Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

OMB Nos. 1210-0110
1210-0089

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2020 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2020 and ending 12/31/2020

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- [X] a single-employer plan
- [ ] a DFE (specify) ____

B This return/report is:
- [ ] the first return/report
- [ ] the final return/report
- [ ] an amended return/report
- [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

D Check box if filing under:
- [X] Form 5558
- [ ] automatic extension
- [ ] the DFVC program
- [ ] special extension (enter description)

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
NEWSELA, INC. 401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2016

2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)
Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)
NEWSELA, INC.

500 5TH AVE FLOOR 28
NEW YORK, NY 10110

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 47-1882828

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 516-418-6792

2d Business code (see instructions) 519100

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/13/2021	PLAN SPONSOR
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address [X] Same as Plan Sponsor

3b Administrator's EIN

3c Administrator's telephone number

4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:
a Sponsor's name
c Plan Name

4b EIN

4d PN

5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	337
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	299
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	363
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	64
d Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**	**6d**	427
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	0
f Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**	**6f**	427
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	390
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	45
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 3D

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

(1)	[ ]	Insurance
(2)	[ ]	Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	[X]	Trust
(4)	[ ]	General assets of the sponsor

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

(1)	[ ]	Insurance
(2)	[ ]	Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	[X]	Trust
(4)	[ ]	General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

(1)	[X]	**R** (Retirement Plan Information)
(2)	[ ]	**MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
(3)	[ ]	**SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary

b General Schedules

(1)	[X]		**H** (Financial Information)
(2)	[ ]		**I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
(3)	[ ]	0	**A** (Insurance Information)
(4)	[X]		**C** (Service Provider Information)
(5)	[ ]		**D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
(6)	[ ]		**G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2020 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2020 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2020** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

For calendar plan year 2020 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2020 and ending 12/31/2020

A Name of plan
NEWSELA, INC. 401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
NEWSELA, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
47-1882828

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. . . . . ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

ADVISED ASSETS GROUP, LLC

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28	INVESTMENT MGMT	1148	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
64	RECORDKEEPER	688	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [X] No [ ]

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes [ ] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received $1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	**(b)** Nature of Service Code(s)	**(c)** Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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Part III	**Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)** (complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

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b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

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Employee Benefits Security Administration

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Financial Information

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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
NEWSELA, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
47-1882828

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	5038011	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	0	0
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	54300	20052
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	0	0
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	0	9559363
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

			(a) Beginning of Year	**(b)** End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:			
	(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	0	0
	(2) Employer real property	1d(2)	0	0
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	0
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	5092311	9579415
	Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h	Operating payables	1h		
i	Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	0
j	Other liabilities	1j	0	0
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	0	0
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	5092311	9579415

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

	Income		**(a)** Amount	**(b)** Total
a	**Contributions:**			
	(1) Received or receivable in cash from: **(A)** Employers	2a(1)(A)	0	
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	2880858	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	587087	
	(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		3467945
b	**Earnings on investments:**			
	(1) Interest:			
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	0	
	(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
	(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
	(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
	(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	1494	
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		1494
	(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
	(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	258123	
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		258123
	(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
	(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	0	
	(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
	(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	2b(5)(A)	0	
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		1206280
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		4933842
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	445555	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		445555
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		0
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses: **(1)** Professional fees	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	688	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)	495	
(4) Other	2i(4)	0	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		1183
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		446738
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		4487104
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) [ ] Unmodified **(2)** [ ] Qualified **(3)** [X] Disclaimer **(4)** [ ] Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) [X] DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 **(2)** [ ] DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) **(3)** [ ] neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: WITHUMSMITHBROWN,P.C. **(2)** EIN: 22-2027092

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) [ ] This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. **(2)** [ ] It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	4a		X	

			Yes	No	Amount
b	Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	**4b**		X	
c	Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	**4c**		X	
d	Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	**4d**		X	
e	Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	**4e**	X		1000000
f	Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	**4f**		X	
g	Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4g**		X	
h	Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4h**		X	
i	Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4i**	X		
j	Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4j**		X	
k	Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	**4k**		X	
l	Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	**4l**		X	
m	If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	**4m**	X		
n	If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3	**4n**	X		

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	**5b(2)** EIN(s)	**5b(3)** PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Retirement Plan Information

This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

2020

This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2020 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2020 and ending 12/31/2020

A Name of plan
NEWSELA, INC. 401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
NEWSELA, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
47-1882828

Part I Distributions

All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions **1** 0

2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):

EIN(s): 84-1455663

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year **3**

Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 **a** Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) **6a**

b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **6b**

c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **6c**

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Part III Amendments

9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ..... ☐ **Increase** ☐ **Decrease** ☐ **Both** ☐ **No**

Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.

