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| <p style="text-align: center;">Form 5500</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p> | <p>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</p> <p style="font-size: small;">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).</p> <p>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</p> | <p style="font-size: x-small;">OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: large; font-weight: bold;">2024</p> <hr/> <p style="font-weight: bold;">This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p> |
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Part I Annual Report Identification Information
 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. ▶

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

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| <p>1a Name of plan <u>PIEDMONT COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL RETIREMENT PLAN</u></p> | <p>1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u></p> |
| <p>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) <u>PIEDMONT COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.</u></p> <p><u>119 E. 2ND AVENUE</u> <u>GASTONIA, NC 28052</u></p> | <p>1c Effective date of plan <u>09/01/2000</u></p> <p>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>56-2153586</u></p> <p>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>704-853-2428</u></p> <p>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>611000</u></p> |

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.

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| SIGN HERE | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 10/15/2025 | CLAIRE WILSON |
| | 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 |

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| 3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 | 266 |
| 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 a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested..... | 6a(1) | 206 |
| | 6a(2) | 202 |
| | 6b | 1 |
| | 6c | 73 |
| | 6d | 276 |
| | 6e | 0 |
| | 6f | 276 |
| | 6g(1) | 261 |
| 6g(2) | 262 | |
| 6h | 14 | |
| 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 3D 2T

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

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| 9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) | 9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) |
| (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance | (1) <input checked="" 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)

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| a Pension Schedules | b General Schedules |
| (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information) | (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H (Financial Information) |
| (2) <input type="checkbox"/> MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary | (2) <input type="checkbox"/> I (Financial Information – Small Plan) |
| (3) <input type="checkbox"/> SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary | (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>1</u> |
| (4) <input type="checkbox"/> DCG (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____ | (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information) |
| (5) <input type="checkbox"/> MEP (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information) | (5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) |
| | (6) <input type="checkbox"/> 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 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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| <p style="text-align: center;">SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p> | <p>Insurance Information</p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</p> <p>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</p> | <p>OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: 24pt;">2024</p> <hr/> <p>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p> |
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

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| <p>A Name of plan PIEDMONT COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL RETIREMENT PLAN</p> | <p>B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001</p> |
| <p>C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 PIEDMONT COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.</p> | <p>D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-2153586</p> |

Part I Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.

| (b) EIN | (c) NAIC code | (d) Contract or identification number | (e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year | Policy or contract year | |
|------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|------------|
| | | | | (f) From | (g) To |
| 35-0472300 | 65676 | GP 41089 | 280 | 01/01/2024 | 12/31/2024 |

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

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| (a) Total amount of commissions paid 25596 | (b) Total amount of fees paid 3622 |
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
CAMBRIDGE INV RESEARCH INC **1776 PLEASANT PLAIN RD**
FAIRFIELD, IA 52556

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
| 25596 | 0 | SALES AND BASE COMMISSIONS | 4 |

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
MAXUS PLANS **15720 BRIXHAM HILL AVE., STE 300**
SUITE 500
CHARLOTTE, NC 28277

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
| | 3622 | TPA FEES | 5 |

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
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| Part II | Investment and Annuity Contract Information | |
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| | Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report. | |
| 4 | Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end | 78200 |
| 5 | Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end..... | 7908525 |
| 6 | Contracts With Allocated Funds: | |
| a | State the basis of premium rates ▶ | |
| b | Premiums paid to carrier | 6b |
| c | Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year | 6c |
| d | If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. Specify nature of costs ▶ | 6d |
| e | Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> individual policies (2) <input type="checkbox"/> group deferred annuity (3) <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) ▶ | |
| f | If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 7 | Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts) | |
| a | Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> deposit administration (2) <input type="checkbox"/> immediate participation guarantee (3) <input type="checkbox"/> guaranteed investment (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other ▶ GROUP VAR ANNUITY W/GUAR FUND | |
| b | Balance at the end of the previous year | 7b 139089 |
| c | Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year | 7c(1) |
| | (2) Dividends and credits..... | 7c(2) |
| | (3) Interest credited during the year..... | 7c(3) 3120 |
| | (4) Transferred from separate account | 7c(4) 10000 |
| | (5) Other (specify below)..... ▶ FORFEITURES | 7c(5) 13938 |
| | (6) Total additions | 7c(6) 27058 |
| d | Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6)) | 7d 166147 |
| e | Deductions: | |
| | (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year | 7e(1) 51836 |
| | (2) Administration charge made by carrier..... | 7e(2) 755 |
| | (3) Transferred to separate account | 7e(3) 32179 |
| | (4) Other (specify below)..... ▶ TPA FEES | 7e(4) 3175 |
| (5) Total deductions | 7e(5) 87945 | |
| f | Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)..... | 7f 78202 |

