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Report of Independent Auditors

To the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Liquid Asset Fund

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Nebraska Liquid Asset Fund (the “Fund”), which comprise the statement of net position as of May 31, 2023, and the related statement of changes in net position for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Fund’s basic financial statements (collectively referred to as the “financial statements”).

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund at May 31, 2023 and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAS”). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Fund and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit 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 of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Fund’s ability to continue as a going concern for 12 months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund’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 the Fund’s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis be presented to supplement the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with GAAS, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the schedule of investments but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

The signature of Ernst & Young LLP is written in a cursive, handwritten style in black ink.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
September 11, 2023

Management's Discussion and Analysis

We are pleased to present the Annual Report for the Nebraska Liquid Asset Fund (the "Fund") for the year ended May 31, 2023. Management's Discussion and Analysis is designed to focus the reader on significant financial items and provides an overview of the Fund's financial statements for the year ended May 31, 2023. The Fund's financial statements have been prepared in conformity with the reporting framework prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") for local government investment pools.

Economic Update

The economic narrative throughout 2022 and the first half of 2023 was dominated by heightened levels of inflation and the Federal Reserve's ("Fed") efforts to mitigate its effects.

Powered by low interest rates and government stimulus, a strong labor market, record consumer spending, supply chain shortages, and Russia's invasion of Ukraine which affected prices on energy and other commodities, inflation surged to a 40-year high of 9.1% by June 2022. To fight inflation, the Fed began a historic series of rate hikes that raised the federal funds rate 500 basis points (5%) from early 2022 through May 2023. That pushed interest rates to their highest levels in 15 years and slowed activity in the interest-rate sensitive housing sector. Elevated rates also increased the cost of consumer credit and increased the potential for an economic recession.

Real gross domestic product ("GDP") in the U.S. increased 2.1% in 2022 (from the 2021 annual level), compared with an increase of 5.9% in 2021. The 2022 increase largely reflected increases in consumer spending, exports, private inventory growth, and business investment that were partly offset by decreases in residential fixed investment and federal government spending. The increase in consumer spending reflected an increase in services – such as travel, food services, accommodations, and health care – that was partly offset by a decrease in spending on goods. The economy in the second half of the year finished strong even as questions remained over whether growth would decelerate, and the economy would slide into a recession in 2023. GDP in the first quarter of 2023 increased at an annual rate of 1.3%, a deceleration from the fourth quarter of 2022 that primarily reflected a downturn in private inventory investment and a slowdown in nonresidential fixed investment.

The labor market remained extremely tight, with the unemployment rate near a 50-year low, job openings near record highs, and wage growth elevated compared to historical levels. The unemployment rate averaged 3.6% from June 2022 through May 2023 and ended the period at 3.7%. Job openings were plentiful as the economy added more than 4.8 million new jobs in 2022 and 1.6 million new jobs in the first five months of 2023. There were notable gains in education, professional and business services, and health care. Average hourly earnings, an important gauge of wages, rose a strong 4.3% through May.

Consumer spending accounts for more than two-thirds of U.S. economic activity, and consumers drove demand in 2022 by deploying excess savings accumulated during the pandemic. As global supply chains were challenged, the economy saw shortages of both raw materials and finished goods that contributed to higher prices. Towards the end of the year and in early 2023, consumer spending began to soften. Some of the moderation in spending reflected a shift in demand from goods to services. Meanwhile, the personal savings rate (savings as a percent of personal disposable income) fell from all-time highs to a near all-time low as consumers spent down their savings accumulated during the pandemic.

After reaching a 40-year high of 9.1% in June 2022, the consumer price index ("CPI") moderated sharply in the second half of 2022 and first months of 2023, falling to a 4.0% year-over-year (price) gain by the end of May 2023. Crude oil prices, which spiked after the Russian invasion of Ukraine, were actually lower over the year. Prices for food, transportation and shelter were up markedly. Inflation was the most worrisome issue for both households and policymakers throughout the year.

The Fed's course for tighter monetary policy was solidified as inflation reached its multi-decade peak. Short-term rates rose in dramatic fashion as the Fed followed through with rate hikes at ten consecutive meetings, four of which were 75-basis point hikes (June, July, September, and November 2022), the largest increment since 1994. That put the fed funds rate at a target range of 5.00% to 5.25% at fiscal year-end. Interest rates climbed at the fastest pace seen in recent history. The yield on 3-month Treasury bills rose from 1.08% at the end of May 2022 to 4.41% by the end of the calendar year 2022 and reached 5.42% at the end of May 2023. The surge in interest rates pushed market values lower on longer-term bonds but created opportunities for short-term investors to earn much higher yields than in recent years.

