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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

School Employees Retirement System
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We have examined the Southern Local School District's management's assertion that the census data and pensionable wages reported to the School Employees Retirement System as of June 30, 2015, and for the year then ended was accurate and complete.

Management asserts that:

- The census data provided to the School Employees Retirement System as of June 30, 2015 is accurate and complete. Census data includes:
 - First and Last Name;
 - Last four digits of the social security number;
 - Gender;
 - Date of Birth;
 - Contributions remitted to the plan;
 - Pensionable Compensation;
- The census data provided to the School Employees Retirement System as of June 30, 2015 included all enrolled employees.
- Census data changes occurring during the year ended June 30, 2015 to an enrolled employee's eligible compensation, were properly updated with School Employees Retirement System.
- All employees required to be enrolled in the School Employees Retirement System were properly enrolled.
- The total pensionable wages and employee contributions information reported to School Employees Retirement System agrees with the payroll records of the employer.

Southern Local School District's management is responsible for the assertions. Our responsibility is to opine on the assertions based on our examination.

Our examination followed attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and standards applicable to attestation engagements included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards* and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting management's assertions and performing other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, management's assertions related to the accuracy and completeness of the census data and pensionable wages as described above provided to School Employees Retirement System as of and for the year ending June 30, 2015 are fairly stated in all material respects.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of Southern Local School District management, those charged with governance, and School Employees Retirement System, and RSM US LLP and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

October 27, 2015



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**SOUTHERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT- SERS
COLUMBIANA COUNTY**

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
NOVEMBER 24, 2015**