ends, or purpose restriction is accomplished in the reporting period in which the contributions are recognized. All other donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions, depending on the nature of the restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the consolidated statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Long Term Liabilities

The Foundation’s note payable to First Interstate Bank was in the original amount of \$568,905. The note is payable in annual installments of \$73,677 on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August. This note bears an interest rate of 6.14%. The note is secured through brokerage accounts held by First Interstate Bank. Final payment on the note is due August 15, 2027.

Annual requirement to amortize the Foundation’s note payable:

For Fiscal Year Ended	Principal	Interest
2025	\$73,471	\$1,310
2026	67,829	6,952
2027	71,220	3,561
Total	\$212,520	\$11,823

Classification of Net Position

The Foundation classifies all net assets as restricted by donor.

**NOTE 15      SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Management has evaluated the activities and transactions subsequent to June 30, 2024, to determine the need for any adjustments to and/or disclosure within the audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024. Management has performed this evaluation through March 24, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and has noted no items that require adjustments and/or disclosure.



MILES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CUSTER COUNTY, MONTANA

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

Miles Community College, Custer County, Montana  
Schedules of Employer Contributions – OPEB and Share of Total OPEB Liability  
June 30, 2024

**Schedule of Employer Contributions - OPEB**  
**Montana University System OPEB Plan**  
**Last 10 - Fiscal Years\***

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADC)	Total OPEB Liability (TOL)	Covered Payroll	TOL as a percentage of Payroll	Participants
March 31, 2018	\$ 34,863	\$ 323,548	\$ 3,502,122	9.24%	75
March 31, 2019	\$ 37,765	\$ 357,057	\$ 3,706,757	9.63%	75
March 31, 2020	\$ 31,627	\$ 244,127	\$ 4,268,594	5.72%	79
March 31, 2021	\$ 70,136	\$ 525,785	\$ 4,309,187	12.20%	72
March 31, 2022	\$ 48,114	\$ 436,474	\$ 4,416,917	9.88%	72
March 31, 2023	\$ 47,054	\$ 355,582	\$ 4,984,729	7.20%	74
March 31, 2024	\$ 44,105	\$ 379,361	\$ 5,159,194	7.36%	74

**Schedule of Employer's Proportionate Share of Total OPEB Liability**  
**Montana University System OPEB Plan**  
**Last 10 - Fiscal Years\***

Measurement Date	Employer's Portion of the OPEB Liability	Employer's Proportionate Share of OPEB Liability	Covered Payroll	TOL as a percentage of Payroll
March 31, 2018	0.0087298	\$ 323,548	\$ 3,502,122	9.24%
March 31, 2019	0.0086740	\$ 357,057	\$ 3,706,757	9.63%
March 31, 2020	0.0086310	\$ 244,127	\$ 4,268,594	5.72%
March 31, 2021	0.0087318	\$ 525,785	\$ 4,309,187	12.20%
March 31, 2022	0.0087318	\$ 436,474	\$ 4,416,917	9.88%
March 31, 2023	0.0093199	\$ 355,582	\$ 4,984,729	7.20%
March 31, 2024	0.0093101	\$ 379,361	\$ 5,159,194	7.36%

No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in GASB Statement No. 75, paragraph 4; these benefits are funded on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Miles Community College, Custer County, Montana  
Schedule of Employer's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability  
June 30, 2024

**Schedule of Employer's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability**  
**Teacher's Retirement System**  
**Last 10 - Fiscal Years \***  
**As of the Measurement Date of June 30,**