Market volatility increased dramatically in reaction to three high profile bank failures in the first half of 2023. Both bond and equity markets experienced extreme volatility, with the 2-year treasury yield dropping nearly 100 basis points in just three days. This temporarily derailed the trend toward higher rates caused by the Fed's aggressive rate hikes, before the market focus returned to inflation, employment and the expected future path of Fed policy. This took place amidst fears of a U.S. debt default, with the White

House and Congress at an impasse over increasing the government’s borrowing limit. In early June, just days ahead of the Treasury running out of funding, President Biden signed the bipartisan bill to suspend the debt ceiling until January 1, 2025.

The Fed remains determined to bring inflation down to the 2% target level, consistent with its dual mandate of achieving maximum employment and price stability. Coming out of its June 2023 meeting, the Federal Open Market Committee (“FOMC”) decided to pause its rate hike cycle, leaving the Fed Funds Target Rate in a range of 5.00% to 5.25%. Fed Chair Powell stated that this pause allows the FOMC to assess additional information and data going into the July meeting. However, the June Summary of Economic Projections indicated another 50 basis points of additional rate hikes in 2023. Their updated projections also showed expected improvement in GDP, a lower forecast for unemployment, but higher projected inflation by year-end 2023, with a median forecast of 3.9% in the Core PCE inflation index.

Portfolio Strategy

The aggressive path of Fed rate hikes presented unique opportunities in managing the portfolio in 2022 and early 2023. At the beginning of the fiscal year, short-term rates were near record lows and supply of attractively priced investment opportunities was limited at times. As always, we prioritized safety of principal and liquidity for investors even as we worked hard to sustain the portfolio’s yield.

As the Fed’s shift to tighter monetary policy pushed short-term interest rates to historic levels, we moved to a more defensive posture, shortening the maturity profile of the portfolio to allow more frequent reinvestments that could quickly capitalize on each rate hike. We also incorporated more floating-rate instruments into the portfolio, securities on which the interest rate quickly adjusts to any rate increases. The overall yield to investors rose consistently over the past year as it followed short rates higher.

After 10 rate hikes and the inflation level moderating significantly from its 9.1% peak in June 2022, the Fed may be nearly complete with this rate hike cycle, but a couple more hikes are still likely. The Fed continues to be “data dependent” as it implements monetary policy and as a result, we will continue to manage the maturity profile of the portfolio according to the near-term expectations for any future Fed rate action.

Our active management style performed well this year during a very volatile market and the portfolio remains well-positioned in anticipation of slowing rate increases through 2023.

Given that short-term interest rates are highly dependent on monetary policy, and more recently the inflation outlook, we continually monitor these factors and stand ready to adjust each portfolio accordingly. As always, our primary objectives are to protect the value of each portfolio’s shares and to provide liquidity for investors. We will continue to work hard to achieve these goals, while also seeking to increase investment yields in a prudent manner as conditions evolve over the coming quarters.

Financial Statement Overview

The financial statements for the Fund include a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Changes in Net Position. These financial statements are supported by the Notes to Financial Statements. In addition, a Schedule of Investments for the Fund is included as unaudited Other Information following the Notes to Financial Statements.

Condensed Financial Information and Analysis

Statement of Net Position: The Statement of Net Position presents the financial position of the Fund as of May 31, 2023 and includes all assets and liabilities of the Fund. Total assets of the Fund fluctuate as investable assets rise and fall when capital shares are issued and redeemed. The difference between total assets and total liabilities, which is equal to the investors’ interest in the Fund’s net position, is shown below for the current and prior fiscal year-end dates:

	May 31, 2023	May 31, 2022
Total Assets	\$ 812,918,967	\$ 874,013,862
Total Liabilities	(339,314)	(305,530)
Net Position	\$ 812,579,653	\$ 873,708,332

The decrease in total assets of the Fund is primarily due to a \$54,712,816 decrease in investments and a \$9,029,700 decrease in cash and cash equivalents, which was offset by a \$2,641,932 increase in accrued interest receivable. The cash and cash equivalents as of May 31, 2023 includes \$33,000,000 of bank time deposits yielding 5.30%, which were classified as cash equivalents since they are available on demand with one-day notice. The increase in total liabilities is primarily due to an increase in average net assets coupled with fee waiver reimbursements in Investment Advisory and Administration fees payable verses waivers at the end of the prior fiscal year end.

The Statement of Changes in Net Position presents the Fund's activity for the year ended May 31, 2023. Yearly changes in the Fund's net position primarily relate to net capital shares issued/(redeemed) and net investment income for the year. The investment income of the Fund is driven by a combination of the amount of investable assets and the general short-term interest rate environment that impacts the yields on investments the Fund can purchase. Realized gains or losses on sale of investments occur whenever investments are sold for more or less than their carrying value. Activity within the Fund is outlined below for the current and prior fiscal years:

	Year Ended	
	May 31, 2023	May 31, 2022
Investment Income	\$ 25,302,817	\$ 1,321,875
Net Expenses	(2,972,139)	(951,828)
Net Investment Income	22,330,678	370,047
Net Realized Gain on Sale of Investments	2,541	12,628
Net Capital Shares Issued/(Redeemed)	(83,461,898)	77,466,631
Change in Net Position	\$ (61,128,679)	\$ 77,849,306

