

GASB Statement 34 (Accounting System)

**1. Purpose**

The Board recognizes the need to implement the required accounting and financial reporting standards set out in Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 (“GASB 34”)

The primary objectives of implementing the GASB 34 are to assure compliance with state requirements, and to properly account for both the financial and economic resources and to provide new and additional information to users of District financial statements.

**2. Authority**

Reporting shall be in accordance with Board policy and State of Idaho Fiscal Policies manuals as prepared by the office of the State of Idaho Controller’s Office, GASB 34, and the State Department of Education.

**3. Delegation of Responsibility**

The responsibility to coordinate the compilation and preparations of all information necessary to implement this policy is delegated to the Superintendent in cooperation with the District’s Treasurer.

The designated individual shall be responsible for implementing the necessary procedures to establish and maintain a fixed asset inventory, including depreciation schedules. Depreciation shall be computed on a straight-line basis over the useful lives of the assets, using an averaging convention. Normal maintenance and repairs shall be charged to expense as incurred; major renewals and betterments that materially extend the life or increase the value of the asset shall be capitalized. A schedule of accumulated depreciation shall be consistent from year to year. The basis for depreciation, including groups of assets and useful lives, shall be in writing and submitted annually for review to the Board of Trustees.

The Superintendent, in cooperation with the District’s Treasurer, shall prepare the required Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) when the board wishes it to be a part of the Annual Audit. The MD&A shall be in the form required by GASB Statement 34 and shall be submitted to the board for approval, prior to publication.

Prior to submission of the MD&A for Board approval, the independent auditors shall review the MD&A, in accordance with State Accounting Statute No. 52, “Required Supplementary Information.”

#### **4. Guidelines**

In order to associate debt with acquired assets, and to avoid net asset deficits, any asset that has been acquired with debt proceeds shall be capitalized, regardless of the cost of the asset. The asset life of these assets shall be considered relative to the time of the respective debt amortizations.

For all other assets not acquired by debt proceeds, the dollar value of any single item for inclusion of the fixed assets accounts shall not be less than \$ 5,000 for equipment and vehicles and \$20,000 for buildings and land. (Including improvements)

The capitalization threshold shall be set at a level that will capture at least 80% of all fixed assets.

The assets listed below do not normally individually meet capitalization threshold criteria:

1. Library books. 2. Classroom texts. 3. Computer equipment. 4. Classroom furniture.

These asset category costs shall be capitalized and depreciated as groups when that group's acquisition cost exceeds the capitalization threshold in any given fiscal year.

For group asset depreciation purposes, the estimated useful life of the group may be based on the weighted average or simple average of the useful life of individual items, or on an assessment of the life of the group as a whole. Periodically, the intermediate unit shall review the estimated life of groups of assets and adjust the remaining depreciation life of the group.

Assets that fall below the capitalization threshold for GASB 34 reporting purposes may still be significant for insurance, warranty service, and obsolescence/replacement policy tracking purposes. The intermediate unit may record and maintain these non-GASB 34 asset inventories in subsidiary ledgers.

#### **Policy History:**

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