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability	0.1643%	0.1578%	0.1547%	0.1600%	0.1637%	0.1405%	0.1308%	0.1244%	0.1248%	0.1231%
Employer's proportion share of the net pension liability	\$ 3,184,134	\$ 3,103,169	\$ 2,562,317	\$ 3,600,094	\$ 3,156,045	\$ 2,608,297	\$ 2,205,990	\$ 2,272,867	\$ 2,051,243	\$ 1,894,158
State of Montana's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the Employer	<u>1,720,081</u>	<u>1,712,530</u>	<u>1,461,489</u>	<u>2,127,529</u>	<u>1,911,854</u>	<u>1,624,965</u>	<u>1,400,481</u>	<u>1,484,012</u>	<u>1,380,508</u>	<u>1,299,891</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>█\$ 4,904,215</u></b>	<b><u>█\$ 4,815,699</u></b>	<b><u>█\$ 4,023,806</u></b>	<b><u>█\$ 5,727,623</u></b>	<b><u>█\$ 5,067,899</u></b>	<b><u>█\$ 4,233,262</u></b>	<b><u>█\$ 3,606,471</u></b>	<b><u>█\$ 3,756,879</u></b>	<b><u>█\$ 3,431,751</u></b>	<b><u>█\$ 3,194,049</u></b>
Employer's covered-employee payroll	2,444,198	2,315,991	2,203,097	2,202,881	2,221,785	1,903,011	1,725,685	1,614,843	1,593,474	1,552,261
Employer's proportion share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	130.27%	133.99%	116.31%	163.43%	142.05%	137.06%	127.83%	140.74%	128.73%	122.03%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	71.75%	70.61%	75.54%	64.95%	68.64%	69.09%	70.09%	66.69%	69.30%	70.36%

**Schedule of Employer's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability**  
**Public Employees Retirement Systems of Montana**  
**Last 10 - Fiscal Years \***  
**As of the Measurement Date of June 30,**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability	0.0635%	0.0629%	0.0614%	0.0619%	0.0663%	0.0682%	0.0886%	0.0857%	0.0795%	0.0842%
Employer's proportion share of the net pension liability	\$ 1,548,851	\$ 1,496,153	\$ 1,113,782	\$ 1,633,518	\$ 1,386,537	\$ 1,424,328	\$ 1,725,188	\$ 1,459,739	\$ 1,111,249	\$ 1,048,591
State of Montana's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the Employer	<u>429,940</u>	<u>448,733</u>	<u>329,657</u>	<u>516,521</u>	<u>452,060</u>	<u>478,291</u>	<u>24,738</u>	<u>17,836</u>	<u>13,650</u>	<u>12,805</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>█\$ 1,978,791</u></b>	<b><u>█\$ 1,944,886</u></b>	<b><u>█\$ 1,443,439</u></b>	<b><u>█\$ 2,150,039</u></b>	<b><u>█\$ 1,838,597</u></b>	<b><u>█\$ 1,902,619</u></b>	<b><u>█\$ 1,749,926</u></b>	<b><u>█\$ 1,477,575</u></b>	<b><u>█\$ 1,124,899</u></b>	<b><u>█\$ 1,061,396</u></b>
Employer's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,168,563	\$ 1,105,028	\$ 1,083,285	\$ 1,038,876	\$ 1,094,463	\$ 1,123,634	\$ 1,098,836	\$ 1,026,516	\$ 927,732	\$ 964,767
Employer's proportion share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	132.54%	135.40%	102.82%	157.24%	126.69%	126.76%	157.00%	142.20%	119.78%	111.22%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	73.93%	73.66%	79.91%	68.90%	73.85%	73.47%	73.75%	74.71%	78.40%	79.87%

Miles Community College, Custer County, Montana  
 Schedule of Employer Contributions  
 June 30, 2024

**Schedule of Contributions**  
**Teacher's Retirement System**  
**Last 10 - Fiscal Years \***  
**As of Fiscal Year-end Date of June 30,**

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contributions	\$ 269,978	\$ 233,604	\$ 229,292	\$ 205,034	\$ 205,755	\$ 224,260	\$ 167,114	\$ 152,028	\$ 141,834	\$ 150,470
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contributions	\$ 269,978	\$ 233,604	\$ 229,292	\$ 205,034	\$ 205,755	\$ 224,260	\$ 167,114	\$ 152,028	\$ 141,834	\$ 150,470
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered - employee payroll	\$ 2,700,874	\$ 2,444,198	\$ 2,315,991	\$ 2,203,097	\$ 2,202,881	\$ 2,221,785	\$ 1,903,011	\$ 1,725,685	\$ 1,614,943	\$ 1,593,474
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	10.00%	9.56%	9.90%	9.31%	9.34%	10.09%	8.78%	8.81%	8.78%	9.44%

**Schedule of Contributions**  
**Public Employees Retirement Systems of Montana**  
**Last 10 - Fiscal Years \***  
**As of Fiscal Year-end Date of June 30,**

