

<b>Form 5500</b>  Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service  Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration  Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	<b>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</b>  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).  <b>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</b>	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089  <div style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">2024</div>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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<b>Part I</b>	<b>Annual Report Identification Information</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

**A** This return/report is for:     a multiemployer plan     a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)  
     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:     Form 5558     automatic extension     the DFVC program  
     special extension (enter description)

**E** If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. . . . .

<b>Part II</b>	<b>Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information</b>
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<b>1a</b> Name of plan <u>BARNES &amp; NOBLE EDUCATION 401(K) PLAN</u>	<b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u>
<b>2a</b> 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) <u>BARNES &amp; NOBLE EDUCATION, INC.</u>  <u>120 MOUNTAIN VIEW BLVD.</u> <u>BASKING RIDGE, NJ 07920</u>	<b>1c</b> Effective date of plan <u>08/01/2015</u>  <b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>46-0599018</u>  <b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>908-991-2605</u>  <b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions) <u>451211</u>

**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.

<b>SIGN HERE</b>	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	09/19/2025	CYNTHIA ORIGLIO
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
	<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<b>4</b> 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: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN	
	<b>4d</b> PN	
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	3174
<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ). <b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year ..... <b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year ..... <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits ..... <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> ..... <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. .... <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> ..... <b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6a(1)</b>	2400
	<b>6a(2)</b>	2639
	<b>6b</b>	15
	<b>6c</b>	739
	<b>6d</b>	3393
	<b>6e</b>	7
	<b>6f</b>	3400
	<b>6g(1)</b>	1976
<b>6g(2)</b>	1801	
<b>6h</b>	0	
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....	<b>7</b>	

**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 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:

<b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	<b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance	(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> 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)  **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
- (4)  **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached \_\_\_\_\_
- (5)  **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

**b General Schedules**

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

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

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**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.

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**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 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>SCHEDULE C</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Service Provider Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>BARNES &amp; NOBLE EDUCATION 401(K) PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>BARNES &amp; NOBLE EDUCATION, INC.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>46-0599018</b>	

**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)

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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?
37 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	118536	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

(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?
27	ADVISOR	34176	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

(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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

**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.

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

**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.

<b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	<b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s)	<b>(c)</b> 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)

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

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<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
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<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
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Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>SCHEDULE D</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	<b>DFE/Participating Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2024</u> and ending <u>12/31/2024</u>	
<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>BARNES &amp; NOBLE EDUCATION 401(K) PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) <u>001</u>
<b>C</b> Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>BARNES &amp; NOBLE EDUCATION, INC.</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>46-0599018</u>

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)</b> (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>FID FRDM 2005 CP D</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>FIAM TRUST COMPANY</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>20-4659714-196</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>WA CORE PLUS BOND R3</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>GREAT GRAY TRUST COMPANY, LLC</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>74-2008758-113</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>FID FRDM 2060 CP D</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>FIDELITY INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>20-4659714-207</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1536814</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>FID FRDM 2015 CP D</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>FIDELITY INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>20-4659714-198</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>55070</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>FID FRDM 2050 CP D</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>FIDELITY INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>20-4659714-205</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>9589148</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>FID FRDM 2020 CP D</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>FIDELITY INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>20-4659714-199</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>6597540</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>FID FRDM 2055 CP D</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>FIDELITY INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>20-4659714-206</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>5850386</u>

<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FID FRDM 2025 CP D		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 20-4659714-200	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 5656763
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FID FRDM 2065 CP D		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 20-4659714-208	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 201158
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FID FRDM 2030 CP D		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 20-4659714-201	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 14249820
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FID FRDM 2045 CP D		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 20-4659714-204	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 7387491
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FID GROWTH CO POOL A		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 04-3022712-135	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 81454595
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FID FRDM INC CP D		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 20-4659714-195	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 556096
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FID FRDM 2040 CP D		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 20-4659714-203	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 15537193
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FID FRDM 2010 CP D		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 20-4659714-197	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 814918
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MIP CL 2		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 04-3022712-024	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 11927567
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FID FRDM 2035 CP D		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 20-4659714-202	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 12408811



<b>SCHEDULE H</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Financial Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  ▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	OMB No. 1210-0110  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning <b>01/01/2024</b> and ending <b>12/31/2024</b>	
<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>BARNES &amp; NOBLE EDUCATION 401(K) PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>BARNES &amp; NOBLE EDUCATION, INC.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>46-0599018</b>

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Asset and Liability Statement</b>
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**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.