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information
 If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** Health (other than dental or vision)
- b** Dental
- c** Vision
- d** Life insurance
- e** Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
- f** Long-term disability
- g** Supplemental unemployment
- h** Prescription drug
- i** Stop loss (large deductible)
- j** HMO contract
- k** PPO contract
- l** Indemnity contract
- m** Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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| a | Premiums: (1) Amount received | 9a(1) | | |
| | (2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid | 9a(2) | | |
| | (3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve | 9a(3) | | |
| | (4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)) | | 9a(4) | 0 |
| b | Benefit charges (1) Claims paid | 9b(1) | | |
| | (2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves | 9b(2) | | |
| | (3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)) | | 9b(3) | 0 |
| | (4) Claims charged | | 9b(4) | |
| c | Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) -- | | | |
| | (A) Commissions | 9c(1)(A) | | |
| | (B) Administrative service or other fees | 9c(1)(B) | | |
| | (C) Other specific acquisition costs | 9c(1)(C) | | |
| | (D) Other expenses | 9c(1)(D) | | |
| | (E) Taxes | 9c(1)(E) | | |
| | (F) Charges for risks or other contingencies | 9c(1)(F) | | |
| | (G) Other retention charges | 9c(1)(G) | | |
| | (H) Total retention | | 9c(1)(H) | 0 |
| | (2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.) | | 9c(2) | |
| d | Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement | | 9d(1) | |
| | (2) Claim reserves | | 9d(2) | |
| | (3) Other reserves | | 9d(3) | |
| e | Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).) | | 9e | |

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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| a | Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier | 10a | | |
| b | If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. | 10b | | |

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? Yes No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

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| SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | Service Provider Information 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. | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection. |
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| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 PIEDMONT COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC. | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-2153586 | |

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)

LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP

1301 S HARRISON STREET
FORT WAYNE, IN 46801-2248

35-1140070

| (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? |
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| 13 | SERVICE PROVIDER | 50397 | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 0 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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

MAXUS PLANS SOLUTIONS

15720 BRIXHAM HILL AVE.
SUITE 300
CHARLOTTE, NC 28277

45-4012897

| (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? |
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| 15 | TPA | 8714 | 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? |
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| | | | 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.

| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | (b) Service Codes (see instructions) | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP | 13 | 0 |
| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP 1301 S. HARRISON STREET FORT WAYNE, IN 46801 35-1140070 | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. NONE | |
| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | (b) Service Codes (see instructions) | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| (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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| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | (b) Service Codes (see instructions) | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| (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)

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| a Name: | b EIN: |
| c Position: | |
| d Address: | e Telephone: |

Explanation:

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| a Name: | b EIN: |
| c Position: | |
| d Address: | e Telephone: |

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| SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> | DFE/Participating Plan Information 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. | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection. |
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

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| A Name of plan <u>PIEDMONT COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL RETIREMENT PLAN</u> | B Three-digit plan number (PN) | <u>001</u> |
| C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>PIEDMONT COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.</u> | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>56-2153586</u> | |

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| Part I | Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs) |
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| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | <u>LINCOLN LIFE SEPERATE ACCOUNT 4K</u> | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | <u>LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.</u> | |
| c EIN-PN <u>35-0472300-402</u> | d Entity code <u>P</u> | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>7908525</u> |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | | |
| c EIN-PN | d Entity code | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | | |
| c EIN-PN | d Entity code | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | | |
| c EIN-PN | d Entity code | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | | |
| c EIN-PN | d Entity code | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |
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| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | | |
| c EIN-PN | d Entity code | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | | |
| c EIN-PN | d Entity code | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN

d Entity code

e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN

d Entity code

e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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| SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | Financial Information 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). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection |
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| For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024 | |
| A Name of plan PIEDMONT COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL RETIREMENT PLAN | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 PIEDMONT COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC. | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-2153586 |

