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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

New London Local School District  
Huron County  
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To the Board of Education:

### ***Report on the Financial Statements***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of New London Local School District, Huron County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the District's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinions.

**Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of New London Local School District, Huron County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position thereof and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Other Matters**

*Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require this presentation to include *management's discussion and analysis* and schedules of net pension liabilities and pension contributions listed in the table of contents, to supplement the basic financial statements. Although this information is not part of the basic financial statements, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board considers it essential for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, consisting of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, to the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not opine or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to opine or provide any other assurance.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 30, 2018, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

May 30, 2018

**NEW LONDON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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The management's discussion and analysis of the New London Local School District's (the "District") financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

**Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for 2017 are as follows:

- In total, net position of governmental activities increased \$529,594 which represents a 24.02% increase from 2016's net position.
- General revenues accounted for \$10,615,710 in revenue or 82.42% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and sales, grants and contributions accounted for \$2,263,662 or 17.58% of total revenues of \$12,879,372.
- The District had \$12,349,778 in expenses related to governmental activities; \$2,263,662 of these expenses was offset by program specific charges for services and sales, grants or contributions. General revenues supporting governmental activities (primarily taxes and unrestricted grants and entitlements) of \$10,615,710 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- The District's major fund is the general fund. The general fund had \$11,617,963 in revenues and other financing sources and \$10,848,454 in expenditures. During fiscal year 2017, the general fund's fund balance increased \$769,509 from a balance of \$2,251,501 to a balance of \$3,021,010.

**Using these Basic Financial Statements**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the District as a financial whole, an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

The *statement of net position* and *statement of activities* provide information about the activities of the whole District, presenting both an aggregate view of the District's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the District's most significant funds with all other nonmajor funds presented in total in one column. In the case of the District, the general fund is by far the most significant fund and the only governmental fund reported as a major fund.

**Reporting the District as a Whole**

***Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities***

While this document contains the large number of funds used by the District to provide programs and activities, the view of the District as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during 2017?" The statement of net position and the statement of activities answer this question. These statements include *all assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, deferred inflows, revenues and expenses* using the *accrual basis of accounting* similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting will take into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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These two statements report the District's *net position* and changes in those assets. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the District as a whole, the *financial position* of the District has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the District's property tax base, current property tax laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, facility conditions, required educational programs and other factors.

In the statement of net position and the statement of activities, the governmental activities include the District's programs and services, including instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, pupil transportation, extracurricular activities, and food service operations.

**Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds**

***Fund Financial Statements***

Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the District's major funds. The District uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the District's most significant funds. The District's major fund is the general fund.

***Governmental Funds***

Most of the District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using an accounting method called *modified accrual* accounting, which measures cash and all other *financial assets* that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed *short-term* view of the District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental *activities* (reported in the statement of net position and the statement of activities) and governmental *funds* is reconciled in the basic financial statements.

***Reporting the District's Fiduciary Responsibilities***

The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for its scholarship programs. This activity is presented as a private-purpose trust fund. The District also acts in a trustee capacity as an agent for individuals or other entities. These activities are reported in agency funds. All of the District's fiduciary activities are reported in separate statements of fiduciary net position and changes in fiduciary net position. These activities are excluded from the District's other financial statements because the assets cannot be utilized by the District to finance its operations.

***Notes to the Basic Financial Statements***

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

***Required Supplementary Information***

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the District's net pension liability.



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**The District as a Whole**

The table below provides a summary of the District's net position at June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016.

	<b>Net Position</b>	
	Governmental Activities	Governmental Activities
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b><u>Assets</u></b>		
Current and other assets	\$ 7,587,725	\$ 6,692,958
Capital assets, net	<u>14,170,859</u>	<u>14,300,347</u>
Total assets	<u>21,758,584</u>	<u>20,993,305</u>
<b><u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u></b>		
Unamortized deferred charges on debt refunding	20,745	24,574
Pension	<u>2,982,691</u>	<u>1,263,667</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>3,003,436</u>	<u>1,288,241</u>
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>		
Current liabilities	1,106,319	1,023,850
Long-term liabilities:		
Due within one year	399,651	321,756
Due in more than one year:		
Net pension liability	16,047,390	13,097,540
Other amounts	<u>2,108,272</u>	<u>2,226,820</u>
Total liabilities	<u>19,661,632</u>	<u>16,669,966</u>
<b><u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u></b>		
Property taxes levied for next year	2,013,414	2,121,935
Pensions	<u>352,826</u>	<u>1,285,091</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>2,366,240</u>	<u>3,407,026</u>
<b><u>Net Position</u></b>		
Net investment in capital assets	12,724,925	12,616,876
Restricted	711,702	680,483
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(10,702,479)</u>	<u>(11,092,805)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 2,734,148</u>	<u>\$ 2,204,554</u>

During a prior fiscal year, the District adopted GASB Statement 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions—an Amendment of GASB Statement 27," and GASB Statement 71 "Pension Transition for Contributions made subsequent to the measurement date—an Amendment of GASB Statement No.68," which significantly revises accounting for pension costs and liabilities. For reasons discussed below, many end users of this financial statement will gain a clearer understanding of the District's actual financial condition by adding deferred inflows related to pension and the net pension liability to the reported net position and subtracting deferred outflows related to pension.

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Governmental Accounting Standards Board standards are national and apply to all government financial reports prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. When accounting for pension costs, GASB 27 focused on a funding approach. This approach limited pension costs to contributions annually required by law, which may or may not be sufficient to fully fund each plan's *net pension liability*. GASB 68 takes an earnings approach to pension accounting; however, the nature of Ohio's statewide pension systems and state law governing those systems requires additional explanation in order to properly understand the information presented in these statements.

Under the new standards required by GASB 68, the net pension liability equals the District's proportionate share of each plan's collective:

1. Present value of estimated future pension benefits attributable to active and inactive employees' past service
2. Minus plan assets available to pay these benefits

GASB notes that pension obligations, whether funded or unfunded, are part of the "employment exchange" – that is, the employee is trading his or her labor in exchange for wages, benefits, and the promise of a future pension. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this pension promise is a present obligation of the government, part of a bargained-for benefit to the employee, and should accordingly be reported by the government as a liability since they received the benefit of the exchange. However, the District is not responsible for certain key factors affecting the balance of this liability. In Ohio, the employee shares the obligation of funding pension benefits with the employer. Both employer and employee contribution rates are capped by State statute. A change in these caps requires action of both Houses of the General Assembly and approval of the Governor. Benefit provisions are also determined by State statute. The employee enters the employment exchange with the knowledge that the employer's promise is limited not by contract but by law. The employer enters the exchange also knowing that there is a specific, legal limit to its contribution to the pension system. In Ohio, there is no legal means to enforce the unfunded liability of the pension system *as against the public employer*. State law operates to mitigate/lessen the moral obligation of the public employer to the employee, because all parties enter the employment exchange with notice as to the law. The pension system is responsible for the administration of the plan.

Most long-term liabilities have set repayment schedules or, in the case of compensated absences (i.e. sick and vacation leave), are satisfied through paid time-off or termination payments. There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability. As explained above, changes in pension benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balance of the net pension liability, but are outside the control of the local government. In the event that contributions, investment returns, and other changes are insufficient to keep up with required pension payments, State statute does not assign/identify the responsible party for the unfunded portion. Due to the unique nature of how the net pension liability is satisfied, this liability is separately identified within the long-term liability section of the statement of net position.

In accordance with GASB 68, the District's statements prepared on an accrual basis of accounting include an annual pension expense for their proportionate share of each plan's *change* in net pension liability not accounted for as deferred inflows/outflows.