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contributions	\$ 113,278	\$ 106,727	\$ 98,340	\$ 96,153	\$ 91,019	\$ 94,131	\$ 95,058	\$ 91,974	\$ 90,371	\$ 84,347
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contributions	\$ 113,278	\$ 106,727	\$ 98,340	\$ 96,153	\$ 91,019	\$ 94,131	\$ 95,058	\$ 91,974	\$ 90,371	\$ 84,347
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered - employee payroll	\$ 1,248,928	\$ 1,168,563	\$ 1,105,028	\$ 1,083,285	\$ 1,038,876	\$ 1,094,463	\$ 1,123,634	\$ 1,098,986	\$ 1,026,516	\$ 927,732
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	9.07%	9.13%	8.90%	8.88%	8.76%	8.60%	8.46%	8.37%	8.80%	9.09%

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements

**NOTE 1      TEACHER'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

***Changes of Benefit Terms:***

The following changes to the plan provisions were made as identified:

The 2013 Montana Legislature passed HB 377, which provides additional revenue and created a two-tier benefit structure. A Tier One Member is a person who first became a member before July 1, 2013, and has not withdrawn their member's account balance. A Tier Two Member is a person who first becomes a member on or after July 1, 2013, or after withdrawing their member's account balance, becomes a member again on or after July 1, 2013.

The second-tier benefit structure for members hired on or after July 1, 2013, is summarized below.

- (1) **Final Average Compensation:** average of earned compensation paid in five consecutive years of full-time service that yields the highest average
- (2) **Service Retirement:** Eligible to receive a service retirement benefit if the member has been credited with at least five full years of creditable service and has attained the age of 60; or has been credited with 30 or more years of full-time or part-time creditable service and has attained age 55
- (3) **Early Retirement:** Eligible to receive an early retirement allowance if a member is not eligible for service retirement but has at least five years of creditable service and attained age 55
- (4) **Professional Retirement Option:** if the member has been credited with 30 or more years of service and has attained the age of 60, they are eligible for an enhanced allowance equal to 1.85% of average final compensation times all service at retirement. Otherwise, the multiplier used to calculate the retirement allowance will be equal to 1.67%
- (5) **Annual Contribution:** 8.15% of member's earned compensation
- (6) **Supplemental Contribution Rate:** On or after July 1, 2023, the TRS Board may require a supplemental contribution of up to 0.5% if the following three conditions are met:
  - a. The average funded ratio of the System based on the last three annual actuarial valuations is equal to or less than 80%; and
  - b. The period necessary to amortize all liabilities of the System based on the latest annual actuarial valuation is greater than 20 years; and
  - c. A State or employer contribution rate increase or a flat dollar contribution to the Retirement System Trust fund has been enacted that is equivalent to or greater than the supplemental contribution rate imposed by the TRS Board.
- (7) **Disability Retirement:** A member will not be eligible for a disability retirement if the member is or will be eligible for a service retirement on the date of termination
- (8) **Guaranteed Annual Benefit Adjustment (GABA):**
  - a. If the most recent actuarial valuation shows that Retirement System liabilities are at least 90% funded and the provision of the increase is not projected to cause the System's liabilities to be less than 85% funded, the GABA may increase from the 0.5% floor up to 1.5%, as set by the Board.

HB 377 increased revenue from the members, employers, and the State as follows:

- Annual State contribution equal to \$25 million paid to the System in monthly installments.
- One-time contribution payable to the Retirement System by the trustees of a school district maintaining a retirement fund. The one-time contribution to the Retirement System shall be the amount earmarked as an operating reserve in excess of 20% of the adopted retirement fund budget for the fiscal year 2013. The amount received was \$22 million in FY 2014.

- 1% supplemental employer contribution. This will increase the current employer rates:
  - School Districts contributions will increase from 7.47% to 8.47%
  - The Montana University System and State Agencies will increase from 9.85% to 10.85%.
  - The supplemental employer contribution will increase by 0.1% each fiscal year for fiscal year 2014 thru fiscal year 2024. For fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2024, the total supplemental employer contribution will be equal to 2%.
- Members hired prior to July 1, 2013 (Tier 1) under HB 377 are required to contribute a supplemental contribution equal to an additional 1% of the member's earned compensation.
- Each employer is required to contribute 9.85% of the total compensation paid to all re-employed TRS retirees employed in a TRS reportable position to the System.