The Fund's net position decreased approximately 7% year-over-year, which is reflected above in the net capital shares redeemed. Its average net assets increased approximately 3% year-over-year. The slight increase in investable assets, coupled with the cumulative 425 basis point increase in the federal funds target rate during the current fiscal year, resulted in investment income increasing approximately 1,814% year-over-year. A significant portion of the Fund's gross expenses are calculated as a percentage of net assets, and as such, gross expenses increased approximately 0.1% from the prior fiscal year. However, the Fund's net expenses increased approximately 212% due to an increase in total fees reimbursed year-over-year. Due to market conditions, gross expenses were increased by reimbursements of investment advisory fees, administration fees, marketing fees and consulting fees totaling \$152,321, \$65,413, \$58,871 and \$60,106, respectively, for the year ended May 31, 2023, as opposed to waivers of investment advisory fees, administration fees, marketing fees, consulting fees and custodian fees totaling \$529,293, \$595,667, \$225,438 and \$300,936 and \$1,200, respectively, for the year ended May 31, 2022.

The total return of the Fund for the year ended May 31, 2023 was 3.15%, up from 0.05% for the year ended May 31, 2022. Select financial highlights for the Fund for the current fiscal year, as compared to the prior fiscal year, are as follows:

	Year Ended	
	May 31, 2023	May 31, 2022
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets	3.03%	0.05%
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets, Before Fees Waived/Reimbursed and Expenses Paid Indirectly	3.07%	(0.18%)
Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets	0.40%	0.14%
Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets, Before Fees Waived/Reimbursed and Expenses Paid Indirectly	0.36%	0.37%

The Fund's ratio of net investment income to average net assets, both before and after factoring in fees waived/reimbursed and expenses paid indirectly, increased year-over-year due to the increase in investment income driven by the increased interest rates as previously noted. The ratio of expenses to average net assets, increased from the prior year due to the shift from fee waivers in prior year to fee waiver reimbursements in the current year.

Statement of Net Position

May 31, 2023

Assets	
Investments	\$ 776,493,405
Cash and Cash Equivalents ⁽¹⁾	33,312,343
Accrued Interest Receivable.....	3,096,207
Subscriptions Receivable.....	6,407
Prepaid Expenses.....	10,605
Total Assets.....	<u>812,918,967</u>
Liabilities	
Redemptions Payable.....	15,317
Investment Advisory and Administration Fees Payable.....	196,091
Consulting Fees Payable.....	47,062
Custodian Fees Payable.....	13,369
Legal Fees Payable.....	6,000
Audit Fees Payable.....	29,800
Other Expenses Payable.....	31,675
Total Liabilities.....	<u>339,314</u>
Net Position	<u>\$ 812,579,653</u>

(applicable to 812,579,653 outstanding shares of beneficial interest; unlimited authorization; no par value; equivalent to \$1.00 per share)

⁽¹⁾ Includes cash and bank time deposit accounts which are subject to a one-day put. Guaranteed by Federal Home Loan Bank letters of credit.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Statement of Changes in Net Position

For the Year Ended May 31, 2023

Income	
Investment Income.....	\$ 25,302,817
Expenses	
Investment Advisory and Administration Fees.....	2,044,981
Consulting Fees.....	442,279
Custodian Fees.....	58,849
Legal Fees.....	39,287
Audit Fees.....	29,391
Other Expenses.....	24,371
Total Expenses.....	<u>2,639,158</u>
Investment Advisory and Administration Fees Reimbursed.....	276,605
Consulting Fees Reimbursed.....	60,106
Expenses Paid Indirectly.....	<u>(3,730)</u>
Net Expenses.....	<u>2,972,139</u>
Net Investment Income	22,330,678
Other Income	
Net Realized Gain on Sale of Investments.....	<u>2,541</u>
Net Increase from Investment Operations Before Capital Transactions	22,333,219
Capital Shares Issued.....	795,917,534
Capital Shares Redeemed.....	<u>(879,379,432)</u>
Change in Net Position	(61,128,679)
Net Position – Beginning of Year	<u>873,708,332</u>
Net Position – End of Year	<u>\$ 812,579,653</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Notes to Financial Statements

A. Organization and Reporting Entity

The Nebraska Liquid Asset Fund (the “Fund”), was established on March 23, 1988 as the Nebraska School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus, pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act and Article XV, Section 18 of the Nebraska State Constitution. Under its original Declaration of Trust and Interlocal Agreement (“Declaration of Trust”) establishing the Fund, shares of the Fund were offered exclusively to Nebraska school districts, educational service units and technical community colleges. The Declaration of Trust was amended, restated and readopted effective February 5, 2008, to change the name of the Fund to Nebraska Liquid Asset Fund and to expand the authorized Participants of the Fund to add Nebraska public agencies and other political subdivisions. The objective of the Fund is to provide a high yield for the Participants while maintaining liquidity and preserving capital by investing only in instruments permitted by Nebraska law. The Fund commenced operations on May 27, 1988.