As a result of implementing GASB 68, the District is reporting a net pension liability and deferred inflows/outflows of resources related to pension on the accrual basis of accounting.

Over time, net position can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At June 30, 2017, the District's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$2,734,148.

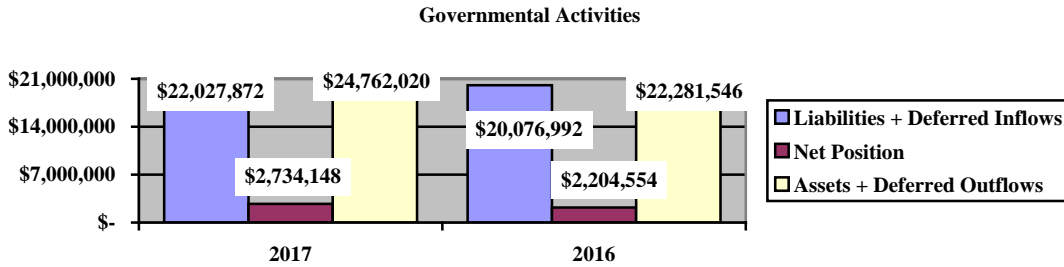
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At year-end, capital assets represented 65.13% of total assets. Capital assets include land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment and vehicles. Investments in capital assets, net of related debt to acquire the assets at June 30, 2017, were \$12,724,925. These capital assets are used to provide services to the students and are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources to repay the debt must be provided from other sources, since capital assets may not be used to liquidate these liabilities.

A portion of the District's net position, \$711,702, represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position is (\$10,702,479).

The graph below shows the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position at June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016.



The table below shows the change in net position for fiscal years 2017 and 2016.

	<b>Change in Net Position</b>	
	Governmental Activities 2017	Governmental Activities 2016
<b>Revenues</b>		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services and sales	\$ 916,151	\$ 904,912
Operating grants and contributions	1,347,511	1,453,310
General revenues:		
Property taxes	2,633,670	2,325,332
School district income tax	1,109,725	1,119,429
Grants and entitlements	6,780,895	6,865,655
Investment earnings	16,981	3,740
Other	74,439	49,789
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>12,879,372</b>	<b>12,722,167</b>

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**Change in Net Position**

	Governmental Activities <u>2017</u>	Governmental Activities <u>2016</u>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>		
Program expenses:		
Instruction:		
Regular	\$ 5,671,698	\$ 5,644,980
Special	1,924,437	1,649,716
Vocational	329,707	412,193
Other	13,561	14,040
Support services:		
Pupil	387,637	398,474
Instructional staff	167,624	204,140
Board of education	14,830	14,078
Administration	810,124	675,731
Fiscal	247,337	255,659
Business	20,785	29,822
Operations and maintenance	971,140	905,821
Pupil transportation	636,463	533,547
Central	211,311	142,326
Operation of non-instructional services:		
Other non-instructional services	8,809	5,549
Food service operations	383,323	374,502
Extracurricular activities	467,434	473,253
Interest and fiscal charges	83,558	90,920
Total expenses	<u>12,349,778</u>	<u>11,824,751</u>
Change in net position	529,594	897,416
Net position at beginning of year	<u>2,204,554</u>	<u>1,307,138</u>
Net position at end of year	<u><u>\$ 2,734,148</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,204,554</u></u>

**Governmental Activities**

Net position of the District's governmental activities increased \$529,594. Total governmental expenses of \$12,349,778 were offset by program revenues of \$2,263,662, and general revenues of \$10,615,710. Program revenues supported 18.33% of the total governmental expenses.

The primary sources of revenue for governmental activities are derived from property taxes, income taxes, and unrestricted grants and entitlements. These revenue sources represent 81.71% of total governmental revenue. Property tax revenues increased by \$308,338 due to an increase in the amount of property taxes collected during the fiscal year and due to an increase in the amount available for advance at fiscal year-end. Grants and entitlements decreased by \$84,760 due to a decrease in state funding.

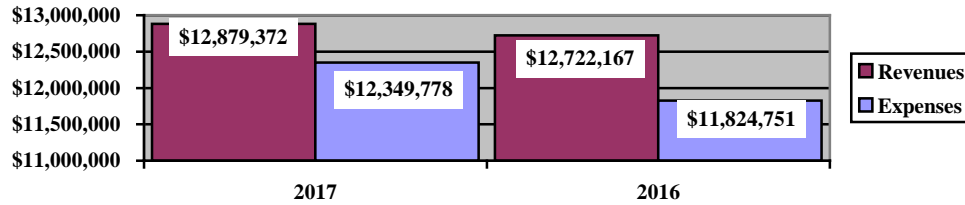
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The largest expense of the District is for instructional programs. Instruction expenses totaled \$7,939,403 or 64.29% of total governmental expenses for fiscal year 2017.

The graph below presents the District's governmental activities revenue and expenses for fiscal years 2017 or 2016.

**Governmental Activities - Revenues and Expenses**



The statement of activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. The following table shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue, unrestricted State grants and other general revenues of the District.

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>			
	Total Cost of Services 2017	Net Cost of Services 2017	Total Cost of Services 2016	Net Cost of Services 2016
<b>Program expenses</b>				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$ 5,671,698	\$ 5,062,253	\$ 5,644,980	\$ 5,043,238
Special	1,924,437	910,573	1,649,716	655,665
Vocational	329,707	266,589	412,193	297,906
Other	13,561	13,561	14,040	14,040
Support services:				
Pupil	387,637	385,750	398,474	398,277
Instructional staff	167,624	158,361	204,140	204,011
Board of education	14,830	14,830	14,078	14,078
Administration	810,124	803,599	675,731	675,383
Fiscal	247,337	247,337	255,659	255,659
Business	20,785	20,785	29,822	29,822
Operations and maintenance	971,140	966,383	905,821	880,690
Pupil transportation	636,463	612,828	533,547	498,973
Central	211,311	202,941	142,326	131,029
Operations of non-instructional services:				
Other non-instructional services	8,809	2,586	5,549	5,397
Food service operations	383,323	63,167	374,502	17,562
Extracurricular activities	467,434	271,015	473,253	253,879
Interest and fiscal charges	83,558	83,558	90,920	90,920
<b>Total expenses</b>	<u><u>\$ 12,349,778</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 10,086,116</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 11,824,751</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,466,529</u></u>

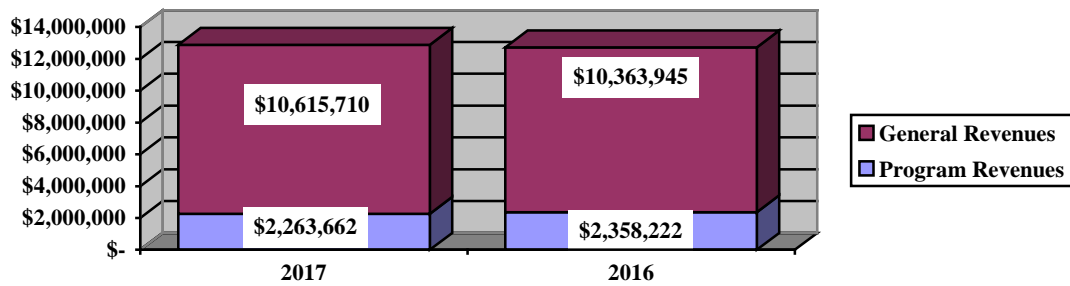
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The dependence upon tax and other general revenues for governmental activities is apparent, as 78.76% of instruction activities are supported through taxes and other general revenues. For all governmental activities, general revenue support is 81.67%. The District's taxpayers and unrestricted grants and entitlements from the State of Ohio, as a whole, are by far the primary support for District's students.