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| Part I | Asset and Liability Statement |
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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.

| Assets | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------|
| a Total noninterest-bearing cash | 1a 0 | 0 |
| b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts): | | |
| (1) Employer contributions | 1b(1) | |
| (2) Participant contributions | 1b(2) | |
| (3) Other | 1b(3) | |
| c General investments: | | |
| (1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) | 1c(1) | |
| (2) U.S. Government securities | 1c(2) | |
| (3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities): | | |
| (A) Preferred | 1c(3)(A) | |
| (B) All other | 1c(3)(B) | |
| (4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities): | | |
| (A) Preferred | 1c(4)(A) | |
| (B) Common | 1c(4)(B) | |
| (5) Partnership/joint venture interests | 1c(5) | |
| (6) Real estate (other than employer real property) | 1c(6) | |
| (7) Loans (other than to participants) | 1c(7) | |
| (8) Participant loans | 1c(8) | |
| (9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts | 1c(9) 0 | 0 |
| (10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts | 1c(10) 6366021 | 7908525 |
| (11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts | 1c(11) | |
| (12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities | 1c(12) | |
| (13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) | 1c(13) | |
| (14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)..... | 1c(14) 137016 | 78200 |
| (15) Other..... | 1c(15) | |

| 1d Employer-related investments: | | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|---|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Employer securities | 1d(1) | | |
| (2) Employer real property | 1d(2) | | |
| e Buildings and other property used in plan operation | 1e | | |
| f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e) | 1f | 6503037 | 7986725 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| g Benefit claims payable | 1g | | |
| h Operating payables | 1h | | |
| i Acquisition indebtedness | 1i | | |
| j Other liabilities | 1j | | |
| k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j) | 1k | 0 | 0 |
| Net Assets | | | |
| l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) | 1l | 6503037 | 7986725 |

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) | 480619 | |
| (B) Participants | 2a(1)(B) | 668374 | |
| (C) Others (including rollovers) | 2a(1)(C) | 0 | |
| (2) Noncash contributions | 2a(2) | | |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2) | 2a(3) | | 1148993 |
| b Earnings on investments: | | | |
| (1) Interest: | | | |
| (A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) | 2b(1)(A) | | |
| (B) U.S. Government securities | 2b(1)(B) | | |
| (C) Corporate debt instruments | 2b(1)(C) | | |
| (D) Loans (other than to participants) | 2b(1)(D) | | |
| (E) Participant loans | 2b(1)(E) | | |
| (F) Other | 2b(1)(F) | | |
| (G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F) | 2b(1)(G) | | 0 |
| (2) Dividends: | | | |
| (A) Preferred stock | 2b(2)(A) | | |
| (B) Common stock | 2b(2)(B) | | |
| (C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds) | 2b(2)(C) | 6771 | |
| (D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C) | 2b(2)(D) | | 6771 |
| (3) Rents | 2b(3) | | |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: | | | |
| (A) Aggregate proceeds | 2b(4)(A) | | |
| (B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions) | 2b(4)(B) | | |
| (C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result | 2b(4)(C) | | |
| (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: | | | |
| (A) Real estate | 2b(5)(A) | | |
| (B) Other | 2b(5)(B) | | |
| (C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B) | 2b(5)(C) | | |

| | | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|---|---------------|------------|-----------|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts | 2b(6) | | |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts | 2b(7) | | |
| (8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts | 2b(8) | | |
| (9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities | 2b(9) | | |
| (10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) | 2b(10) | | 815586 |
| c Other income | 2c | | |
| d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2d | | 1971350 |