10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

11 **a** Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify):

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)	**14a**	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	**14b**	
c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	**14c**	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**15a**	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	**15b**	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	**16a**	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	**16b**	

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. ☐

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify):

20 **PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

☐ Yes.

☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation_____

NEWSELA, INC. 401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
Financial Statements
December 31, 2020 and 2019
With Independent Auditor's Report

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ADVISORY TAX AUDIT

Newsela, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees and Participants,
Newsela, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan:

Report on the Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of the Newsela, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan"), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on conducting the audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, however, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's ("DOL") Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), the Plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note 3, which was certified by Great-West Trust Company LLC, the current trustee of the Plan, and Reliance Trust Company, the former trustee of the Plan, except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statements. We have been informed by the Plan administrator that the current trustee holds the Plan's investment assets and executed investment transactions as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the former trustee held the Plan's investment assets and executed investment transactions as of December 31, 2019. The Plan administrator has obtained certifications from the current and former trustees as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and for the year ended December 31, 2020, that the information provided to the Plan administrator by the current and the former trustees are complete and accurate.

Disclaimer of Opinion

Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on these financial statements.

Other Matter

The supplemental schedule, schedule H, part IV, line 4i - schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2020 is required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA and is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we do not express an opinion on this supplemental schedule.

Report on Form and Content with DOL Rules and Regulations

The form and content of the information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule, other than that derived from the information certified by the current and former trustees, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosures under ERISA.

Withum Smith + Brown, PC

October 6, 2021

Newsela, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2020 and 2019

	2020	2019
Assets		
Investments		
Cash in transit	$ -	$ 5,038,011
Investments, at fair value	9,559,363	-
Total investments	9,559,363	5,038,011
Receivables		
Notes receivable from participants	20,052	54,300
Participant contributions	-	69,391
Total receivables	20,052	123,691
Net assets available for benefits	$ 9,579,415	$ 5,161,702

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

Newsela, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Year Ended December 31, 2020

Additions	
Investment income	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	$ 1,206,280
Dividend income	258,123
Total investment income	1,464,403
Contributions	
Participants	2,811,467
Rollovers	587,087
Total contributions	3,398,554
Interest income, notes receivable from participants	1,494
Total additions	4,864,451
Deductions	
Benefits paid	445,555
Administrative expenses	1,183
Total deductions	446,738
Net change in net assets available for benefits	4,417,713
Net assets available for benefits	
Beginning of year	5,161,702
End of year	$ 9,579,415

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

General

The following description of the Newsela, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan") of Newsela, Inc. (the "Company") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

The Plan is a defined contribution plan, established on January 1, 2016 and restated effective January 2, 2020, in accordance with the provisions of Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") Section 401. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

Administration of the Plan

The Company is the Plan administrator and is responsible for providing the participants and their beneficiaries with information about their rights and benefits under the Plan.

Eligibility

All employees of the Company are eligible to participate in the Plan provided they have attained the age of 21.

Contributions

Participants are allowed to make pre-tax and Roth contributions up to 90% of their compensation up to the limitation contained in the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") in effect for each taxable year. In 2020, participants were permitted to contribute up to a maximum of $19,500 with an additional $6,500 catch-up contribution for employees over 50 years old. The Plan automatically enrolls eligible participants at a rate equal to 4% of compensation, unless otherwise directed by the participant.

The Company has the option to contribute matching contributions and/or non-elective contributions. For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Company elected to not provide matching contributions.