The graph below presents the District's governmental activities revenue for fiscal years 2017 and 2016:

**Governmental Activities - General and Program Revenues**



**The District's Funds**

The District's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$3,922,614 which is more than last year's total balance of \$3,086,335. The schedule below indicates the fund balance and the total change in fund balance as of June 30, 2017 and 2016.

	Fund Balance June 30, 2017	Fund Balance June 30, 2016	Change	Percentage Change
General	\$ 3,021,010	\$ 2,251,501	\$ 769,509	34.18 %
Other governmental	901,604	834,834	66,770	8.00 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,922,614</b>	<b>\$ 3,086,335</b>	<b>\$ 836,279</b>	<b>27.10 %</b>

**General Fund**

The District's general fund balance increased \$769,509. In fiscal year 2017, the District saw a decrease in intergovernmental revenues due to a decrease in state funding. Tax revenues increased due to an increase in property tax revenues. The increase in instruction and support service expenditures is due to fluctuations in personnel costs. The increase in capital outlay is due to a new capital lease agreement the District signed in the current fiscal year.

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The table that follows assists in illustrating the financial activities and fund balance of the general fund.

	<u>2017</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Change</u>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>				
Taxes	\$ 3,462,196	\$ 3,193,137	\$ 269,059	8.43 %
Earnings on investments	16,984	3,740	13,244	354.12 %
Intergovernmental	7,284,161	7,499,559	(215,398)	(2.87) %
Other revenues	<u>688,510</u>	<u>618,717</u>	<u>69,793</u>	11.28 %
Total	<u>\$ 11,451,851</u>	<u>\$ 11,315,153</u>	<u>\$ 136,698</u>	1.21 %
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>				
Instruction	\$ 6,948,387	\$ 6,838,907	\$ 109,480	1.60 %
Support services	3,415,000	3,099,698	315,302	10.17 %
Non-instructional services	8,336	5,057	3,279	64.84 %
Extracurricular activities	250,608	244,243	6,365	2.61 %
Capital outlay	166,112	-	166,112	100.00 %
Debt service	<u>60,011</u>	<u>61,450</u>	<u>(1,439)</u>	(2.34) %
Total	<u>\$ 10,848,454</u>	<u>\$ 10,249,355</u>	<u>\$ 599,099</u>	5.85 %

***General Fund Budgeting Highlights***

The District's budget is prepared according to Ohio law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the general fund.

During the course of fiscal 2017, the District's original budgeted revenues and other financing sources were \$11,735,000. The final budgeted revenues and other financing sources were \$11,316,905. The decrease in final budget was due to the decrease in intergovernmental revenues, primary state revenues. Actual revenues and other financing sources for fiscal 2017 was \$11,319,767. This represents a \$2,862 increase over final budgeted revenues.

General fund original appropriations and other financing uses totaled \$9,238,093 and final budget appropriations and financing uses totaled \$10,509,174. The increase in final appropriations was due to an increase in projected actual instruction and support services expenditures. The actual budget basis expenditures and other financing uses for fiscal year 2017 totaled \$10,509,498, which was \$324 more than the final budget appropriations.

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**Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

*Capital Assets*

At the end of fiscal 2017, the District had \$14,170,859 invested in land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment and vehicles. This entire amount is reported in governmental activities. The following table shows fiscal 2017 balances compared to 2016:

**Capital Assets at June 30  
(Net of Depreciation)**

	Governmental Activities	
	2017	2016
Land	\$ 315,751	\$ 315,751
Construction in progress	-	100,120
Land improvements	734,715	321,664
Building and improvements	12,361,256	12,904,675
Furniture and equipment	226,591	255,258
Vehicles	532,546	402,879
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,170,859</b>	<b>\$ 14,300,347</b>

The overall decrease in capital assets of \$129,488 is due to net disposals of \$22,856 and depreciation expense of \$672,025 exceeding capital outlay of \$565,393 in the fiscal year.

See Note 9 to the basic financial statements for additional information on the District's capital assets.

*Debt Administration*

At June 30, 2017, the District had \$1,305,468 in general obligation bonds and \$359,044 in capital leases outstanding. Of this total, \$327,735 is due within one year and \$1,336,777 is due within greater than one year. The following table summarizes the outstanding obligations for fiscal year 2017 compared to 2016.

**Outstanding Debt, at Year End**

	Governmental	Governmental
	Activities	Activities
	2017	2016
General obligation bonds	\$ 1,305,468	\$ 1,471,023
Capital leases	359,044	285,568
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,664,512</b>	<b>\$ 1,756,591</b>

At June 30, 2017, the District's voted debt margin was \$9,933,397, and an unvoted debt margin of \$116,966.

See Note 11 to the basic financial statements for additional information on the District's debt administration.



**NEW LONDON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HURON COUNTY, OHIO**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017  
(UNAUDITED)**

**Current Financial Related Activities**

The District continues to meet its current financial obligations. It is projected that the Board will have a positive five-year forecast through Fiscal Year 2020. Having a positive cash balance can be attributed to the increase of almost \$1 million in state funding per year as proposed in the recent budget bill.

The newly constructed buildings are now over 16 years old and the District will need to monitor major repairs as new equipment/fixtures begin to reach their maximum life. The facility capital maintenance levy (0.5 mill) continues to support service contracts and equipment repairs for equipment that was part of the original construction. This levy will be collected through calendar year 2022.

The District renewed an Emergency Levy in November, 2016 for 10 years. The levy generates approximately \$152,000 per calendar year.

The District has a continuing Income Tax of 1 percent of gross earnings and has been an integral part of the revenue of the District. The revenue from this income tax has begun to rebound from a drastic decline in 2008. If the unemployment in Ohio continues to rebound, the income tax will help to offset any deficit.

The District has negotiated agreements with two bargaining units; the New London Teachers Association and the Ohio Association of Public School Employees Local Chapter #521.

**Contacting the District's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives; additional information can be obtained from the Five Year Forecast and the accompanying assumptions posted on the website of the Ohio Department of Education at [www.ode.state.oh.us](http://www.ode.state.oh.us). If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Jim Hudson, Treasurer, New London Local School District, 2 Wildcat Drive, New London, Ohio 44851-9262.

**NEW LONDON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HURON COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2017