Expenses

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|---|---------------|--------|--------|
| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits: | | | |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers | 2e(1) | 414351 | |
| (2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits | 2e(2) | | |
| (3) Other | 2e(3) | | |
| (4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3) | 2e(4) | | 414351 |
| f Corrective distributions (see instructions) | 2f | | 14196 |
| g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) | 2g | | |
| h Interest expense | 2h | | |
| i Administrative expenses: | | | |
| (1) Salaries and allowances | 2i(1) | | |
| (2) Contract administrator fees | 2i(2) | 8713 | |
| (3) Recordkeeping fees | 2i(3) | | |
| (4) IQPA audit fees | 2i(4) | | |
| (5) Investment advisory and investment management fees | 2i(5) | 50402 | |
| (6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees | 2i(6) | | |
| (7) Actuarial fees | 2i(7) | | |
| (8) Legal fees | 2i(8) | | |
| (9) Valuation/appraisal fees | 2i(9) | | |
| (10) Other trustee fees and expenses | 2i(10) | | |
| (11) Other expenses | 2i(11) | | |
| (12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11) | 2i(12) | | 59115 |
| j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2j | | 487662 |

Net Income and Reconciliation

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| k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d | 2k | | 1483688 |
| 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) 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: **DMJPS PLLC**

(2) EIN: **56-0570567**

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 |
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| 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.) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 155484 |
| 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.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| 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.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| 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.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 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.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| 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. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

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) |
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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 _____.

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| SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | 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 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection. |
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| A Name of plan <u>PIEDMONT COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL RETIREMENT PLAN</u> | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ | <u>001</u> |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>PIEDMONT COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.</u> | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>56-2153586</u> | |

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| Part I | Distributions |
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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.....

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| 1 | | 0 |
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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): 35-0472300

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.....

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| 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.) |
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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.

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| 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

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| Part III | Amendments |
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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

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| 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. |
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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:

| | | |
|---|------------|--|
| a 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)..... | 14a | |
| 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)..... | 14b | |
| c 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)..... | 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) 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 Q703912A.

**Piedmont Community Charter School
Retirement Plan**

Audited Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

**PIEDMONT COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
RETIREMENT PLAN**

Audited

Financial Statements

As of

December 31, 2024 and 2023

And for the Year Ended December 31, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To The Trustee
Piedmont Community Charter School Retirement Plan

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

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Piedmont Community Charter School Retirement 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 statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024, 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 audit of the Piedmont Community Charter School Retirement Plan 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 audit 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 a certification from Lincoln National Life Insurance Company as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024 stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 4 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2024 Financial Statements

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Financial Statements section of our report—

- the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements referred to above, 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 financial statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by Lincoln National Life Insurance Company 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).

Basis for Opinion on the 2024 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Piedmont Community Charter School Retirement Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our 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 Piedmont Community Charter School Retirement Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after 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.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2024 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 auditors' 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 generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Piedmont Community Charter School Retirement 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.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Piedmont Community Charter School Retirement Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit 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 – December 31, 2024 Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) and the supplemental Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions as of December 31, 2024 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are 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 schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit 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 schedules 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 schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are 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 schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is 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 schedules related to assets held 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).

Auditors’ Report on the 2023 Financial Statements

The financial statements of Piedmont Community Charter School Retirement Plan as of December 31, 2023, were audited by Potter & Company, PA, who merged with DMJPS PLLC to become DMJPS PLLC as of July 1, 2025. 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, the prior year audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan that were certified by a qualified institution. Their report dated October 15, 2024, indicated that in their opinion (a) the amounts and disclosures in the 2023 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and (b) the information in the 2023 financial statements related to assets held by and certified by Lincoln National Life Insurance Company (the Custodian) 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). Their report also indicated that the form and content of the 2023 supplemental schedules, other than the information in the 2023 supplemental schedules that agrees to or is derived from the certified investment information, were presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, and the information in the 2023 supplemental schedules 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).

DMJPS PLLC

Certified Public Accountants
Monroe, North Carolina

October 14, 2025

PIEDMONT COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL RETIREMENT PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
December 31, 2024 and 2023

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Investments at fair value | \$ 7,908,525 | \$ 6,366,021 |
| Investments at contract value | 78,200 | 137,016 |
| Total investments | 7,986,725 | 6,503,037 |
| | | |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 7,986,725 | 6,503,037 |
| | | |
| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS | \$ 7,986,725 | \$ 6,503,037 |

See Accompanying Notes To Financial Statements.