***Changes in actuarial assumptions and other inputs:***

The following changes to the actuarial assumptions were adopted in 2022:

- The discount rate was increased from 7.06% to 7.30%.
- The investment rate of return assumption was increased from 7.06% to 7.30%.
- The inflation rate was increased from 2.40% to 2.75%.
- Updated all mortality tables to the PUB-2010 tables for teachers.
- Updated the rates of retirement and termination.
- Updated the salary scale merit rates.

The following changes to the actuarial assumptions were adopted in 2021:

- The discount rate was lowered from 7.34% to 7.06%
- The investment rate of return assumption was lowered from 7.34% to 7.06%.

The following changes to the actuarial assumptions were adopted in 2020:

- The discount rate was lowered from 7.50% to 7.34%.
- The investment rate of return assumption was lowered from 7.50% to 7.34%.
- The inflation rate was reduced from 2.50% to 2.40%.

The following changes to the actuarial assumptions were adopted in 2019:

- The Guaranteed Annual Benefit Adjustment (GABA) for Tier Two members is a variable rate between 0.50% and 1.50% as determined by the Board. Since an increase in the amount of the GABA is not automatic and must be approved by the Board, the assumed increase was lowered from 1.50% to the current rate of 0.50% per annum.

The following changes to the actuarial assumptions were adopted in 2018:

- Assumed rate of inflation was reduced from 3.25% to 2.50%
- Payroll growth assumption was reduced from 4.00% to 3.25%
- Investment return assumption was reduced from 7.75% to 7.50%.
- Wage growth assumption was reduced from 4.00% to 3.25%
- Mortality among contributing members, service retired members, and beneficiaries was updated to the following:

- For Males and Females: RP-2000 Healthy Combined Mortality Table projected to 2022 adjusted for partial credibility setback for two years.

The tables include margins for mortality improvement, which is expected to occur in the future.

- Mortality among disabled members was updated to the following:
  - For Males: RP 2000 Disabled Mortality Table, set back three years, with mortality improvements projected by Scale BB to 2022.
  - For Females: RP 2000 Disabled Mortality Table, set forward two years, with mortality improvements projected by Scale BB to 2022.
- Retirement rates were updated
- Termination rates were updated
- Rates of salary increases were updated

The following changes to the actuarial assumptions were adopted in 2016:

- The normal cost method has been updated to align the calculation of the projected compensation and the total present value of plan benefits so that the normal cost rate reflects the most appropriate allocation of plan costs over future compensation.

The following changes to the actuarial assumptions were adopted in 2015:

- Correctly reflect the proportion of members that are assumed to take a refund of contributions upon termination and appropriately reflect the three-year COLA deferral period for Tier 2 Members.
- The 0.63% load applied to the projected retirement benefits of the university members “to account for larger than average annual compensation increases observed in the years immediately preceding retirement” is not applied to benefits expected to be paid to university members on account of death, disability and termination prior to retirement eligibility.
- The actuarial valuation was updated to reflect the assumed rate of retirement for university members at age 60 is 8.50%, as stated in the actuarial valuation report.
- The actuarial valuation was updated to reflect the fact that vested terminations are only covered by the \$500 death benefit for the one year following their termination and, once again, when the terminated member commences their deferred retirement annuity (they are not covered during the deferral period). Additionally, only the portion of the terminated members that are assumed to “retain membership in the System” are covered by the \$500 death benefit after termination.

The following changes to the actuarial assumptions were adopted in 2014:

- Assumed rate of inflation was reduced from 3.50% to 3.25%
- Payroll Growth Assumption was reduced from 4.50% to 4.00%
- Assumed real wage growth was reduced from 1.00% to 0.75%
- Investment return assumption was changed from net of investment and administrative expenses to net of investment expenses only.
- Mortality among contributing members, service retired members, and beneficiaries was updated to the following:

For Males: RP 2000 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table for ages 50 and above and the RP 2000 Combined Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table for ages below 50, set back four years, with mortality improvements projected by Scale BB to 2018.