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b>	0	0
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	0	0
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>	0	0
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>	0	0
<b>c</b> General investments:			
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>	22591	52053
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>	0	0
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>	0	0
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>	0	0
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>	0	0
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>	0	0
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>	0	0
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>	2693628	2551358
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>	161505868	173823370
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>	0	0
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>	0	0
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>	0	0
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>	59003653	63900852
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>	0	0
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>	0	0

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	<b>1d(1)</b>	0	0
(2) Employer real property.....	<b>1d(2)</b>	0	0
<b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	<b>1e</b>	0	0
<b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	<b>1f</b>	223225740	240327633
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable.....	<b>1g</b>	0	0
<b>h</b> Operating payables.....	<b>1h</b>	0	0
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness.....	<b>1i</b>	0	0
<b>j</b> Other liabilities.....	<b>1j</b>	0	0
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	<b>1k</b>	0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	<b>1l</b>	223225740	240327633

**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.

<b>Income</b>		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers.....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>	0	
<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>	6059526	
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>	374541	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	<b>2a(2)</b>	0	6434067
(3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> .....	<b>2a(3)</b>		
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
<b>(1) Interest:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	<b>2b(1)(A)</b>	1796	176925
<b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities.....	<b>2b(1)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments.....	<b>2b(1)(C)</b>	0	
<b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....	<b>2b(1)(D)</b>	0	
<b>(E)</b> Participant loans.....	<b>2b(1)(E)</b>	175129	
<b>(F)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>	0	
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		
(2) Dividends: <b>(A)</b> Preferred stock.....	<b>2b(2)(A)</b>	0	2262707
<b>(B)</b> Common stock.....	<b>2b(2)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	<b>2b(2)(C)</b>	2262707	
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		
(3) Rents.....	<b>2b(3)</b>		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: <b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds.....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result.....	<b>2b(4)(C)</b>		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: <b>(A)</b> Real estate.....	<b>2b(5)(A)</b>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....	<b>2b(5)(C)</b>		

	(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....	2b(6)	34228833
(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)	5576715
<b>c</b> Other income .....	2c	0
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	2d	48679247

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:		
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	2e(1)	31202389
(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)	31202389
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	2f	196485
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	2g	25768
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	2h	0
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:		
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	2i(1)	0
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	2i(2)	0
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	2i(3)	118536
(4) IQPA audit fees .....	2i(4)	0
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	2i(5)	34176
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....	2i(6)	0
(7) Actuarial fees .....	2i(7)	0
(8) Legal fees .....	2i(8)	0
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....	2i(9)	0
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....	2i(10)	0
(11) Other expenses .....	2i(11)	0
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11) .....	2i(12)	152712
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	2j	31577354

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d .....	2k	17101893
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:		
(1) To this plan .....	2l(1)	0
(2) From this plan .....	2l(2)	0

**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)  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)  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: CROWE LLP

(2) EIN: 35-0921680

**d** The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1)  This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG 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. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
<b>a</b> 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.)		X	
<b>b</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.)		X	
<b>c</b> 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.)		X	
<b>d</b> 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.)		X	
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		10000000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
<b>g</b> 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?		X	
<b>h</b> 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?		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
<b>j</b> 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.)		X	
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
<b>n</b> 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.		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.)