PIEDMONT COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL RETIREMENT PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

| | 2024 |
|---|--------------|
| Additions to net assets attributed to: | |
| Investment income (loss): | |
| Interest and dividend income | \$ 6,741 |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments | 813,400 |
| Total investment income | 820,141 |
| Contributions: | |
| Participants contributions | 668,429 |
| Employer contributions | 480,703 |
| Total contributions | 1,149,132 |
| Total additions | 1,969,273 |
| Deductions from net assets attributed to: | |
| Benefits paid to participants | 428,547 |
| Administrative expenses | 57,038 |
| Total deductions | 485,585 |
| Change in net assets available for benefits | 1,483,688 |
| Net assets available for benefits | |
| Beginning of year | 6,503,037 |
| End of year | \$ 7,986,725 |

See Accompanying Notes To Financial Statements.

PIEDMONT COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL RETIREMENT PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2024 and 2023

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Piedmont Community Charter School Retirement Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

- a. General - The Plan is a participant directed defined contribution plan covering all employees of Piedmont Community Charter School (the School), except for substitute teachers and nonresident aliens with no U.S earned income, who have completed one year of service, have completed at least 1,000 hours of service and are age eighteen or older. The Plan allows for quarterly plan entry dates after one year of service. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Plan Administrator is responsible for the oversight of the Plan, determining the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings and monitoring investment performance.
- b. Contributions - Participants may elect to make contributions as defined in the Plan. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans (rollover). Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The amount of regular 401(k) deferrals that the participant contributes to the Plan is considered a deferral of compensation and will not be subject to federal income tax until it is withdrawn from the Plan. The amount of Roth 401(k) deferrals that the participant contributes to the Plan is subject to federal income tax in the year of the deferral; however, the deferrals and, in most cases the earnings on the deferrals, are not subject to federal income taxes when distributed to the participants.

The School contributes 50% of the first 6% of compensation that a participant contributes to the Plan. In addition, each year, the School may make a discretionary profit sharing contribution. During the year ended December 31, 2024, the School made matching and profit sharing contributions to the Plan amounting to \$215,706 and \$264,997, respectively.

Contributions are subject to certain IRS limits.

- c. Participant Accounts - Each participant's account is credited with the participant's voluntary contributions and School matching contributions as well as allocations of the School's profit sharing contributions and Plan earnings. Only participants completing a year of service who are employed by the School on the last day of the Plan year are eligible to share in employer discretionary profit sharing contributions. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

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NOTE 1 - **DESCRIPTION OF PLAN – Continued**

- d. Vesting - Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions and rollovers from qualified plans plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the School’s matching contributions and discretionary profit sharing contribution plus actual earnings thereon is based on years of continuous service. The vesting schedule adopted by the Plan is as follows:

| Years of Service | Percentage Vested |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Less than 1 year | 0% |
| 1 year but less than 2 years | 20% |
| 2 years but less than 3 years | 40% |
| 3 years but less than 4 years | 60% |
| 4 years but less than 5 years | 80% |
| 5 or more years | 100% |

A participant becomes 100% vested upon reaching normal retirement age or upon death or disability.

- e. Payment of Benefits - On termination of service due to reasons other than death, participants will be paid the vested interest in his or her account in the form of a lump sum distribution. On termination of service due to death, the entire account balance will be paid by the end of the fifth year.
- f. Forfeited Accounts – Forfeitures are created when participants terminate employment before becoming entitled to their full benefits under the Plan. The Plan allocates participant forfeitures to restore forfeitures, reduce School contributions or to pay Plan expenses. At December 31, 2024 and 2023, forfeited non-vested accounts amounted to \$16,007 and \$4,952, respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2024, forfeitures created were \$13,938 and forfeitures used to pay plan expenses were \$3,180 respectively.
- g. Plan Expenses - Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the School and are excluded from these financial statements. The School also provides certain accounting and administrative services to the Plan for which no fees are charged. Fees related to the administration of investments and participant distributions are charged directly to the participant’s account and are included in administrative expenses.
- h. Investment Options - Participants, upon enrollment in the Plan, may direct their contributions into various investment options. Such investment allocations may be changed at any time by the participant. All Plan investments are participant directed.
- i. Hardship Withdrawals - Withdrawals due to financial hardship are permitted from the participants’ deferral accounts which are 100% vested to enable the participant to satisfy certain immediate and heavy financial needs as defined in the Plan.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value (except for the fully benefit-responsive investment contract, which is reported at contract value). Fair value is 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. The Plan's management determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the Plan's investment advisors, custodian and insurance company. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Payment Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 14, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The framework for measuring fair value 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) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