Participant Accounts

Each participant directs participant and Company contributions, if any, to the investment options offered by the Plan. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, Company contributions, if any, and the Plan's earnings (losses), participant withdrawals, and administration expenses, if applicable. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions, plus actual earnings thereon. Participants vest in Company contributions on a six-year graded term.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants can borrow from their accounts an amount equal to no less than $500 and no greater than $50,000 or 50% of the participant's vested balance. The loans bear interest, and principal and interest are repaid ratably through payroll deductions. The loans generally bear interest at the prime rate at the time of the loan plus two percentage points. General purpose loans must be repaid within five years, and loans used to purchase a primary residence may be paid over 30 years. Interest rates range from 5.25% to 6.75% per annum for loans outstanding at December 31, 2020.

Payment of Benefits
In the event of retirement, disability, or termination of employment, participants may elect a lump-sum distribution equal to the value of the participant's vested balance. Participants may also request in-service distributions upon attaining age 59 ½ or due to certain hardships.

During 2020, the Plan operated in conformity with distribution provisions set forth under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security ("CARES") Act. Such provisions included the ability for participants to withdraw up to $100,000 tax-free and penalty-free between March 27, 2020 and December 31, 2020 if the participant determined he or she was a qualified individual under the CARES Act.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting
The accompanying financial statements of the Plan have been prepared in compliance with the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

Payment of Benefits
Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

Notes Receivable from Participants
Notes receivable from participants are valued at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. No allowance for uncollectible balances is deemed necessary. Loans are considered in default if any missed payments are not repaid by the end of the calendar quarter following the calendar quarter in which the missed payment was due. Interest on notes receivable is recorded when earned.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition
The Plan's investments are reported at fair value. See Note 4 Fair Value Measurements for further disclosure.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis and dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Realized gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the proceeds from sales and the related investment's fair market value at the beginning of the Plan year, or acquisition cost if acquired during the year. Unrealized appreciation and depreciation are calculated as the difference between the fair value of investments at the end of the year less their fair values at the beginning of the year, or acquisition cost, if acquired during the year. Capital gain distributions are included in dividend income. Certain investment related expenses are reflected in net appreciation and are not readily determinable.

Plan Expenses
Expenses incidental to the purchase and sale of investments are reflected in the cost or net proceeds of sales, as applicable. Plan expenses can be paid directly by the Company or by the Plan. Administrative expense paid by the Plan were $1,183 for the year ended December 31, 2020. Investment related fees are reflected as an offset of net investment income and are not readily determinable.

Use of Estimates
The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the Company to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and changes therein and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

3. SUMMARY OF INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY TRUSTEES (UNAUDITED)

The Plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's ("DOL") Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, Great-West Trust Company LLC, the current trustee of the Plan, has certified the completeness and accuracy of all investments, notes receivable from participants and related investment activity, in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2020, the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2020 and the accompanying supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2020. Reliance Trust Company, the former trustee of the Plan has certified the completeness and accuracy of all investments, related investment activity and notes receivable from participants in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2019. No auditing procedures were performed by the independent public accountants as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA with respect to information certified as complete and accurate by the current and former trustees, except for comparing such information with the information reported in the financial statements and supplemental schedule.

4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Plan's investments are recorded in accordance with FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurement*, which established a framework for measuring fair value and clarifies that fair value is an estimate of the exit price, representing the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants (i.e., the exit price at the measurement date). That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1 - Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 - Inputs other than Level 1 that are observable, either directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3 - Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodology used for assets measured at fair value:

Shares of Registered Investment Companies (mutual funds and money market mutual funds): Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish the daily net asset value and to transact at that price. The mutual fund held by the Plan is deemed to be actively traded.

The method described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Plan believes its valuation method is appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The Plan's investment assets measured at fair value as of December 31, 2020, are comprised of mutual funds and are valued using Level 1 inputs.

5. PARTIES-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Notes receivable from participants and Plan expenses paid by the Plan sponsor are considered party-in-interest transactions. All such party-in-interest transactions are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules.

6. TAX STATUS

The Plan adopted a prototype profit sharing 401(k) plan which obtained its latest opinion letter on June 30, 2020 in which the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable sections of the IRC. The Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter. However, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRS. Furthermore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS or the DOL. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax period in progress. In addition, there have been no tax related interest or penalties for periods presented in these financial statements.

7. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right, under the Plan, to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA.

8. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

In the normal course of business, all the Plan's assets are transacted with and held by its Trustee. The Plan is subject to credit risk to the extent the Trustee is unable to fulfill contractual obligations on its behalf. The Plan does not anticipate any losses from this counterparty.