<b>5b(1)</b> Name of plan(s)	<b>5b(2)</b> EIN(s)	<b>5b(3)</b> 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  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).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	OMB No. 1210-0110  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>BARNES &amp; NOBLE EDUCATION 401(K) PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN)	<b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>BARNES &amp; NOBLE EDUCATION, INC.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>46-0599018</b>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Distributions</b>
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**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**

**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): 04-6568107

**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**

<b>Part II</b>	<b>Funding Information</b> (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.)
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**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.**

<b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....	<b>6a</b>	
<b>6 b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....	<b>6b</b>	
<b>6 c</b> 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).....	<b>6c</b>	

**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

<b>Part III</b>	<b>Amendments</b>
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**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

<b>Part IV</b>	<b>ESOPs</b> (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.
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**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 (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (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): \_\_\_\_\_

**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): \_\_\_\_\_

**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): \_\_\_\_\_

**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): \_\_\_\_\_

**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): \_\_\_\_\_

**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:

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

**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:

<b>a</b> The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year .....	<b>15a</b>	
<b>b</b> The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year .....	<b>15b</b>	

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

<b>a</b> Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year .....	<b>16a</b>	
<b>b</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 .....	<b>16b</b>	

**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) and (b):

**a** Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:  
 Public Equity: \_\_\_\_\_% Private Equity: \_\_\_\_\_% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: \_\_\_\_\_%  
 High-Yield Debt: \_\_\_\_\_% Real Assets: \_\_\_\_\_% Cash or Cash Equivalents: \_\_\_\_\_% Other: \_\_\_\_\_%

**b** Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:  
 0-5 years  5-10 years  10-15 years  15 years or more

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part VII IRS Compliance Questions**

**21a** Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules?  Yes  No

**21b** If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).  
 Design-based safe harbor method  
 "Prior year" ADP test  
 "Current year" ADP test  
 N/A

**22** If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702438A.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Plan Administrator  
Barnes & Noble Education 401(k) Plan

***Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit***

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Barnes & Noble Education 401(k) Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and for the year ended December 31, 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

***Opinion***

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section:

- The amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- The information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

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### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). 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 the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, 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. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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 the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year from the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the Plan, and determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, 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 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, 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 the Plan'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.

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- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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.

***Other Matter – Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA***

The supplemental schedule of Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2024, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. 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 financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- The information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

  
Crowe LLP

New York, New York  
September 19, 2025

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	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 237,776,275	\$ 220,532,112
Notes receivable from participants	<u>2,551,358</u>	<u>2,693,628</u>
<b>Net assets available for benefits</b>	<u>\$ 240,327,633</u>	<u>\$ 223,225,740</u>

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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
Year Ended December 31, 2024

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**Additions from net assets attributed to**

Investment income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 39,521,595
Interest and dividends	<u>2,546,224</u>
Total investment income	42,067,819

Interest income on notes receivable from participants	175,129
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Contributions

Employer	-
Participants	6,059,526
Rollovers	<u>374,541</u>
Total contributions	<u>6,434,067</u>

Total additions	<u>48,677,015</u>
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**Deductions from net assets attributed to**

Benefits payments	31,422,410
Administrative expenses	<u>152,712</u>

Total deductions	<u>31,575,122</u>
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<b>Net Increase</b>	17,101,893
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**Net assets available for benefits**

Beginning of year	<u>223,225,740</u>
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End of year	<u><u>\$ 240,327,633</u></u>
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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**NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN**

The following description of the Barnes & Noble Education 401(k) Plan (the “Plan”) provides general information about the Plan’s provisions. Barnes & Noble Education, Inc. (the “Company” or “Plan Administrator”) is the Plan sponsor. Participants should refer to the Plan document and summary plan description for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions, copies of which may be obtained from the Plan sponsor.

Inception of the Plan: On August 2, 2015, the Company completed a legal and structural separation from Barnes & Noble Inc. (“Barnes & Noble”) (the Spin-Off). As a result of the Spin-Off, effective August 1, 2015, the Plan was established through a transfer in of plan assets from the Barnes & Noble 401(k) Savings Plan.

General: The Plan is a defined contribution plan subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”). The Plan was established by Barnes & Noble Education, Inc. on August 1, 2015 for employees of the Company who meet certain eligibility requirements, primarily length of service, as defined in the Plan. The last restatement of the Plan is effective as of October 1, 2021.

Employee Contributions: Eligible employees may elect to contribute, through payroll deductions and stated percentages, from 1% to 75% of their annual pre-tax compensation, as defined in the Plan. Effective October 1, 2018, participants may elect to contribute, through payroll deductions and stated percentages, from 1% to 75% of their annual compensation as Roth contributions. Participants that are 50 years of age or older are also permitted to make additional catch-up contributions. However, in no event can the total contribution for any taxable year exceed the limit prescribed by the Internal Revenue Code. Employee contributions are held in trust and invested by Fidelity Management Trust Company (the “Trustee” or “Fidelity”) in accordance with a trust agreement. Contributions are deposited in the various investment funds of the Plan in accordance with the options selected by the participant.