Level 1 Fair Value Measurements

Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2 Fair Value Measurements

Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS – continued

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

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 maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Pooled Separate Accounts: Valued based on the unit value at NAV of the underlying mutual fund investments. A pooled separate account is maintained by an insurance carrier, which is regulated by a state agency. Although similar to mutual funds, the accounts are issued by insurance companies and are not publicly traded.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

| | Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, | | | |
|---------------------------|--|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | 2024 | | 2023 | |
| | Level 2 | Total | Level 2 | Total |
| Pooled separate accounts | \$ 7,908,525 | \$ 7,908,525 | \$ 6,366,021 | \$ 6,366,021 |
| Investments at Fair Value | \$ 7,908,525 | \$ 7,908,525 | \$ 6,366,021 | \$ 6,366,021 |

NOTE 4 - CERTIFIED INVESTMENT INFORMATION

The Plan Trustees have elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 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. Accordingly, Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, a qualified institution, has certified that the following investment information included in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule is complete and accurate:

- Investments as shown in the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.
- Investment income shown in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024.
- Investment information included in the schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024, as shown on the ERISA-required supplemental schedule.

At the request of the Plan Trustee, the Plan’s independent auditors did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this certified investment information, except for comparing such certified investment information to the related investment information included in the financial statements and ERISA-required supplement schedule.

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NOTE 5 - GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT

During 2018, the Plan entered into a fully benefit-responsive guaranteed investment contract with Lincoln National Life Insurance Company (Lincoln). Lincoln maintains the contributions in a general account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and is charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The group annuity contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate, never to be less than 1.0%, that is guaranteed to the Plan.

The contract meets the fully benefit-responsive investment criteria and therefore is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by Lincoln, represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due is dependent on the issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise.

Certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include (1) amendments to the Plan documents (including complete or partial Plan termination or merger with another plan), (2) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options, (3) bankruptcy of the Plan sponsor or other Plan sponsor events that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan, (4) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transactions exemption under ERISA, or (5) premature termination of the Plan. No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuer and that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

In addition, certain events allow the issuer to terminate the contract with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. Such events include (1) a breach of material obligation under the contract, (2) a material misrepresentation, (3) failure of the Plan to meet requirements of the appropriate IRS Code sections, or (4) if after a reasonable amount of time, the account has not grown sufficiently.

The methodology used to calculate the interest crediting rate is discretionary to Lincoln but is to be set at least as high as the guaranteed minimum interest rate for the contract and is guaranteed for at least one quarter. The average credited interest rates, which are reset quarterly, are as follows:

| <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|-------------|-------------|
| 2.77% | 2.54% |

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NOTE 6 - RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Plan had investments in pooled separate accounts and a guaranteed annuity contract managed by Lincoln National Life Insurance Company. Lincoln National Life Insurance Company was the Plan custodian during the period noted above; therefore, these transactions are considered to be exempt party-in-interest transactions.

The Plan's investment advisor is considered a party-in-interest. Investment advisory fees deducted from participants' accounts and paid directly to the investment advisor, by way of the Plan Custodian, for the year ended December 31, 2024 amounted to \$50,397.

Service fees deducted from participants' accounts and paid directly to the third party administrators, by way of the Plan Custodian, for the year ended December 31, 2024 amounted to \$3,622. Asset charges, loan maintenance and other transaction fees deducted from participants' accounts by the Plan custodian amounted to \$5,092.

Additionally, certain fees paid by the Plan for investment management services are included as a reduction of the return earned on each fund.

The Plan sponsor did not received reimbursement from the Plan for audit fees.

NOTE 7 - PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the School has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their employer contributions.