For Females: RP 2000 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table for ages 50 and above and the RP 2000 Combined Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table for ages below 50, set back two years, with mortality improvements projected by Scale BB to 2018.

- Mortality among disabled members was updated to the following:

For Males: RP 2000 Disabled Mortality Table for Males, set forward one year, with mortality improvements projected by Scale BB to 2018.

For Females: RP 2000 Disabled Mortality Table for Females, set forward five years, with mortality improvements projected by Scale BB to 2018.

**Method and assumptions used in calculations of actuarially determined contributions:**

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Amortization method	Level percentage of pay, open
Remaining amortization period	29 years
Asset valuation method	4-year smoothed market
Inflation	2.75 percent
Salary increase	3.50 to 9.00 percent, including inflation for Non-University Members and 4.25% for University Members
Investment rate of return	7.30 percent , net of pension plan investment expense, and including inflation

**NOTE 2 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

**Changes of Benefit Terms**

The following changes to the plan provisions were made as identified:

**Working Retiree Limitations – for PERS**

Effective July 1, 2017, if a PERS retiree returns as an independent contractor to what would otherwise be PERS-covered employment, general contractor overhead costs are excluded from PERS working retiree limitations.

**Refunds**

- 1) Terminating members eligible to retire may, in lieu of receiving a monthly retirement benefit, refund their accumulated contributions in a lump sum.
- 2) Terminating members with accumulated contributions between \$200 and \$1,000 who wish to roll over their refund must do so within 90 days of termination of service.
- 3) Trusts, estates, and charitable organizations listed as beneficiaries are entitled to receive only a lump-sum payment.



**Lump-sum payouts**

Effective July 1, 2017, lump-sum payouts in all systems are limited to the member’s accumulated contributions rate than the present value of the member’s benefit.

**Disabled PERS Defined Contribution (DC) Members**

PERS members hired after July 1, 2011, have a normal retirement age of 65. PERS DC members hired after July 1, 2011, who became disabled were previously only eligible for a disability benefit until age 65. Effective July 1, 2017, these individuals will be eligible for a disability benefit until they reach 70, thus ensuring the same 5-year time period available to PERS DC disabled members hired prior to July 1, 2011, who have a normal retirement age of 60 and are eligible for a disability benefit until age 65.

**Changes in Actuarial Assumptions and Methods**

**Method and assumptions used in calculations of actuarially determined contributions**

The following Actuarial Assumptions were adopted from the June 30, 2023, actuarial valuation:

General Wage Growth*	3.50%
Investment Rate of Return*	7.30%
*Includes inflation at	2.75%
Merit salary increase	0% to 4.80%
Asset valuation method	Four-year smoothed market
Actuarial cost method	Entry age Normal
Amortization method	Level percentage of payroll, open
Remaining amortization period	30 years
Mortality (Active participants)	PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Employee Mortality projected to 2021 for males and females. Projected generally using MP-2021.
Mortality (Disabled members)	PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Disabled Retiree mortality table, projected to 2021, set forward one year for both males and females.
Mortality (Contingent Survivors)	PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Contingent Survivor Mortality projected to 2021 with ages set forward one year for males and females. Projected generationally using MP-2021.
Mortality (Health Retirees)	PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Healthy Retiree Mortality Table projected to 2021, with ages set forward one year and adjusted 104% for males and 103% for females. Projected generally using MP-2021.

MILES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CUSTER COUNTY, MONTANA

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

Miles Community College, Custer County, Montana  
 Functional Classification of Operating Expenses  
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Account Type	Instruction	Public Service	Academic Support	Student Services	Institutional Support	Scholarships and Fellowships	Operation And Maintenance	Auxiliary	Agencies	Totals
Personnel	\$ 2,749,158	\$ 39,646	\$ 536,803	\$ 1,272,678	\$ 914,461	\$ -	\$ 399,762	\$ 524,126	\$ -	\$ 6,436,634
Scholarships and Fellowships	-	-	-	160,610	-	1,204,160	-	69,795	-	1,434,565
Contracted Services	41,420	4,557	55,318	381,773	192,149	-	339,941	203,404	5,609	1,224,171
Supplies	142,077	3,977	60,620	250,531	4,091	-	83,271	730,287	28,627	1,303,481
Depreciation And Amortization	-	-	-	-	-	-	747,023	-	-	747,023
Other Expenses	47,562	1,324	128,193	67,201	55,244	-	715	15,474	19,460	335,173
Travel	18,699	(1,478)	21,047	162,214	29,641	-	-	9,049	2,763	241,935
	<u>\$ 2,998,916</u>	<u>\$ 48,026</u>	<u>\$ 801,981</u>	<u>\$ 2,295,007</u>	<u>\$ 1,195,586</u>	<u>\$ 1,204,160</u>	<u>\$ 1,570,712</u>	<u>\$ 1,552,135</u>	<u>\$ 56,459</u>	<u>\$ 11,722,982</u>