Employer Matching Contributions: the Company may make discretionary matching contribution on behalf of eligible participants. No match was contributed during the 2024 plan year.

Profit Sharing Contributions: Profit sharing contributions are discretionary contributions, made on a plan year basis, to all eligible Plan participants in an amount determined annually by the Board of Directors of the Company. There were no discretionary profit sharing contributions for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Participant Accounts: Each participant’s account is credited with the participant’s contributions and the Company’s contributions and allocations of plan earnings or losses and is charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Plan earnings or losses are allocated based on the participant’s share of net earnings or losses of their respective elected investment options. Allocations of administrative expenses are based on the participant’s account balances, as defined in the Plan. 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 100% vested in their contributions, plus actual earnings thereon. Participants are also immediately 100% vested in the value of the company contributions.

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**NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN** (Continued)

Notes Receivable from Participants: Eligible participants are permitted to borrow a portion of their vested balance, not to exceed one half of the lesser of the vested balance in their account or \$50,000 reduced by the highest outstanding loan balance held by the eligible participant during the prior twelve month period. Such outstanding loan balance may also not exceed \$50,000 when combined with loans from other qualified plans maintained by the Company or any ERISA affiliate and no loan shall be made for less than \$1,000. In addition, the following terms will apply: (a) the borrower's accounts will serve as collateral for the loan, (b) all amounts borrowed by a participant are considered segregated notes receivable from participants and are allocated directly to the respective participant separately from the other gains and losses of the Plan, (c) interest is charged at a commercially reasonable rate, (d) personal loans are payable over five years or less, home loans are payable over 15 years or less, (e) if a loan is not repaid in accordance with the terms of the promissory note and a default occurs, the loan is considered a deemed distribution, and (f) the administrative fee for processing a new loan or maintenance fee for servicing an existing loan is paid through a deduction to the individual participant's account.

Payment of Benefits: Upon separation from service with the Company due to death, disability, retirement or termination, Plan payments are made as soon as practical following a request from the participant or their beneficiary. A participant will receive a single lump-sum payment, unless the participant elects to receive installment payments. A participant can request installment payments on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis provided their vested account balance exceeds \$5,000. The installment period is chosen by the participant. A participant whose vested account balance is \$5,000 or less and has not made a distribution election will automatically receive an immediate lump-sum distribution equal to their vested account balance. If a participant's vested account balance is \$1,000 or less, their account will be paid in a single lump sum as soon as practical unless the participant requests a rollover prior to the distribution. If the vested account balance is between \$1,000 and \$5,000, it will be automatically rolled over to an individual retirement account (IRA) at Fidelity Investments and invested in the Fidelity Cash Reserves fund. The age at which required minimum distributions must begin is 73.

In-service withdrawals are available in certain limited circumstances, as defined by the Plan. Hardship withdrawals are allowed for participants incurring an immediate and heavy financial need, as defined by the Plan. Hardship withdrawals are strictly regulated by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and a participant must exhaust all available loan options and available distributions prior to requesting a hardship withdrawal.

Administrative Expenses: As provided by the Plan, expenses of the Plan can be paid by either the Plan or the Company. In 2024, expenses were paid by both the Plan and the Company.

Plan Termination: Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company reserves the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to provisions of ERISA.

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**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Basis of Accounting: The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Payment of Benefits: Benefits are recorded when paid.

Notes Receivable from Participants: Notes receivable from participants represent participant loans that are recorded at their unpaid principal balance, plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income on notes receivable from participants is recorded when it is earned. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are recorded when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the Plan Administrator deems the participant loan to be a distribution, the participant loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded.

Use of Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes and supplemental schedule. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition: Investments held by the Plan are stated at fair value. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (an exit price). See Note 4 for further discussion and disclosures related to fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded as earned. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's realized gains (losses) and changes in unrealized gain (loss) on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

**NOTE 3 – CERTIFIED INVESTMENTS**

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments, interest and dividends, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2024, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Fidelity Management Trust Company (the trustee of the Plan).

**NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (i.e., an exit price). The fair value hierarchy 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 and liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

*Level 1:* Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible to the reporting entity at the measurement date for identical assets and liabilities.

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**NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS** (Continued)

*Level 2:* Inputs other than quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities that are observable either directly or indirectly for substantially the full term of the asset or liability. Level 2 inputs include the following:

- Quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active
- Observable inputs other than quoted prices that are used in the valuation of the asset or liabilities (e.g., interest rate and yield curve quotes at commonly quoted intervals)
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means

*Level 3:* Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability (i.e., supported by little or no market activity). Level 3 inputs include management’s own assumption about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability (including assumptions about risk).

In some cases, a valuation technique used to measure fair value may include inputs from multiple levels of the fair value hierarchy. The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is classified is determined based the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measure in its entirety.

The following is a description of the valuation techniques and inputs used for each major class of assets measured at fair value by the Plan.

Mutual Funds: Mutual funds are valued at quoted market prices and are classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy.

Collective Trusts (“CTs”): These investments are public investment vehicles valued using net asset value (“NAV”) as a practical expedient provided by the administrator of the trust. The NAV is based on the value of the underlying assets owned by the trust, minus its liabilities, and then divided by the number of shares outstanding. There are no restrictions as to the redemption of the collective trusts nor does the Plan have any contractual obligations to further invest in the collective trusts.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan’s assets carried at fair value.

	Fair Values Measurements at December 31, 2024 Using	
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Total
Mutual Funds	\$ 63,952,905	\$ 63,952,905
*CTs at NAV	-	173,823,370
Total	\$ 63,952,905	\$ 237,776,275

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**NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)**

	Fair Values Measurements at December 31, 2023 Using	
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Total
Mutual Funds	\$ 59,026,244	\$ 59,026,244
*CTs at NAV	-	161,505,868
Total	\$ 59,026,244	\$ 220,532,112

\* Investments measured at fair value using net asset value per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in the hierarchy tables for such investments are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the investments at fair value line item presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

**NOTE 5 – RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

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

Volatility in the financial markets may significantly impact the subsequent valuation of the Plan's investments. Accordingly, the valuation of investments at December 31, 2024 may not necessarily be indicative of amounts that could be realized in a current market exchange.

**NOTE 6 – PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS**

Parties-in-interest are defined under the Department of Labor's regulations as any fiduciary of the Plan, any party rendering service to the Plan, the employer, and certain others. Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Company. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan. Some administrative expenses of the Plan are paid directly by the Company. Certain Plan investments are managed by Fidelity. Fidelity is the trustee of the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid for by the Plan for the period ended December 31, 2024, as well as notes receivable from participants, are also considered party-in-interest transactions.

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**NOTE 7 – TAX STATUS**

The underlying volume submitter plan has received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) dated June 30, 2020 stating that the form of the Plan is qualified under Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). The Plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its qualified status. Although the Plan has been amended from the original prototype document, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is currently being operated in accordance with the Code.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States require plan management to evaluate uncertain tax positions taken by the Plan. The financial statement effects of a tax position are recognized when the position is more likely than not, based on the technical merits, to be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan Administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken. The Plan has recognized no interest or penalties related to uncertain tax positions. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan Administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2021.

**NOTE 8 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management evaluated subsequent events from the date of the financial statements September 19, 2025, which represents the date these financial statements were available to be issued.

The MBS Textbook Exchange, LLC Profit Sharing Plan was merged with the Plan effective March 7, 2025. Total net assets in the amount of approximately \$109,000,000 were transferred as of merger date.