	<u><b>Governmental Activities</b></u>
<b>Assets:</b>	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents. . . . .	\$ 4,213,671
Receivables:	
Property taxes . . . . .	2,736,400
Income taxes. . . . .	455,638
Accounts. . . . .	15,965
Intergovernmental . . . . .	136,399
Prepayments . . . . .	18,990
Materials and supplies inventory. . . . .	1,181
Inventory held for resale. . . . .	6,655
Loans receivable . . . . .	2,826
Capital assets:	
Nondepreciable capital assets . . . . .	315,751
Depreciable capital assets, net. . . . .	<u>13,855,108</u>
Capital assets, net . . . . .	<u>14,170,859</u>
Total assets. . . . .	<u>21,758,584</u>
 <b>Deferred outflows of resources:</b>	
Unamortized deferred charges	
on debt refunding . . . . .	20,745
Pension - STRS . . . . .	2,344,821
Pension - SERS . . . . .	<u>637,870</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources . . . . .	<u>3,003,436</u>
 <b>Liabilities:</b>	
Accounts payable. . . . .	123,247
Accrued wages and benefits payable . . . . .	779,214
Intergovernmental payable . . . . .	53,551
Pension and post employment benefits payable. . . . .	147,219
Accrued interest payable . . . . .	2,908
Unearned revenue . . . . .	180
Long-term liabilities:	
Due within one year. . . . .	399,651
Due in more than one year:	
Net pension liability . . . . .	16,047,390
Other amounts due in more than one year . . . . .	<u>2,108,272</u>
Total liabilities . . . . .	<u>19,661,632</u>
 <b>Deferred inflows of resources:</b>	
Property taxes levied for the next fiscal year. . . . .	2,013,414
Pension - STRS. . . . .	191,141
Pension - SERS. . . . .	<u>161,685</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources . . . . .	<u>2,366,240</u>
 <b>Net position:</b>	
Net investment in capital assets . . . . .	12,724,925
Restricted for:	
Debt service. . . . .	483,920
Locally funded programs . . . . .	6,310
State funded programs. . . . .	16,200
Student activities . . . . .	155,475
Classroom facilities maintenance . . . . .	46,577
Other purposes . . . . .	3,220
Unrestricted (deficit). . . . .	<u>(10,702,479)</u>
Total net position. . . . .	<u>\$ 2,734,148</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NEW LONDON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HURON COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities</u>
		<u>Charges for Services and Sales</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	
<b>Governmental activities:</b>				
Instruction:				
Regular . . . . .	\$ 5,671,698	\$ 569,621	\$ 39,824	\$ (5,062,253)
Special . . . . .	1,924,437	32,157	981,707	(910,573)
Vocational . . . . .	329,707	2,485	60,633	(266,589)
Other . . . . .	13,561			(13,561)
Support services:				
Pupil . . . . .	387,637	1,887		(385,750)
Instructional staff . . . . .	167,624		9,263	(158,361)
Board of education . . . . .	14,830			(14,830)
Administration . . . . .	810,124	1,245	5,280	(803,599)
Fiscal . . . . .	247,337			(247,337)
Business . . . . .	20,785			(20,785)
Operations and maintenance . . . . .	971,140	4,119	638	(966,383)
Pupil transportation . . . . .	636,463		23,635	(612,828)
Central . . . . .	211,311		8,370	(202,941)
Operation of non-instructional services:				
Other non-instructional services . . . . .	8,809	5,244	979	(2,586)
Food service operations . . . . .	383,323	129,110	191,046	(63,167)
Extracurricular activities . . . . .	467,434	170,283	26,136	(271,015)
Interest and fiscal charges . . . . .	83,558			(83,558)
Total governmental activities . . . . .	<u>\$ 12,349,778</u>	<u>\$ 916,151</u>	<u>\$ 1,347,511</u>	<u>(10,086,116)</u>

**General revenues:**

Property taxes levied for:	
General purposes . . . . .	2,351,250
Debt service . . . . .	242,471
Other purposes . . . . .	39,949
Income taxes levied for:	
General purposes . . . . .	1,109,725
Grants and entitlements not restricted	
to specific programs . . . . .	6,780,895
Investment earnings . . . . .	16,981
Miscellaneous . . . . .	74,439
Total general revenues . . . . .	<u>10,615,710</u>
Change in net position . . . . .	529,594
<b>Net position at beginning of year . . . . .</b>	<u>2,204,554</u>
<b>Net position at end of year . . . . .</b>	<u>\$ 2,734,148</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NEW LONDON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HURON COUNTY, OHIO**

BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2017

	<u>General</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Assets:</b>			
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents . . . . .	\$ 3,252,546	\$ 961,125	\$ 4,213,671
Receivables:			
Property taxes . . . . .	2,443,489	292,911	2,736,400
Income taxes . . . . .	455,638	-	455,638
Accounts . . . . .	15,769	196	15,965
Interfund loans . . . . .	72,750	-	72,750
Intergovernmental . . . . .	42,781	93,618	136,399
Prepayments . . . . .	18,990	-	18,990
Materials and supplies inventory . . . . .	-	1,181	1,181
Inventory held for resale . . . . .	-	6,655	6,655
Loans receivable . . . . .	2,826	-	2,826
Total assets . . . . .	<u>\$ 6,304,789</u>	<u>\$ 1,355,686</u>	<u>\$ 7,660,475</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Accounts payable . . . . .	\$ 120,202	\$ 3,045	\$ 123,247
Accrued wages and benefits payable . . . . .	745,701	33,513	779,214
Compensated absences payable . . . . .	61,890	-	61,890
Intergovernmental payable . . . . .	53,172	379	53,551
Pension and post employment benefits payable . . . . .	140,961	6,258	147,219
Interfund loans payable . . . . .	-	72,750	72,750
Unearned revenue . . . . .	180	-	180
Total liabilities . . . . .	<u>1,122,106</u>	<u>115,945</u>	<u>1,238,051</u>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources:</b>			
Property taxes levied for the next fiscal year . . . . .	1,798,606	214,808	2,013,414
Delinquent property tax revenue not available . . . . .	245,439	29,711	275,150
Income tax revenue not available . . . . .	76,288	-	76,288
Intergovernmental revenue not available . . . . .	41,340	93,618	134,958
Total deferred inflows of resources . . . . .	<u>2,161,673</u>	<u>338,137</u>	<u>2,499,810</u>
<b>Fund balances:</b>			
Nonspendable:			
Materials and supplies inventory . . . . .	-	1,181	1,181
Prepays . . . . .	18,990	-	18,990
Restricted:			
Debt service . . . . .	-	461,441	461,441
Classroom facilities maintenance . . . . .	-	42,253	42,253
Other purposes . . . . .	-	25,730	25,730
Extracurricular . . . . .	-	155,475	155,475
Committed:			
Capital improvements . . . . .	-	289,598	289,598
Assigned:			
Student instruction . . . . .	8,936	-	8,936
Student and staff support . . . . .	24,521	-	24,521
Public school support . . . . .	21,133	-	21,133
Uniform school supplies . . . . .	32,424	-	32,424
Other purposes . . . . .	3,044	-	3,044
Unassigned (deficit) . . . . .	2,911,962	(74,074)	2,837,888
Total fund balances . . . . .	<u>3,021,010</u>	<u>901,604</u>	<u>3,922,614</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows and fund balances	<u>\$ 6,304,789</u>	<u>\$ 1,355,686</u>	<u>\$ 7,660,475</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NEW LONDON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HURON COUNTY, OHIO**

RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO  
NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES  
JUNE 30, 2017

<b>Total governmental fund balances</b>		\$	3,922,614
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities on the statement of net position are different because:</i>			
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.			14,170,859
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are unavailable revenue in the funds.			
Property taxes receivable	\$	275,150	
Income taxes receivable		76,288	
Intergovernmental receivable		134,958	
Total		486,396	486,396
Unamortized premiums on bonds issued are not recognized in the funds.			(52,664)
Unamortized amounts on refundings are not recognized in the funds.			20,745
The net pension liability is not due and payable in the current period; therefore, the liability and related deferred inflows/ outflows are not reported in governmental funds:			
Deferred outflows of resources - pension		2,982,691	
Deferred inflows of resources - pension		(352,826)	
Net pension liability		(16,047,390)	
Total		(13,417,525)	(13,417,525)
Accrued interest payable is not due and payable in the current period and therefore is not reported in the funds.			(2,908)
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.			
General obligation bonds		(1,305,468)	
Capital lease obligations		(359,044)	
Compensated absences		(728,857)	
Total		(2,393,369)	(2,393,369)
<b>Net position of governmental activities</b>		\$	2,734,148