NOTE 8 - TAX STATUS

The Plan uses a volume submitter plan from CCH Incorporated, which received an opinion letter from the IRS on June 30, 2020, stating that the volume submitter plan, as then designed, satisfies the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan itself has not received a determination letter from the IRS. Although the Plan has been amended since the date of the opinion letter, the Plan's management believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, no provision for income tax has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require 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 Internal Revenue Service. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

***PIEDMONT COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL RETIREMENT PLAN
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December 31, 2024 and 2023***

NOTE 9 - RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Because of 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 statement of net assets available for benefits.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

PIEDMONT COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
EIN: 56-2153586 PLAN NUMBER 001
Schedule of Assets (Held At End of Year)
Attachment to Schedule H, LINE 4i
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

| a) Party In Interest | (b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party | (c) Description of Investment | (d) Cost | (e) Current Value |
|----------------------|---|-------------------------------|----------|---------------------|
| * | Lincoln National Life Insurance - Guaranteed Account | Guaranteed Investment Account | \$ | 78,200 |
| | Pooled Separate Accounts with Lincoln National Life Insurance: | | | |
| * | PIMCO Short-Term Instl SAA5 | Mutual Fund | | 621 |
| * | PIMCO CmdtyRIRetrn Strat SA9Y | Mutual Fund | | 1,265 |
| * | PIMCO Intl Bond Fnd Admin SAA1 | Mutual Fund | | 584 |
| * | State St Russell Lg Cp Val NL SAA8 | Mutual Fund | | 30,438 |
| * | State St Russell Lg Cap Gr NL SAA7 | Mutual Fund | | 108,788 |
| * | State St Russell Sm Cap Gr NL SAA9 | Mutual Fund | | 41,342 |
| * | State St Russell Sm Cp Val NL SAAA | Mutual Fund | | 3,973 |
| * | Vanguard Mid-Cap Growth Index Adm SAB3 | Mutual Fund | | 13,882 |
| * | Vanguard Mid-Cap Value Index Adm SAB4 | Mutual Fund | | 48,012 |
| * | Vanguard Emerging Mkts Stock Adm SAAS | Mutual Fund | | 3,642 |
| * | Vanguard International Growth Adm SAAX | Mutual Fund | | 42,250 |
| * | Vanguard High-Yield Corporate Adm SAAV | Mutual Fund | | 2,185 |
| * | VG REI Fund Admiral Shrs SAB5 | Mutual Fund | | 1,285 |
| * | Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Inv | Mutual Fund | | 456,055 |
| * | Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Inv | Mutual Fund | | 1,360,932 |
| * | Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Inv | Mutual Fund | | 843,262 |
| * | Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Inv | Mutual Fund | | 1,208,193 |
| * | Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Inv | Mutual Fund | | 614,134 |
| * | Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Inv | Mutual Fund | | 1,290,790 |
| * | Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Inv | Mutual Fund | | 549,830 |
| * | Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Inv | Mutual Fund | | 466,919 |
| * | Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Inv | Mutual Fund | | 133,115 |
| * | Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Inv | Mutual Fund | | 40,250 |
| * | Vanguard Total World Stock Index Adm SABP | Mutual Fund | | 11,571 |
| * | Baird Aggregate Bond Inst SAEJ | Mutual Fund | | 201,234 |
| * | Vanguard Target Retirement Income Inv SABM | Mutual Fund | | 49,533 |
| * | Vanguard 500 Index SACG | Mutual Fund | | 323,038 |
| * | Invesco Equity and Income | Mutual Fund | | 61,402 |
| | | Total Mutual Funds | | <u>7,908,525</u> |
| | | Total | | <u>\$ 7,986,725</u> |

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PIEDMONT COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
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Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions
Attachment to Schedule H, LINE 4a
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

| Participant Contributions Transferred Late to the Plan Check Here if Late Participant Loan Repayments Are Included () | Total That Constitutes Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions | | | Contributions Pending Correction in Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program | Total Fully Corrected Under Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program (VFCP) and Prohibited Transaction Exemption 2002-51 |
|--|---|---|----|--|--|
| | Contributions Not Corrected | Contributions Corrected Outside Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program | | | |
| \$63,140 | \$63,140 | \$63,140 | \$ | - | \$ - |
| \$155,484 | \$155,484 | \$155,484 | \$ | - | \$ - |

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| \$63,140 | \$63,140 | \$63,140 | \$ - | \$ - |
| \$155,484 | \$155,484 | \$155,484 | \$ - | \$ - |