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

BARNES AND NOBLE EDUCATION 401(k) PLAN  
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i – SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)  
December 31, 2024

Name of Plan Sponsor: Barnes & Noble Education, Inc.  
Employer Identification Number: 46-0599018  
Three-Digit Plan Number: 001

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
<b>Collective Trusts</b>				
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Growth Company Commingled Pool	** \$	81,454,595
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2040 Commingled Pool Class D	**	15,537,193
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2030 Commingled Pool Class D	**	14,249,820
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2035 Commingled Pool Class D	**	12,408,811
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Managed Income Portfolio Class 2	**	11,927,567
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2050 Commingled Pool Class D	**	9,589,148
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2045 Commingled Pool Class D	**	7,387,491
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2020 Commingled Pool Class D	**	6,597,540
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2055 Commingled Pool Class D	**	5,850,386
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2025 Commingled Pool Class D	**	5,656,763
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2060 Commingled Pool Class D	**	1,536,814
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2010 Commingled Pool Class D	**	814,918
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom Income Commingled Pool Class D	**	556,096
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2065 Commingled Pool Class D	**	201,158
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2015 Commingled Pool Class D	**	55,070
				<u>173,823,370</u>
<b>Mutual Funds</b>				
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity 500 Index Institutional Class	**	19,444,003
	Dimensional Fund Advisors	DFA US Large Cap Value	**	11,066,628
	Janus Henderson	Janus Henderson Enterprise Fund Class N	**	6,134,556
	Alliance Bernstein	AB Discovery Value Fund Class Z	**	6,120,588
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity International Index Fund	**	5,413,212
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity US Bond Index IS	**	4,559,297
	American Funds	American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund R6	**	3,008,966
	Vanguard	Vanguard Small Cap Index Fund Admiral Shares	**	2,769,821
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Total Bond Fund Class K6	**	2,439,008
	Dimensional Fund Advisors	DFA Small Cap Fund I	**	2,076,643
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Extended Market Index Fund	**	868,129
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity® Government Money Market Fund Class K6	**	52,054
				<u>63,952,905</u>
<b>Notes Receivable From Participants</b>				
*	Plan Participants	4.25% - 9.50% interest rate, maturing through 2038	**	2,551,358
				<u>\$ 240,327,633</u>

\* Party-in-interest

\*\* Investment is participant directed, therefore historical cost not required.

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BARNES AND NOBLE EDUCATION 401(k) PLAN  
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i – SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)  
December 31, 2024

Name of Plan Sponsor: Barnes & Noble Education, Inc.  
Employer Identification Number: 46-0599018  
Three-Digit Plan Number: 001

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
<b>Collective Trusts</b>				
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Growth Company Commingled Pool	** \$	81,454,595
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2040 Commingled Pool Class D	**	15,537,193
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2030 Commingled Pool Class D	**	14,249,820
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2035 Commingled Pool Class D	**	12,408,811
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Managed Income Portfolio Class 2	**	11,927,567
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2050 Commingled Pool Class D	**	9,589,148
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2045 Commingled Pool Class D	**	7,387,491
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2020 Commingled Pool Class D	**	6,597,540
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2055 Commingled Pool Class D	**	5,850,386
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2025 Commingled Pool Class D	**	5,656,763
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2060 Commingled Pool Class D	**	1,536,814
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2010 Commingled Pool Class D	**	814,918
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom Income Commingled Pool Class D	**	556,096
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2065 Commingled Pool Class D	**	201,158
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2015 Commingled Pool Class D	**	55,070
				<u>173,823,370</u>
<b>Mutual Funds</b>				
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity 500 Index Institutional Class	**	19,444,003
	Dimensional Fund Advisors	DFA US Large Cap Value	**	11,066,628
	Janus Henderson	Janus Henderson Enterprise Fund Class N	**	6,134,556
	Alliance Bernstein	AB Discovery Value Fund Class Z	**	6,120,588
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity International Index Fund	**	5,413,212
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity US Bond Index IS	**	4,559,297
	American Funds	American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund R6	**	3,008,966
	Vanguard	Vanguard Small Cap Index Fund Admiral Shares	**	2,769,821
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Total Bond Fund Class K6	**	2,439,008
	Dimensional Fund Advisors	DFA Small Cap Fund I	**	2,076,643
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Extended Market Index Fund	**	868,129
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity® Government Money Market Fund Class K6	**	52,054
				<u>63,952,905</u>
<b>Notes Receivable From Participants</b>				
*	Plan Participants	4.25% - 9.50% interest rate, maturing through 2038	**	2,551,358
				<u>\$ 240,327,633</u>

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