An objective of the Fund is to maintain a net asset value of \$1 per share, but there can be no assurance that the net asset value will not vary from \$1. Shares are issued and redeemed at the net asset value per share next determined after receipt of a request. The Fund has not provided or obtained any legally binding guarantees to support the value of the shares. All participation in the Fund is voluntary. The Fund is not required to register as an investment company with the Securities & Exchange Commission (“SEC”).

B. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund in preparation of its financial statements.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The Fund reports transactions and balances using the economic resources management focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Fund reflects cash on deposit in bank accounts which is available within one business day as cash and cash equivalents. Certificates of deposit are disclosed separately as investments in the financial statements.

Valuation of Investments

In accordance with the authoritative guidance on fair value measurements and disclosures under GASB Statement No. 72, as amended, the Fund discloses the fair value of its investments in a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure the fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to valuations based upon unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to valuations based upon unobservable inputs that are significant to the valuation (Level 3 measurements). The guidance establishes three levels of the fair value hierarchy as follows:

Level 1 – Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets.

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset, including quoted prices for similar investments based on interest rates, credit risk and like factors.

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs for the assets, including the Fund’s own assumption for determining fair value.

The Fund’s investments are assigned a level based upon the observability of the inputs which are significant to the overall valuation. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 79, the Fund’s securities are valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. GASB Statement No. 79 requires a comparison of the Fund’s investments on an amortized cost basis to fair values determined on a market value basis at least monthly. The market prices used to determine fair values in this comparison are derived from closing bid prices as of the last business day of the month as supplied by third-party pricing services. Where prices are not available from these generally recognized sources, the securities are priced using a yield-based matrix system to arrive at an estimated market value. Prices that fall between data points are interpolated. The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. Since the value is not obtained from a quoted price in an active market, all securities held by the Fund at May 31, 2023 are categorized as Level 2.

Investment Transactions

Security transactions are accounted for on the trade date (date the order to buy or sell is executed). Costs used in determining realized gains and losses on the sale of investment securities are those of specific securities sold. Interest income is recorded using the accrual method. Discounts and premiums are accreted and amortized, respectively, to interest income over the lives of the respective securities.

Repurchase Agreements

Repurchase agreements entered into with broker-dealers are secured by U.S. government or agency obligations. The Fund's custodian takes possession of the collateral pledged for investments in repurchase agreements. The Fund also enters into tri-party repurchase agreements. Collateral pledged for tri-party repurchase agreements is held for the Fund by an independent third-party custodian bank until the maturity of the repurchase agreement. Repurchase agreements are collateralized at 102% of the obligation's principal and interest value. In the event of default on the obligation to repurchase, the Fund has the right to liquidate the collateral and apply the proceeds in satisfaction of the obligation. If the seller defaults and the value of the collateral declines, realization of the value of the obligation by the Fund may be delayed. In the event of default or bankruptcy by the other party to the agreement, realization and/or retention of the collateral may be subject to delays from legal proceedings.

Share Valuation and Participant Transactions

The net asset value ("NAV") per share of the Nebraska Liquid Asset Fund is calculated as of the close of each business day by dividing the net position of the Fund by the number of outstanding shares. It is the Fund's objective to maintain a NAV of \$1.00 per share; however, there is no assurance that this objective will be achieved. The exact price for share transactions will be determined based on the NAV next calculated after receipt of a properly executed order. The number of shares purchased or redeemed will be determined by the NAV.

Dividends and Distributions

On a daily basis, the Fund declares dividends and distributions from its net investment income and net realized gains or losses from securities transactions, if any. Such dividends and distributions are payable to investors of record at the time of the previous computation of the Fund's net asset value and are distributed to each investor's account by purchase of additional shares of the Fund on the last business day of each month. For the year ended May 31, 2023, the Fund distributed dividends totaling \$22,333,219.

Redemption Restrictions

Shares of the Fund are available to be redeemed upon proper notice without restrictions under normal operating conditions. There are no limits to the number of redemptions that can be made as long as an investor has a sufficient number of shares to meet their redemption request. The Fund's Board of Trustees may temporarily suspend the right of withdrawal or postpone the date of payment of redemption proceeds for the whole or any part of any period: (1) during which there shall have occurred any state of war, national emergency, banking moratorium or suspension of payments by banks in the State of Nebraska or any general suspension of trading or limitation or prices on the New York or American Stock Exchange or (2) during which any financial emergency situation exists as a result of which disposal by the Fund of fund property is not reasonably practicable because of the substantial losses which might be incurred or it is not reasonably practicable for the Fund to determine the value of its net assets.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Income Tax Status

The Fund is not subject to Federal or State income tax upon the income realized by it. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes is required in the Fund's financial statements.