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NEW LONDON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HURON COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	<u>General</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
From local sources:			
Property taxes . . . . .	\$ 2,346,994	\$ 281,791	\$ 2,628,785
Income taxes . . . . .	1,115,202	-	1,115,202
Tuition . . . . .	516,372	-	516,372
Earnings on investments . . . . .	16,981	23	17,004
Charges for services . . . . .	-	129,110	129,110
Extracurricular . . . . .	45,647	172,967	218,614
Classroom materials and fees . . . . .	52,055	-	52,055
Contributions and donations . . . . .	11,363	24,677	36,040
Other local revenues . . . . .	63,076	2,313	65,389
Intergovernmental - intermediate . . . . .	-	3,949	3,949
Intergovernmental - state . . . . .	7,244,126	136,203	7,380,329
Intergovernmental - federal . . . . .	40,035	635,219	675,254
Total revenues . . . . .	<u>11,451,851</u>	<u>1,386,252</u>	<u>12,838,103</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular . . . . .	5,215,115	39,585	5,254,700
Special . . . . .	1,415,651	469,922	1,885,573
Vocational . . . . .	304,211	4,409	308,620
Other . . . . .	13,410	-	13,410
Support services:			
Pupil . . . . .	375,206	-	375,206
Instructional staff . . . . .	145,639	9,500	155,139
Board of education . . . . .	14,126	-	14,126
Administration . . . . .	782,316	5,415	787,731
Fiscal . . . . .	244,478	6,672	251,150
Business . . . . .	19,166	-	19,166
Operations and maintenance . . . . .	1,060,487	16,862	1,077,349
Pupil transportation . . . . .	563,929	-	563,929
Central . . . . .	209,653	1,435	211,088
Operation of non-instructional services:			
Other non-instructional services . . . . .	8,336	473	8,809
Food service operations . . . . .	-	358,092	358,092
Extracurricular activities . . . . .	250,608	184,930	435,538
Facilities acquisition and construction . . . . .	-	223,503	223,503
Capital outlay . . . . .	166,112	-	166,112
Debt service:			
Principal retirement . . . . .	54,756	242,880	297,636
Interest and fiscal charges . . . . .	5,255	45,402	50,657
Total expenditures . . . . .	<u>10,848,454</u>	<u>1,609,080</u>	<u>12,457,534</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures . . . . .	<u>603,397</u>	<u>(222,828)</u>	<u>380,569</u>
<b>Other financing sources:</b>			
Capital lease transaction . . . . .	166,112	-	166,112
Insurance recoveries . . . . .	-	289,598	289,598
Total other financing sources . . . . .	<u>166,112</u>	<u>289,598</u>	<u>455,710</u>
Net change in fund balances . . . . .	769,509	66,770	836,279
<b>Fund balances at beginning of year . . . . .</b>	<u>2,251,501</u>	<u>834,834</u>	<u>3,086,335</u>
<b>Fund balances at end of year . . . . .</b>	<u>\$ 3,021,010</u>	<u>\$ 901,604</u>	<u>\$ 3,922,614</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NEW LONDON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HURON COUNTY, OHIO**

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

<b>Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds</b>	\$	836,279
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:</i>		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.		
Capital asset additions	\$ 565,393	
Current year depreciation	<u>(672,025)</u>	
Total		(106,632)
The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, disposals, trade-ins, and donations) is to decrease net position.		
		(22,856)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		
Property taxes	4,885	
Income taxes	(5,477)	
Intergovernmental	<u>32,276</u>	
Total		31,684
Repayment of long-term debt is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities on the statement of net position.		
		297,636
Issuances of lease purchase agreements are recorded as other financing sources in the funds; however, in the statement of activities, they are not reported as other financing sources as they increase liabilities on the statement of net position.		
		(166,112)
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due. The following items resulted in additional interest being reported in the statement of activities:		
Decrease in accrued interest payable	651	
Accreted interest on capital appreciation bonds	(39,445)	
Amortization of bond premiums	9,722	
Amortization of deferred charges	<u>(3,829)</u>	
Total		(32,901)
Contractually required contributions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds; however, the statement of activities reports these amounts as deferred outflows.		
		799,846
Except for amounts reported as deferred inflows/outflows, changes in the net pension liability are reported as pension expense in the statement of activities.		
		(1,098,407)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities, such as compensated absences, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		
Increase in compensated absences		<u>(8,943)</u>
<b>Change in net position of governmental activities</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>529,594</u></b>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NEW LONDON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HURON COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			<b>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</b>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
<b>Revenues:</b>				
From local sources:				
Property taxes . . . . .	\$ 2,335,215	\$ 2,251,811	\$ 2,251,811	\$ -
Income taxes. . . . .	1,146,629	1,105,676	1,105,676	-
Tuition. . . . .	535,498	516,372	516,372	-
Transportation fees. . . . .	-	-	-	-
Earnings on investments . . . . .	11,811	11,389	14,251	2,862
Other local revenues . . . . .	49,267	47,507	47,507	-
Intergovernmental - state . . . . .	7,576,548	7,305,944	7,305,944	-
Intergovernmental - federal . . . . .	51,128	49,302	49,302	-
Total revenues . . . . .	<u>11,706,096</u>	<u>11,288,001</u>	<u>11,290,863</u>	<u>2,862</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular . . . . .	4,473,081	5,092,953	5,092,953	-
Special. . . . .	1,208,700	1,376,200	1,376,200	-
Vocational. . . . .	264,888	301,596	301,596	-
Other. . . . .	12,643	14,395	14,395	-
Support services:				
Pupil. . . . .	342,180	389,599	389,599	-
Instructional staff . . . . .	128,768	146,613	146,613	-
Board of education . . . . .	11,059	12,592	12,592	-
Administration. . . . .	679,424	773,577	773,577	-
Fiscal . . . . .	214,611	244,352	244,676	(324)
Business . . . . .	10,645	12,120	12,120	-
Operations and maintenance. . . . .	909,422	1,035,448	1,035,448	-
Pupil transportation . . . . .	535,936	610,205	610,205	-
Central. . . . .	163,167	185,778	185,778	-
Extracurricular activities. . . . .	217,759	247,936	247,936	-
Total expenditures . . . . .	<u>9,172,283</u>	<u>10,443,364</u>	<u>10,443,688</u>	<u>(324)</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures. . . . .	<u>2,533,813</u>	<u>844,637</u>	<u>847,175</u>	<u>2,538</u>
<b>Other financing sources (uses):</b>				
Refund of prior year's expenditures . . . . .	28,904	28,904	28,904	-
Advances (out) . . . . .	(65,810)	(65,810)	(65,810)	-
Total other financing sources (uses) . . . . .	<u>(36,906)</u>	<u>(36,906)</u>	<u>(36,906)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance . . . . .	2,496,907	807,731	810,269	2,538
<b>Fund balance at beginning of year . . . . .</b>	2,319,755	2,319,755	2,319,755	-
<b>Prior year encumbrances appropriated . . . . .</b>	23,967	23,967	23,967	-
<b>Fund balance at end of year . . . . .</b>	<u>\$ 4,840,629</u>	<u>\$ 3,151,453</u>	<u>\$ 3,153,991</u>	<u>\$ 2,538</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



**NEW LONDON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HURON COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
FIDUCIARY FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2017

	<b>Private Purpose Trust</b>	
	<b>Scholarship</b>	<b>Agency</b>
<b>Assets:</b>		
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents . . . . .	\$ 378,610	\$ 33,256
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Accounts payable . . . . .	-	1,970
Intergovernmental payable . . . . .	2,000	-
Loan payable . . . . .	-	2,826
Due to students . . . . .	-	28,460
Total liabilities . . . . .	2,000	\$ 33,256
<b>Net position:</b>		
Held in trust for scholarships . . . . .	\$ 376,610	

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NEW LONDON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HURON COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
FIDUCIARY FUNDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	<b>Private Purpose Trust</b>
	<b>Scholarship</b>
<b>Additions:</b>	
Interest. . . . .	\$ 2,562
Gifts and contributions. . . . .	60,451
Total additions. . . . .	63,013
 <b>Deductions:</b>	
Scholarships awarded . . . . .	60,918
 Change in net position . . . . .	2,095
<b>Net position at beginning of year. . . . .</b>	<b>374,515</b>
<b>Net position at end of year . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 376,610</b>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NEW LONDON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The New London Local School District (the "District") is located in north-central Ohio in parts of Huron, Lorain, and Ashland counties. The District includes all of the Village of New London and portions of surrounding townships.