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements

Miles Community College, Custer County, Montana  
Student Financial Aid Modified Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

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	Pell	CWS	SEOG
Beginning cash balance	\$ (41,139)	\$ -	\$ -
Additions:			
Federal advances	798,612	11,554	28,262
Matching funds	-	3,852	-
Non mandatory transfer	-	-	9,421
Total additions	\$ 798,612	\$ 15,406	\$ 37,683
Deductions:			
Distribution to students	795,101	15,406	37,683
Administrative expenses	-	-	-
Non mandatory transfer	-	-	-
Total deductions	\$ 795,101	\$ 15,406	\$ 37,683
Net change to cash	\$ 3,511	\$ -	\$ -
Ending cash balance	\$ (37,628)	\$ -	\$ -

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements

Miles Community College, Custer County, Montana  
Schedules of Federal Expenditures - Student Financial Assistance Program  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

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College Work Study	
Wages	\$ 15,406
Administrative cost	-
Non mandatory transfer to SEOG	-
Total College Work Study	<u>\$ 15,406</u>
Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant Program	
Student Grants	<u>\$ 37,683</u>
Pell Grant Program	
Student grants	<u>\$ 795,101</u>

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements

Miles Community College, Custer County, Montana  
 Schedule For Full Time Equivalents  
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

<u>Semester</u>	<u>Summer 2023</u>	<u>Fall 2023</u>	<u>Spring 2024</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Residency</u>				
Resident	32.7	158.1	210.1	400.9
WUE	0.3	10.5	8.7	19.5
Nonresident	2.7	23.7	23.3	49.7
Totals	35.7	192.3	242.1	470.1
<u>CIP Group</u>				
CTE	6.5	71.8	76.9	155.2
Gen Ed	13.4	63.9	65.0	142.3
Early College	12.8	21.4	23.4	57.6
Concurrent			44.8	44.8
Non Resident	3.0	35.2	32.0	70.2
Totals	35.7	192.3	242.1	470.1

The FTE calculations were based on enrollment at the end of the third week of the semester.

MILES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CUSTER COUNTY, MONTANA

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

**Annual Federal Compliance Section**

**Independent Auditor’s Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards***

Board of Trustees  
Miles Community College  
Miles City, Montana

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the business-type activities and the discretely presented component unit of Miles Community College (the “College”) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the College’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 24, 2025.

**Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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



## **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

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

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the College'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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wipfli LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wipfli LLP

Billings, Montana

March 24, 2025

## **Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance**

Board of Trustees  
Miles Community College  
Miles City, Montana

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

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

We have audited Miles Community College's (the "College") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Miles Community College's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. The College's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

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

#### **Basis for Opinion on the Major Federal Program**

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

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

#### ***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

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

### ***Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of Compliance***

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

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

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

#### **Other Matters**

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of noncompliance, which is required to be reported in accordance with Uniform Guidance and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-001. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to this matter.

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

## Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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

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

A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned cost as item 2024-001 to be a significant deficiency.