Representations and Indemnifications

In the normal course of business, the Fund may enter into contracts that contain a variety of representations which provide general indemnifications. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet occurred. However, based on experience, the Fund expects the risk of loss to be remote.

Subsequent Events Evaluation

The Fund has evaluated subsequent events through September 11, 2023, the date through which procedures were performed to prepare the financial statements for issuance. No events have taken place that meet the definition of a subsequent event requiring adjustment or disclosure in these financial statements.

C. Investment Risks

Under GASB Statement No. 40, as amended, State and Local governments and other municipal entities are required to disclose credit risk, concentration of credit risk, and interest rate risk for investment portfolios. The following risk disclosures of the Fund as of May 31, 2023 have been provided for the information of the Fund's investors.

Credit Risk

The Fund's investment policy, as outlined in its Information Statement, limits the Fund's investments to certain fixed income instruments which school entities are permitted to invest in under Nebraska law.

As of May 31, 2023, the Fund's investment portfolio was comprised of investments which were, in aggregate, rated by S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") as follows:

S&P Rating	%
AA+	51.49%
A-1+	5.28%
Exempt ⁽¹⁾	43.23%

(1) Represents investments in U.S. Treasury securities, which are not considered to be subject to overall credit risk per GASB.

The ratings of the investments in the preceding table include the ratings of collateral underlying repurchase agreements in effect as of May 31, 2023. Securities with a long-term rating of A or higher are equivalent to the highest short-term rating category based on S&P rating methodology.

Concentration of Credit Risk

As outlined in the Fund's Information Statement, the Fund's investment policy establishes certain restrictions on investments and limitations on portfolio composition. As of May 31, 2023, the Fund included the following issuers, aggregated by affiliated issuers where applicable, which individually represented greater than 5% of the Fund's total investment portfolio:

Issuer	%
BNP Paribas ⁽¹⁾	6.57%
BofA Securities Inc. ⁽¹⁾	14.81%
Credit Agricole Corporate & Investment Bank (NY) ⁽¹⁾	13.54%
Federal Farm Credit Bank	21.96%
Federal Home Loan Bank	25.35%
Goldman Sachs & Co. ⁽¹⁾	10.95%

(1) These issuers are also counterparties to repurchase agreements entered into by the Fund. These repurchase agreements are collateralized by U.S. government and agency obligations.

Interest Rate Risk

The Fund's investment policies limit its exposure to market value fluctuations due to changes in interest rates by requiring that it maintain a dollar-weighted average maturity of not greater than 60 days. As of May 31, 2023, the weighted average maturity of the Fund's portfolio, including cash and cash equivalents and certificates of deposit, was 27 days.

The range of yields, actual maturity dates, principal values, fair values and weighted average maturities of the types of investments the Fund held as of May 31, 2023 are as follows:

Type of Deposits and Investments	Yield-to-Maturity Range	Maturity Range	Principal	Fair Value	Weighted Average Maturity
Cash and Cash Equivalents	n/a	n/a	\$ 33,312,343	\$ 33,312,343	1 Day
Government Agency and Instrumentality Obligations:					
Agency Discount Notes	5.05%-5.16%	7/25/23-9/21/23	41,480,000	40,984,743	87 Days
Agency Notes	5.04%-5.50%	6/6/23-1/24/25	343,425,000	343,333,008	50 Days
U.S. Treasury Notes	5.30%-5.51%	1/31/24-10/31/24	36,100,000	36,075,654	6 Days
Repurchase Agreements	4.91%-5.06%	6/1/23-7/3/23	356,100,000	356,100,000	3 Days
			<u>\$ 810,417,343</u>	<u>\$ 809,805,748</u>	

The yields shown in the preceding table represent the yield-to-maturity at original cost except for adjustable rate instruments, for which the rate shown is the coupon rate in effect at May 31, 2023. The weighted average maturities shown in the preceding table are calculated based on the stated maturity dates with the following exceptions: (1) floating or variable rate securities are assumed to have an effective maturity of the date upon which the security's interest rate next resets; (2) the effective maturity of callable securities is assumed to be its stated maturity unless the security had been called as of the reporting date, in which case the effective maturity would be assumed to be its called date; (3) for instruments subject to demand features, the effective maturity is assumed to be the period remaining until the principal amount of the instrument may be recovered through the demand features; and (4) the effective maturity of cash and cash equivalents is assumed to be one day. Refer to the Schedule of Investments included in the unaudited Other Information that follows for further information.

D. Fees and Charges

Investment Advisory, Administration and Marketing Fees

Pursuant to an Investment Advisory and Administration Agreement with the Fund which became effective February 1, 2023, PFM Asset Management LLC ("PFMAM") serves as the Investment Adviser and Administrator of the Fund and its affiliate, PFM Fund Distributors, Inc. ("PFMFD"), has been delegated the authority to provide marketing services to the Fund. PFMAM is paid a fee at an annual rate equal to 0.25% of the Fund's average daily net assets. Such fee is calculated daily and paid monthly.