The Plan invests in various investment securities. These investments are exposed to risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risk. Due to the level of risk associated with these investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risks in the near term could materially affect the participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

The 2019 novel coronavirus (or "COVID-19") has adversely affected and may continue to adversely affect economic activity globally, nationally, and locally. Following the COVID-19 outbreak in March 2020, the values of investment securities have experienced significant volatility. These economic and market conditions and other effects of the COVID-19 outbreak may continue to cause volatility. The extent of the adverse impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on the Plan participants' account balances cannot be predicted at this time.

9. RECONCILIATION TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per these financial statements to the Form 5500 as of December 31:

	2020	2019
Net assets available for benefits per these financial statements	$ 9,579,415	$ 5,161,702
Participant contributions receivable	-	(69,391)
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	$ 9,579,415	$ 5,092,311

The following is a reconciliation of changes in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to Form 5500 as of December 31, 2020:

Change in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	$ 4,417,713
Prior year contributions receivable	69,391
Change in net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	$ 4,487,104

10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Plan administrator has evaluated subsequent events through October 6, 2021, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued. Based on this evaluation, the Plan administrator has determined that no subsequent events have occurred, except for the matter described below, which require adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements.

Effective June 1, 2021 the Plan was amended to provide for employer matching contributions with an eligibility requirement of one year.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Newsela, Inc. 401k Retirement Savings Plan
Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
Federal Employer ID #47-1882828, Plan #001
December 31, 2020

(a)	(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Fair Value
	Registered Investment Companies			
	American Funds Conserv G/I Portfolio R6	Registered Investment Company	**	$ 17,652
	American Century Sustainable Equity R6	Registered Investment Company	**	151,288
	American Funds 2020 Trgt Date Retire R6	Registered Investment Company	**	30,851
	American Funds 2025 Trgt Date Retire R6	Registered Investment Company	**	139,365
	American Funds 2030 Trgt Date Retire R6	Registered Investment Company	**	169,828
	American Funds 2035 Trgt Date Retire R6	Registered Investment Company	**	468,987
	American Funds 2040 Trgt Date Retire R6	Registered Investment Company	**	618,996
	American Funds 2045 Trgt Date Retire R6	Registered Investment Company	**	597,487
	American Funds 2050 Trgt Date Retire R6	Registered Investment Company	**	1,777,720
	American Funds 2055 Trgt Date Retire R6	Registered Investment Company	**	2,203,946
	American Funds 2060 Trgt Date Retire R6	Registered Investment Company	**	109,897
	American Funds New Perspective R6	Registered Investment Company	**	51,833
	Blackrock High Yield Bond Portfolio K	Registered Investment Company	**	47,364
	Cohen & Steers Real Estate Securities Z	Registered Investment Company	**	105,280
	Fidelity 500 Index	Registered Investment Company	**	982,932
	Fidelity International Index	Registered Investment Company	**	152,950
	Fidelity Mid Cap Index	Registered Investment Company	**	384,137
	Fidelity Small Cap Index	Registered Investment Company	**	411,746
*	Great-West Government Money Market Inst	Money Market Mutual Fund	**	112,653
	Janus Henderson Enterprise N	Registered Investment Company	**	30,667
	Janus Henderson Small Cap Value N	Registered Investment Company	**	25,215
	Janus Henderson Triton N	Registered Investment Company	**	28,017
	JP Morgan Emerging Markets Equity R6	Registered Investment Company	**	169,964
	JP Morgan Equity Income R6	Registered Investment Company	**	127,739
	JP Morgan International Equity R6	Registered Investment Company	**	183,047
	Mirova Global Sustainable Equity N	Registered Investment Company	**	73,982
	Pgim Global Total Return R6	Registered Investment Company	**	30,029
	Pgim Total Return Bond R6	Registered Investment Company	**	62,944
	Pimco Real Return Instl	Registered Investment Company	**	34,775
	T. Rowe Price Blue Chip Growth I	Registered Investment Company	**	135,821
	Tiaa-Cref Core Impact Bond Instl	Registered Investment Company	**	61,309
	Victory Sycamore Established Value R6	Registered Investment Company	**	60,942
				9,559,363
*	**Notes receivable from participants**	Interest rates of 5.25% to 6.75%, maturing from 2024-2025		20,052
				$ 9,579,415

* Represents a party-in-interest.