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

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

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



Wipfli LLP

Billings, Montana  
March 24, 2025

Miles Community College, Custer County, Montana  
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

<u>Federal Grant/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Federal ALN Number</u>	<u>Pass-Through Grantor's Number</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>
<b><u>U.S. Department of Education</u></b>			
<i>Direct programs:</i>			
Adult Education - Basic Grants to States	84.002		58,652
Student Financial Aid Cluster			
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants	84.007		28,262
Federal Direct Student Loans	84.268		1,157,542
Federal Work-Study Program	84.033		11,554
Federal Pell Grant Program	84.063		795,101
Total Student Financial Aid Cluster			<u>\$ 1,992,459</u>
 <i>Passed through the Montana Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education:</i>			
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States (Carl D. Perkins Act)	84.048	N/A	174,129
<b>Total U.S. Department of Education</b>			<u>\$ 2,225,240</u>
 <b><u>U.S. Department of Treasury</u></b>			
<i>Passed through the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation</i>			
ARPA Water & Sewer	21.027		34,287
<b>Total U.S. Department of Treasury</b>			<u>\$ 34,287</u>
 <b><u>Small Business Administration</u></b>			
<i>Passed through the Montana Department of Commerce</i>			
Small Business Development Center	59.037	SBAHQ18B0056	22,742
<b>Total Small Business Administration</b>			<u>\$ 22,742</u>
 <b>Total Expenditures of Federal Awards</b>			 <u><u>\$ 2,282,269</u></u>
 <b>Reconciliation to Financial Statements</b>			
Total reported "Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards"			\$ 2,282,269
Less Pell Grant Program			(795,101)
Less Federal Direct Student Loans			(1,157,542)
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets "Federal Grants and Contracts"			<u>\$ 329,626</u>

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements

**Note A – Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the schedule) includes the federal activity of Miles Community College (the College) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information is presented in accordance with the 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). Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the College, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flow of the College.

**Note B – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Expenditures reported in the schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance. No federal financial assistance has been provided to a subrecipient.

**Note C — Indirect Cost Rate**

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

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

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

**Financial Statements**

Type of auditor's report issued:	Unmodified	
Internal control over financial reporting:		
Material weakness	_____ yes	X _____ no
Significant deficiency	_____ yes	X _____ no
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	_____ yes	X _____ no

**Federal Awards**

Internal control over major programs:		
Material weakness	_____ yes	X _____ no
Significant deficiency	X _____ yes	_____ no

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:	Unmodified	
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with (2 CFR 200.516(a)) the Uniform Guidance	X _____ yes	_____ no

**Identification of major programs:**

**Name of Federal Program or Cluster**

**AL Number(s)**

Student Financial Assistance Program Cluster	
Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant	84.007
Direct Student Loans	84.268
College Work Study	84.033
Pell Grant	84.063

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:	_____ \$750,000 _____
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	X _____ yes _____ no

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS - CONTINUED**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

**Section II – Financial Statement Findings**

None noted

**Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

**2024-001 - Enrollment Reporting - NSLDS Reporting**

**Funding Agency:** U.S Department of Education  
**Title:** Student Financial Aid Cluster  
**AL Number(s):** 84.007, 84.033, 84.063, 84.268  
**Award year and Number:** 2024

**Criteria or Specific Requirement:** The effective date for the withdrawn status is the withdrawal date used by the institution in accordance with 34 CFR 668.22(b) or (c). At a minimum, institutions are required to certify enrollment every 60 days or every other month.

**Condition:** In our examination we noted two students out of twenty-one students who had an enrollment status change in which their effective date of change is inaccurate and/or the certification date is beyond the 60-day requirement to report the status change.

**Context:** In the examination of student files, it was discovered that two out of twenty-one students had inaccuracies in their enrollment status changes. Specifically, Student A's last day of attendance was recorded as March 6, 2024, but the effective date of withdrawal reported to the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) was May 3, 2024, which exceeded the required 60-day reporting timeframe. Similarly, Student B's last day of attendance was October 5, 2023, but the effective date of withdrawal reported to NSLDS was December 15, 2023. These discrepancies were due to an oversight by the institution, resulting in the student status effective dates and certification dates not being accurately and timely updated in NSLDS.

**Questioned Cost:** N/A

**Effect:** The student status effective date and/or dates certified were not accurately and timely updated in NSLDS.

**Cause:** There was an oversight by the institution.

**Auditor Recommendation:** The institution should implement procedures to spot check status changes and dates from NSLDS website to college records to ensure information is being accurately transmitted to NSLDS.

**View of Responsible Official:** Miles Community College will take corrective action, by adding to our end of term SAP processing the step of updating National Student Clearinghouse with last date of attendance according to the grade roster from the instructor. This will be done prior to the processing of the R2T4's.



**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS - CONTINUED**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

**Section IV – Auditees Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings**

None noted