Prior to February 1, 2023, PFMAM provided investment advisory services and administration services to the Fund pursuant to a separate Investment Advisory Agreement and a separate Administration Agreement with the Fund and PFMFD provided marketing services to the Fund pursuant to a separate Marketing Agreement with the Fund. For the investment advisory services provided under the prior Investment Advisory Agreement, PFMAM was paid a fee at an annual rate equal to 0.10% of the Fund's average daily net assets. For the administration services provided under the prior Administration Agreement, PFMAM was paid an additional fee at an annual rate equal to 0.10% of the Fund's average daily net assets. For the marketing services provided under the prior Marketing Agreement, PFMFD was paid a fee at an annual rate equal to 0.09% of the Fund's average daily net assets. All such fees under these prior agreements were calculated daily and paid monthly.

PFMAM is a subsidiary of U.S. Bancorp Asset Management Inc. ("USBAM"), which is a subsidiary of U.S. Bank, National Association ("U.S. Bank"), a subsidiary of U.S. Bancorp. PFMFD is also a subsidiary of U.S. Bancorp. U.S. Bank serves as the Fund's custodian. During the year ended May 31, 2023, the Fund accrued custodial fees totaling \$55,119, after factoring in \$3,730 of earnings credits on cash balances, and \$13,369 of these fees remain payable by the Fund as of May 31, 2023.

Consulting Fees

The Fund has separate consulting agreements with the Nebraska Council of School Administrators ("NCSA") and Nebraska Association of School Boards ("NASB"), referred to as the Consultants. Pursuant to these agreements, the Consultants advise PFMAM, as a representative of the Fund, on applicable and pending state laws affecting the Fund, schedule and announce through their publications informational meetings and seminars at which representatives of the Fund will speak, provide mailing lists of potential Participants and permit the use of their logos. The Consultants are each paid a fee at an annual rate equal to 0.03% of the Fund's average daily net assets. Such fee is calculated daily and paid monthly.

Fee Deferral Agreements

The Fund has separate Fee Deferral Agreements (each a "Fee Deferral Agreement" or, collectively, the "Fee Deferral Agreements") with each Consultant and with PFMAM (each a "Service Provider"), pursuant to which each Service Provider individually may, but shall not be obligated to, temporarily waive a portion of its fees to assist the Fund in an attempt to maintain a positive yield. In the event that a Service Provider elects to initiate a fee deferral, such fee deferral shall be applicable

to the computation of the NAV of the Fund on the business day immediately following the date on which the Service Provider gives notice to the Fund of the rate of the fee deferral to be applied in calculating the NAV. A fee deferral shall remain in effect until notice is provided to the Fund by the Service Provider regarding its intent to terminate its fee deferral or revise, upward or downward, the rate of its fee deferral.

Under the terms of the Fee Deferral Agreement with each Service Provider, at any time after a fee deferral has occurred, and if the monthly distribution yield of the Fund was in excess of 0.50% per annum for the preceding calendar month, the relevant Service Provider may elect to have the amount of its accumulated deferred fees recaptured in whole or in part under the conditions described in the Service Provider's Fee Deferral Agreement with the Fund by way of a payment of fees in excess of the rate it was entitled to, prior to any fee deferral, all as set forth in the respective Fee Deferral Agreement. In all cases, the total fees paid to each Service Provider in a given month, inclusive of the amount of any accumulated deferred fees to be recaptured, may not exceed 115% of the fees payable under the terms of each Service Provider's related agreement with the Fund. Any fees recaptured under the Fee Deferral Agreements may only be recaptured during the three-year period following the calendar month to which they relate. In conjunction with the new Investment Advisory and Administration Agreement which went into effect on February 1, 2023, any investment advisory, administration or marketing fee deferrals by PFMAM and PFMFD were consolidated such that the 115% limit above was applied to all such fee deferrals in the aggregate.

The chart that follows depicts the cumulative fees voluntarily waived by PFMAM / PFMFD and each Sponsor subject to the Fee Deferral Agreements during the year ended May 31, 2023, as well as the year by which any fees not recaptured will be deemed permanently unrecoverable.

	PFMAM/ PFMFD	NCSA	NASB
Cumulative Fee Deferrals	\$ 2,460,769	\$ 286,822	\$ 286,822
Amounts Reimbursed	(276,605)	(30,053)	(30,053)
Amounts Unrecoverable	-	-	-
Remaining Recoverable	<u>\$ 2,184,164</u>	<u>\$ 256,769</u>	<u>\$ 256,769</u>
Fee Deferrals Not Reimbursed Become Unrecoverable in Fiscal Year-End:			
May 31, 2024	\$ 833,765	\$ 106,301	\$ 106,301
May 31, 2025	<u>\$1,350,399</u>	<u>\$ 150,468</u>	<u>\$ 150,468</u>

Other Fund Expenses

The Fund pays expenses incurred by its Trustees and officers (in connection with the discharge of their duties), insurance fees for Trustees, audit fees, legal fees, rating fees and other operating expenses.