The District is organized in accordance with Sections 2 and 3, Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio. Under such laws, there is no authority for a school district to have a charter or adopt local laws. The power of the District is vested in the Board of Education, consisting of five members elected at large for staggered four-year terms.

The District operates a pre-kindergarten school, elementary school, middle school and high school on a single campus. In addition, there are separate off-campus facilities including a weight room facility and a leased football stadium and track owned by the Village of New London. The lease is continuing for \$1.00 per year. The District employs 49 non-certified and 73 certified (including administrative) full-time and part-time employees to provide services to 1,006 students in grades Pre-K through 12 and various electronic/community schools.

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

The basic financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The District's significant accounting policies are described below:

**A. Reporting Entity**

The reporting entity has been defined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units* and GASB Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus and Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34*. The reporting entity is composed of the primary government, component units and other organizations that are included to ensure that the basic financial statements of the District are not misleading. The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the District. For the District, this includes general operations, food service, preschool and student related activities of the District.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the District is financially accountable. The District is financially accountable for an organization if the District appoints a voting majority of the organization's Governing Board and (1) the District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; or (3) the District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or (4) the District is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the District in that the District approves the budget, the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes. Based upon the application of this criterion, the District has no component units. The basic financial statements of the reporting entity include only those of the District (the primary government).

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

The following organizations are described due to their relationship to the District:

*JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS*

Northeast Ohio Network for Educational Technology (NEOnet)

Northeast Ohio Network for Educational Technology (NEOnet) is a jointly governed organization comprised of school districts located throughout northeast and central Ohio. The jointly governed organization was formed for the purpose of providing and maintaining technology software and delivery to the administrative and instructional functions of member districts. Each of the member districts support NEOnet based upon a per pupil charge, dependent upon the software package utilized. NEOnet assembly consists of a superintendent or designated representative from each participating district and a representative from the Treasurer Committee. NEOnet is governed by a Board of Directors chosen from the general membership of the NEOnet assembly. During the fiscal year, the District paid NEOnet \$36,236 for services. Financial information can be obtained by contacting the Treasurer at NEOnet, 700 Graham Road Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221.

Huron-Erie School Employees Insurance Association

The Huron-Erie School Employees Insurance Association (the "Association") is a jointly governed organization among several school districts. The Association assembly consists of a superintendent or designated representative from each participating district and the program administrator. The Association is governed by a board of directors chosen from the general membership. The degree of control exercised by any participating district is limited to its representation on the board. Financial information can be obtained by contacting the program administrator at the Huron-Erie School Employees Insurance Association, located at 4918 Milan Road, Sandusky, Ohio 44870. Refer to Note 12.D. for further information on this Association.

*PUBLIC ENTITY RISK POOLS*

Ohio School Plan

The District participates in the Ohio School Plan (the "Plan"), an insurance purchasing pool established under Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Plan is an unincorporated nonprofit association of its members which enables the participants to provide for a formalized joint insurance purchasing program for maintaining adequate insurance protection and provides risk management programs and other administrative services. The Plan's business and affairs are conducted by a fifteen member board consisting of superintendents, treasurers, the president of Harcum-Schuett Insurance Agency, Inc., and a member of Hylant Group, Inc. Hylant Group, Inc. is the Plan's administrator and is responsible for processing claims. Harcum-Schuett Insurance Agency serves as the sales and marketing representative which establishes agreements between the Plan and its members. Financial information can be obtained from Harcum-Schuett Insurance Agency, 246 East Sycamore Street, Columbus, Ohio 43206.

Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan

The District participates in a group rating plan for workers' compensation as established under Section 4123.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (the "Plan") was established as an insurance purchasing pool. The Plan is governed by a three-member Board of Directors. The Executive Director of the OSBA, or his designee, serves as coordinator of the program. Each year, the participating school districts pay an enrollment fee to the Plan to cover the costs of administering the program. Refer to Note 12.C. for further information on this group rating plan.

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

**B. Fund Accounting**

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. There are three categories of funds: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. The District has no proprietary funds.

*GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS*

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and deferred outflows of resources compared to liabilities and deferred inflows of resources is reported as fund balance. The following is the District's major governmental fund:

*General Fund* - The general fund is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Other governmental funds of the District are used to account for (a) financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for capital outlays including the acquisition of construction of capital facilities and other capital assets, (b) specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to an expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects and (c) financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest.

*FIDUCIARY FUNDS*

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds and agency funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the District under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are therefore not available to support the District's own programs. The District's only trust fund is a private-purpose trust which accounts for scholarship programs for students. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The District's agency fund accounts for student managed activities.

**C. Basis of Presentation and Measurement Focus**

*Government-wide Financial Statements* - The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds.

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

The government-wide statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the governmental activities of the District. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include amounts paid by the recipient of goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the District.

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and deferred outflows of resources along with all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of the District are included on the statement of net position.

*Fund Financial Statements* - Fund financial statements report detailed information about the District. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column, and all nonmajor funds are aggregated into one column. Fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and deferred outflows of resources along with current liabilities and deferred inflows of resources generally are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

The private-purpose trust fund is reported using the economic resources measurement focus. The Agency Fund does not report a measurement focus as it does not report operations.

**D. Basis of Accounting**

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Fiduciary funds also use the accrual basis of accounting.

*Revenues - Exchange and Nonexchange Transactions* - Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the District, available means expected to be received within sixty days of fiscal year end.

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

Nonexchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, income taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied (See Note 7). Revenue from income taxes is recognized in the period in which the income is earned (See Note 8). Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the District on a reimbursement basis.

On a modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized. Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at fiscal year-end: property taxes available as an advance, interest, grants, student fees, income taxes, rentals, and other miscellaneous receipts.

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources - In addition to assets, the government-wide statement of net position will report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the District, See Note 13 for deferred outflows of resources related the District's net pension liability. In addition, deferred outflows of resources include a deferred charge on debt refunding. A deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt.

In addition to liabilities, both the government-wide statement of net position and the governmental fund financial statements report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. For the District, deferred inflows of resources include property taxes and unavailable revenue. Property taxes represent amounts for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of June 30, 2017, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2017 operations. These amounts have been recorded as a deferred inflow of resources on both the government-wide statement of net position and the governmental fund financial statements. Unavailable revenue is reported only on the governmental funds balance sheet, and represents receivables which will not be collected within the available period. For the District unavailable revenue includes, but is not limited to, delinquent property taxes and intergovernmental grants. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period the amounts become available.

For the District, See Note 13 for deferred inflows of resources related to the District's net pension liability. This deferred inflow of resources is only reported on the government-wide statement of net position.

Expenses/Expenditures - On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The entitlement value of donated commodities used during the year is reported in the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances as an expenditure with a like amount reported as intergovernmental revenue.

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in governmental funds.