** Cost information not applicable for participant directed investments.

See Independent Auditor's Report.

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

Newsela, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan

01-JAN-20 to 31-DEC-20

INVESTMENT OPTION	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	COST OF ASSETS	CURRENT VALUE
1RRCTX			29,541.94	30,851.16
1RFDTX			129,657.53	139,364.80
1RFETX			154,871.76	169,827.72
1RFFTX			413,821.44	468,987.20
1RFGTX			560,230.73	618,996.06
1RFHTX			517,881.20	597,486.90
1RFITX			1,555,421.94	1,777,720.06
1RFKTX			1,925,457.02	2,203,946.44
1RFUTX			98,327.26	109,897.13
1RNPGX			44,039.87	51,833.49
1FSPSX			140,619.68	152,950.25
1JEMWX			121,192.48	169,963.54
1JNEMX			156,315.01	183,046.80
1ESGNX			58,282.86	73,982.22
1CSZIX			106,289.94	105,279.63
1FSSNX			336,004.52	411,746.12
1JGMNX			22,174.82	28,017.27
1JDSNX			25,509.78	25,214.70
1FSMDX			332,905.25	384,137.07
1JDMNX			26,862.83	30,667.31
1VEVRX			54,613.10	60,941.53
1AFEDX			134,747.63	151,288.39
1FXAIX			846,860.51	982,931.72
1OIEJX			117,882.92	127,738.75
1TBCIX			105,292.23	135,821.29
1RINGX			17,614.41	17,651.75
1BRHYX			46,106.45	47,364.01
1PRRIX			32,762.42	34,775.45
1PGTQX			28,545.35	30,028.98
1PTRQX			60,824.20	62,944.02
1TSBIX			61,533.28	61,309.18
1MXGXX			112,652.55	112,652.55
			8,374,842.91	**9,559,363.49**
PARTICIPANT LOANS	VARIOUS	5.250-7.000	20,062.49	20,052.32

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01-JAN-20 to 31-DEC-20

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LEGEND

INVESTMENT OPTION:

1RRCTX	American Funds 2020 Trgt Date Retire R6
1RFETX	American Funds 2030 Trgt Date Retire R6
1RFGTX	American Funds 2040 Trgt Date Retire R6
1RFITX	American Funds 2050 Trgt Date Retire R6
1RFUTX	American Funds 2060 Trgt Date Retire R6
1FSPSX	Fidelity International Index
1JNEMX	JPMorgan International Equity R6
1CSZIX	Cohen & Steers Real Estate Securities Z
1JGMNX	Janus Henderson Triton N
1FSMDX	Fidelity Mid Cap Index
1VEVRX	Victory Sycamore Established Value R6
1FXAIX	Fidelity 500 Index
1TBCIX	T. Rowe Price Blue Chip Growth I
1BRHYX	BlackRock High Yield Bond Portfolio K
1PGTQX	PGIM Global Total Return R6
1TSBIX	TIAA-CREF Core Impact Bond Instl
1RFDTX	American Funds 2025 Trgt Date Retire R6
1RFFTX	American Funds 2035 Trgt Date Retire R6
1RFHTX	American Funds 2045 Trgt Date Retire R6
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1RNPGX	American Funds New Perspective R6
1JEMWX	JPMorgan Emerging Markets Equity R6
1ESGNX	Mirova Global Sustainable Equity N
1FSSNX	Fidelity Small Cap Index
1JDSNX	Janus Henderson Small Cap Value N
1JDMNX	Janus Henderson Enterprise N
1AFEDX	American Century Sustainable Equity R6
1OIEJX	JPMorgan Equity Income R6
1RINGX	Amer Funds Conserv G/I Portfolio R6
1PRRIX	PIMCO Real Return Instl
1PTRQX	PGIM Total Return Bond R6
1MXGXX	Great-West Government Money Market Inst

COST OF ASSETS: The original cost of the assets in each investment option as of the last day of the plan year
CURRENT VALUE: The value of all assets in each investment option as of the last day of the plan year