**Other
Information
(unaudited)**

Schedule of Investments (unaudited)

May 31, 2023

Rate ⁽¹⁾	Maturity Date ⁽²⁾	Principal	Fair Value ⁽³⁾
Government Agency and Instrumentality Obligations (51.74%)			
Federal Farm Credit Bank Discount Notes			
5.16%	9/21/23	\$7,000,000	\$6,890,676
Federal Farm Credit Banks Notes			
5.08% ⁽⁴⁾	6/29/23	6,000,000	6,000,000
5.08% ⁽⁴⁾	7/13/23	25,000,000	25,000,245
5.09% ⁽⁴⁾	8/3/23	10,000,000	10,000,086
5.08% ⁽⁴⁾	8/8/23	25,000,000	25,000,583
5.09% ⁽⁴⁾	8/10/23	5,000,000	4,999,852
5.37% ⁽⁴⁾	9/6/23	4,800,000	4,800,000
5.09% ⁽⁴⁾	9/8/23	3,000,000	2,999,957
5.11% ⁽⁴⁾	10/10/23	6,000,000	5,999,785
5.11% ⁽⁴⁾	11/3/23	5,000,000	4,999,788
5.20% ⁽⁴⁾	11/6/23	20,800,000	20,803,419
5.11% ⁽⁴⁾	11/7/23	5,000,000	4,998,435
5.10% ⁽⁴⁾	11/28/23	9,000,000	8,998,223
5.31% ⁽⁴⁾	12/1/23	15,000,000	14,999,142
5.14% ⁽⁴⁾	1/29/24	3,000,000	2,999,922
5.18% ⁽⁴⁾	2/28/24	3,000,000	2,999,934
5.15% ⁽⁴⁾	5/1/24	4,000,000	4,000,000
5.14% ⁽⁴⁾	6/4/24	5,000,000	4,999,500
5.18% ⁽⁴⁾	1/24/25	9,000,000	8,999,642
Federal Home Loan Bank Discount Notes			
5.05%	7/25/23	3,500,000	3,473,960
5.06%	8/2/23	10,000,000	9,914,151
5.07%	8/30/23	15,000,000	14,813,025
5.13%	9/13/23	5,980,000	5,892,931
Federal Home Loan Bank Notes			
5.12% ⁽⁴⁾	6/6/23	18,000,000	18,000,000
5.09% ⁽⁴⁾	6/7/23	10,000,000	10,000,000
5.14% ⁽⁴⁾	6/14/23	18,000,000	18,000,205
5.06% ⁽⁴⁾	8/2/23	15,000,000	15,000,000
5.17% ⁽⁴⁾	8/18/23	7,000,000	7,000,000
5.11% ⁽⁴⁾	8/29/23	5,000,000	5,000,000
5.16% ⁽⁴⁾	9/21/23	5,000,000	5,000,000
5.09% ⁽⁴⁾	9/25/23	15,000,000	15,000,000
5.14% ⁽⁴⁾	11/29/23	3,000,000	3,000,000
5.04%	11/8/23	10,000,000	9,998,599
Federal Home Loan Bank Notes (Callable)			
5.08%	7/5/23	36,000,000	35,910,691
5.28%	5/28/24	9,000,000	9,000,000
5.30%	5/28/24	6,825,000	6,825,000
5.40%	5/30/24	5,000,000	5,000,000
Freddie Mac Bank Notes (Callable)			
5.40%	6/11/24	9,000,000	9,000,000
5.50%	6/18/24	8,000,000	8,000,000