**E. Budgets**

The District is required by State statute to adopt an annual appropriated cash basis budget for all funds (except agency funds). The specific timetable for fiscal year 2017 is as follows:

1. Prior to January 15, the Superintendent and Treasurer submit to the Board of Education a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing for all funds. Public hearings are publicized and conducted to obtain taxpayers' comments. The purpose of this budget document is to reflect the needs for existing (or increased) tax rates.
2. By no later than January 20, the Board-adopted budget is filed with the Huron County Budget Commission for tax rate determination.
3. Prior to April 1, the Board of Education accepts, by formal resolution, the tax rates as determined by the Budget Commission and receives the Commission's certificate of estimated resources which states the projected revenue of each fund. Prior to July 1, the District must revise its budget so that total contemplated expenditures from any fund during the ensuing year will not exceed the amount stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The revised budget then serves as a basis for the appropriation measure. On or about July 1, the certificate is amended to include any unencumbered balances from the preceding year as reported by the District Treasurer. The certificate may be further amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the District Treasurer. The budget figures, as shown in the accompanying budgetary statement, reflect the amounts set forth in the original and final certificate of estimated resources issued for fiscal year 2017.
4. By July 1, the annual appropriation resolution is legally enacted by the Board of Education at the fund level of expenditures, which is the legal level of budgetary control. Although the legal level of budgetary control was established at the fund level of expenditures, the District has elected to present budgetary statement comparisons at the fund and function level of expenditures. State statute permits a temporary appropriation to be effective until no later than October 1 of each year. Resolution appropriations by fund must be within the estimated resources as certified by the County Budget Commission and the total of expenditures may not exceed the appropriation totals.
5. Any revisions that alter the total of any fund appropriation must be approved by the Board of Education.
6. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for all funds consistent with the general obligation bond indenture and other statutory provisions. All funds completed the year within the amount of their legally authorized cash basis appropriation.



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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

7. Appropriations amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Board of Education through the year by supplemental appropriations, which either reallocated or increased the original, appropriated amounts. All supplemental appropriations were legally enacted by the Board during fiscal year 2017. The budget figures, as shown in the accompanying budgetary statement, reflect the original and final appropriations adopted by the Board of Education including all supplemental appropriations.
8. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end. Encumbered appropriations are carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and need not be re-appropriated. Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the fund level.

**F. Cash and Investments**

To improve cash management, cash received by the District is pooled. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through the District's records. Each fund's interest in the pool is presented as "equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents" on the basic financial statements.

During fiscal year 2017, investments were limited to non-negotiable certificates of deposit and investments in the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio). Except for nonparticipating investment contracts, investments are reported at fair value, which is based on quoted market prices. Nonparticipating investment contracts, such as non-negotiable certificates of deposit, are reported at cost. STAR Ohio, is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Statement No. 79, "Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants." The District measures their investment in STAR Ohio at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides a NAV per share that approximates fair value.

For the fiscal year 2017, there were no limitation or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates. However, notice must be given 24 hours in advance of all deposits and withdrawals exceeding \$25 million. STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit the transaction to \$50 million, requiring the excess amount to be transacted the following business day(s), but only to the \$50 million limit. All accounts of the participant will be combined for these purposes.

Under existing Ohio statutes all investment earnings are assigned to the general fund unless statutorily required to be credited to a specific fund or the Board of Education has, by policy, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest revenue credited to the general fund during fiscal year 2017 amounted to \$16,981, which includes \$5,521 assigned from other District funds.

An analysis of the District's investment account at year end is provided in Note 4.

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

**G. Inventory**

On government-wide and fund financial statements, purchased inventories are presented at the lower of cost or market and donated commodities are presented at their entitlement value. Inventories are recorded on a first-in, first-out basis and are expended/expensed when used. Inventories are accounted for using the consumption method which means that the cost of inventory items are recorded as an expenditure in the governmental funds when consumed.

Inventory consists of expendable supplies held for consumption, donated food and purchased food.

**H. Capital Assets**

General capital assets are those assets that generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position, but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition value. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of \$5,000. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not.

All reported capital assets except land and construction in progress are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Governmental Activities Estimated Lives</u>
Land improvements	10 - 20 years
Buildings and improvements	10 - 50 years
Furniture and equipment	5 - 30 years
Vehicles	5 - 10 years

**I. Interfund Balance**

On the governmental fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as "interfund receivable/payable." These amounts are eliminated in the governmental activities column on the statement of net position.

On the governmental fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans from the general fund to cover negative cash balances in other governmental funds are classified as "due to/from other funds". These amounts are eliminated in the governmental activities columns on the statement of net position.

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

**J. Compensated Absences**

Compensated absences of the District consist of vacation leave and sick leave liability to the extent that payments to the employee for these absences are attributable to services already rendered and are not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the District and the employee.

In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 16, *Accounting for Compensated Absences*, a liability for vacation leave is accrued if a) the employees' rights to payment are attributable to services already rendered; and b) it is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or other means, such as cash payment at termination or retirement. An accrual for earned sick leave is made to the extent that it is probable that the benefits will result in termination (severance) benefits. A liability for sick leave is accrued using the vesting method; i.e., the liability is based on the sick leave accumulated at June 30, 2017, by those employees who are currently eligible to receive termination (severance) payments, as well as those employees expected to become eligible in the future. For purposes of establishing a liability for sick leave on employees expected to become eligible to retire in the future, all employees were considered expected to become eligible to retire in accordance with GASB Statement No. 16.

The total liability for vacation and sick leave payments has been calculated using pay rates in effect at June 30, 2017 and reduced to the maximum payment allowed by labor contract and/or statute, plus any applicable additional salary related payments.

The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements. In the governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences are reported to the extent that a known liability for an employee's retirement/resignation has been incurred by fiscal year end and the liability will be liquidated with expendable available resources. These amounts are recorded in the account "matured compensated absences payable" in the fund from which the employees are paid.

**K. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations**

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements.

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources are reported as obligations of the funds. However, claims and judgments and compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current year. Bonds and capital leases are recognized as a liability on the fund financial statements when due.

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

**L. Fund Balance**

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

*Nonspendable* - The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form or legally required to be maintained intact. The “not in spendable form” criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash.

*Restricted* - Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints are placed on the use of resources that are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

*Committed* - The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by a formal action (resolution) of the District Board of Education (the highest level of decision making authority). Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the District Board of Education removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

*Assigned* - Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the District for specific purposes, but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted nor committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by policies of the District Board of Education, which includes giving the Treasurer the authority to constrain monies for intended purposes.

*Unassigned* - Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is only used to report a deficit fund balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed, or assigned.

The District applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) fund balance is available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

**M. Net Position**

Net Position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources compared to liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

The District applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available.

**N. Estimates**

The preparation of the basic financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the basic financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

**O. Restricted Assets**

Assets are reported as restricted assets when limitations on their use change the normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, or laws of other governments or imposed by enabling legislation. The District had no restricted assets at June 30, 2017.

**P. Interfund Activity**

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the basic financial statements.

**Q. Bond Premium and Discount/Accounting Gain or Loss**

Bond premiums are deferred and accreted over the term of the bonds. Bond premiums are presented as an addition to the face amount of the bonds. Capital appreciation bond discounts are accreted over the term of the bonds.

For advance refunding resulting in the defeasance of debt, the difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt is deferred and amortized as a component of interest expense. This accounting gain or loss is amortized over the remaining life of the old debt or the life of the new debt, whichever is shorter, and is presented as a deferred outflow of resources on government-wide statement of net position.

On the governmental fund financial statements, bond premiums are recognized in the current period.

**R. Pensions**

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the pension plans and additions to/deductions from their fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension systems. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The pension systems report investments at fair value.