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May 31, 2023

Rate ⁽¹⁾	Maturity Date ⁽²⁾	Principal	Fair Value ⁽³⁾
U.S. Treasury Notes			
5.36% ⁽⁴⁾	1/31/24	\$7,500,000	\$7,499,127
5.30% ⁽⁴⁾	4/30/24	8,000,000	7,990,850
5.41% ⁽⁴⁾	7/31/24	14,000,000	13,992,610
5.51% ⁽⁴⁾	10/31/24	6,600,000	6,593,067
Total Government Agency and Instrumentality Obligations.....			420,393,405
Repurchase Agreements (43.82%)			
BNP Paribas SA			
4.91%	6/5/23	8,000,000	8,000,000
(Dated 4/3/23, repurchase price \$8,068,740, collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities, 0.00%-2.125%, maturing 6/15/23-11/15/50, fair value \$613,588, Ginnie Mae securities, 2.50%-6.50%, maturing 7/15/24-11/20/52, fair value \$816,078, Fannie Mae securities, 2.49%-5.50%, maturing 6/1/34-4/1/53, fair value \$1,004,554, Federal Farm Credit Bank securities, 3.70%, maturing 3/24/42, fair value \$8,376, and Freddie Mac securities, 2.21%-5.00%, maturing 3/1/40-2/1/53, fair value \$5,783,068.)			
5.04%	6/5/23	8,000,000	8,000,000
(Dated 5/4/23, repurchase price \$8,035,840, collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities, 0.00%-2.125%, maturing 6/27/23-2/15/51, fair value \$8,192,000)			
4.97%	6/7/23 ⁽⁵⁾	20,000,000	20,000,000
(Dated 4/18/23, repurchase price \$20,157,983, collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities, 0.00%-2.625%, maturing 6/15/23-8/15/50, fair value \$20,523,943)			
5.04%	6/7/23 ⁽⁵⁾	8,000,000	8,000,000
(Dated 5/4/23, repurchase price \$8,047,040, collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities, 0.00%-2.875%, maturing 6/15/23-2/15/46, fair value \$8,192,002)			
5.04%	6/7/23 ⁽⁵⁾	7,000,000	7,000,000
(Dated 5/4/23, repurchase price \$7,041,160, collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities, 0.00%-4.75%, maturing 8/15/25-8/15/51, fair value \$7,168,024)			
BofA Securities, Inc.			
5.06%	6/1/23	10,000,000	10,000,000
(Dated 5/1/23, repurchase price \$10,043,572, collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities, 3.125%, maturing 8/31/29, fair value \$10,244,488)			
5.05%	6/1/23	75,000,000	75,000,000
(Dated 5/31/23, repurchase price \$75,010,521, collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities, 1.25%-3.625%, maturing 12/31/26-3/1/30, fair value \$76,510,775)			
5.00%	6/7/23 ⁽⁵⁾	13,000,000	13,000,000
(Dated 4/20/23, repurchase price \$13,099,306, collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities, 3.125%, maturing 8/31/29, fair value \$13,337,374)			
4.98%	6/7/23 ⁽⁵⁾	10,000,000	10,000,000
(Dated 4/3/23, repurchase price \$10,125,883, collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities, 3.125%, maturing 8/31/29, fair value \$10,283,257)			
5.06%	6/7/23 ⁽⁵⁾	7,000,000	7,000,000
(Dated 5/4/23, repurchase price \$7,041,323, collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities, 0.875%, maturing 11/15/30, fair value \$7,168,162)			

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Rate ⁽¹⁾	Maturity Date ⁽²⁾	Principal	Fair Value ⁽³⁾
Credit Agricole Corporate & Investment Bank (NY)			
5.05%	6/1/23	\$68,100,000	\$68,100,000
(Dated 5/31/23, repurchase price \$68,109,553, collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities, 1.50%, maturing 11/30/28, fair value \$69,471,828)			
5.05%	6/5/23	12,000,000	12,000,000
(Dated 5/4/23, repurchase price \$12,053,867, collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities, 3.75%, maturing 5/31/30, fair value \$12,288,174)			
5.04%	6/6/23	8,000,000	8,000,000
(Dated 5/30/23, repurchase price \$8,007,840, collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities, 3.75%, maturing 5/31/30, fair value \$8,162,336)			
5.05%	6/7/23 ⁽⁵⁾	17,000,000	17,000,000
(Dated 5/4/23, repurchase price \$17,100,158, collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities, 3.75%, maturing 4/15/26, fair value \$17,408,178)			
Goldman Sachs & Co.			
5.05%	6/1/23	75,000,000	75,000,000
(Dated 5/31/23, repurchase price \$75,010,521, collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities, 0.00%, maturing 5/15/25-8/15/44, fair value \$36,608,319, Ginnie Mae securities, 4.50%, maturing 6/15/40, fair value \$88,571, and Fannie Mae securities, 3.50%-6.00%, maturing 4/1/43-5/1/53, fair value \$39,813,841)			
5.05%	6/6/23	10,000,000	10,000,000
(Dated 5/30/23, repurchase price \$10,009,819, collateralized by Ginnie Mae securities, 3.00%, maturing 5/20/50, fair value \$10,130,904, and Fannie Mae securities, 2.50%-6.00%, maturing 11/1/30-6/1/41, fair value \$71,957)			
Total Repurchase Agreements			356,100,000
Total Investments (95.56%) (Amortized Cost \$776,493,405)			776,493,405
Other Assets and Liabilities, Net (4.44%)			36,086,248
Net Position (100.00%)			\$812,579,653

(1) Yield-to-maturity at original cost unless otherwise noted.

(2) Actual maturity dates, unless otherwise noted.

(3) See Note B to the financial statements.

(4) Adjustable rate security. Rate shown is that which was in effect at May 31, 2023.

(5) Subject to put with 7-day notice.

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