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

**S. Extraordinary and Special Items**

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the Board of Education and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. During fiscal year 2017, the District had no transactions that would be classified as extraordinary or special items.

**T. Prepayments**

Certain payments to vendors reflect the costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements. These items are reported as assets on the balance sheet using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amounts is recorded at the time of the purchase and the expenditure/expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

On the fund financial statements, reported prepayments are equally offset by a nonspendable fund balance in the governmental funds which indicates that it does not constitute available spendable resources even though it is a component of net current assets.

**NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE**

**A. Change in Accounting Principles**

For fiscal year 2017, the District has implemented GASB Statement No. 77, "*Tax Abatement Disclosures*", GASB Statement No. 78, "*Pensions Provided Through Certain Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans*", GASB Statement No. 80, "*Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units - An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 14*" and GASB Statement No. 82, "*Pension Issues - An Amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68 and No. 73*".

GASB Statement No. 77 requires governments that enter into tax abatement agreements to disclose certain information about the agreement. GASB Statement No. 77 also requires disclosures related to tax abatement agreements that have been entered into by other governments that reduce the reporting government's tax revenues. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 77 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

GASB Statement No. 78 establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for defined benefit pensions provided to the employees of state or local governmental employers through a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan (cost-sharing pension plan) that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of Statement 68 and that (a) is not a state or local governmental pension plan, (b) is used to provide defined benefit pensions both to employees of state or local governmental employers and to employees of employers that are not state or local governmental employers, and (c) has no predominant state or local governmental employer (either individually or collectively with other state or local governmental employers that provide pensions through the pension plan). The implementation of GASB Statement No. 78 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

GASB Statement No. 80 improves the financial reporting by clarifying the financial statement presentation requirements for certain component units. This Statement applies to component units that are organized as not-for-profit corporations in which the primary government is the sole corporate

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member. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 80 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

GASB Statement No. 82 addresses issues regarding (1) the presentation of payroll-related measures in required supplementary information, (2) the selection of assumptions and the treatment of deviations from the guidance in an Actuarial Standard of Practice for financial reporting purposes, and (3) the classification of payments made by employers to satisfy employee (plan member) contribution requirements. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 82 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

**B. Deficit Fund Balances**

Fund balances at June 30, 2017 included the following individual fund deficits:

<u>Nonmajor funds</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
Public school preschool	\$ 40,950
Vocational education enhancement	2,686
IDEA Part-B	6,016
Title I	13,185
IDEA preschool grant for the handicapped	5,550
Improving teacher quality	5,128

The general fund is liable for any deficit in these funds and provides transfers when cash is required, not when accruals occur. The deficit fund balances resulted from adjustments for accrued liabilities.

**NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

State statutes classify monies held by the District into three categories.

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet current demands on the treasury. Such monies must be maintained either as cash in the District treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Board of Education has identified as not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use, but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories.

Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts including passbook accounts.

Interim monies may be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;

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2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
5. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in items (1) and (2) above and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
6. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio);
7. Certain banker's acceptance and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one-hundred-eighty days from the purchase date in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time; and,
8. Under limited circumstances, corporate debt interests rated in either of the two highest classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

Protection of the District's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, by surety company bonds deposited with the Treasurer by the financial institution or by a single collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited with the institution.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the District, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the Treasurer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

**A. Deposits with Financial Institutions**

At June 30, 2017, the carrying amount of all District deposits was \$2,153,904. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures", as of June 30, 2017, \$1,354,192 of the District's bank balance of \$600,309 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while \$807,869 was covered by the FDIC.



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Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the District’s deposits may not be returned. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 105% of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at Federal Reserve Banks, or at member banks of the federal reserve system, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the District. The District has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Although the securities were held by the pledging institutions’ trust department and all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the District to a successful claim by the FDIC.

**B. Investments**

As of June 30, 2017, the District had the following investment and maturities:

<u>Measurement/ Investment type</u>	<u>Measurement Value</u>	<u>Investment Maturities 6 months or less</u>
STAR Ohio	<u>\$ 2,471,633</u>	<u>\$ 2,471,633</u>

*Credit Risk:* STAR Ohio carries a rating of AAAm by Standard & Poor’s. Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service. The District’s investment policy does not specifically address credit risk beyond requiring the District to only invest in securities authorized by State statute.

*Concentration of Credit Risk:* The District places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. The following table includes the percentage of each investment type held by the District at June 30, 2017:

<u>Measurement/ Investment type</u>	<u>Measurement Value</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
STAR Ohio	<u>\$ 2,471,633</u>	<u>100.00</u>

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**C. Reconciliation of Cash and Investments to the Statement of Activities**

The following is a reconciliation of cash and investments as reported in the note above to cash and investments as reported on the statement of net position as of June 30, 2017:

<u>Cash and investments per note</u>	
Carrying amount of deposits	\$ 2,153,904
Investments	<u>2,471,633</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 4,625,537</u></u>
 <u>Cash and investments per statement of net position</u>	
Governmental activities	\$ 4,213,671
Private-purpose trust funds	378,610
Agency funds	<u>33,256</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 4,625,537</u></u>

**NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS**

- A.** Loans between governmental funds and the agency fund are reported as “loans receivable/payable” on the financial statements. The District had the following loan outstanding at fiscal year-end:

<u>Loan from</u>	<u>Loan to</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General fund	Agency fund	<u>\$ 2,826</u>

This loan is expected to be repaid in the subsequent year as resources become available in the agency fund.

- B.** Interfund balances at June 30, 2017, as reported on the fund statements, consist of the following amounts interfund loans payable and receivable:

<u>Receivable fund</u>	<u>Payable fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General fund	Nonmajor governmental funds	<u>\$ 72,750</u>

The primary purpose of the interfund balances is to cover costs in specific funds where revenues were not received by June 30. These interfund balances will be repaid once the anticipated revenues are received. All interfund balances are expected to be repaid in one year.

Interfund balances between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements.

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**NOTE 6 - RECEIVABLES**

Receivables at June 30, 2017 consisted of property taxes, income taxes, accounts (billings for user charged services and student fees) and intergovernmental grants. All significant receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of State programs and the current year guarantee of federal funds. A summary of the principal items of receivables reported on the statement of net position follows:

<b>Governmental activities:</b>	
Property taxes	\$ 2,736,400
Income taxes	455,638
Accounts	15,965
Intergovernmental	<u>136,399</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,344,402</u>

Receivables have been disaggregated on the face of the basic financial statements. All receivables are expected to be collected in the subsequent year.

**NOTE 7 - PROPERTY TAXES**

Property taxes are levied and assessed on a calendar year basis while the District fiscal year runs from July through June. First half tax collections are received by the District in the second half of the fiscal year. Second half tax distributions occur in the first half of the following fiscal year.

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real property and public utility property. Real property tax revenues received in calendar year 2017 represent the collection of calendar year 2016 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2017 were levied after April 1, 2016, on the assessed values as of January 1, 2016, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State statute at 35 percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semiannually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established. Public utility property tax revenues received in calendar year 2017 represent the collection of calendar year 2016 taxes. Public utility real and personal property taxes received in calendar year 2017 became a lien on December 31, 2015, were levied after April 1, 2016, and are collected with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property is currently assessed at varying percentages of true value.

The District receives property taxes from Huron, Lorain and Ashland Counties. The County Auditors periodically advance to the District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the Counties by June 30, 2017, are available to finance fiscal year 2017 operations. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2017 was \$399,444 in the general fund, \$41,620 in the bond retirement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund) and \$6,772 in the classroom facilities maintenance fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). This amount is recorded as revenue. The amount available for advance at June 30, 2016 was \$304,261 in the general fund, \$31,225 in the bond retirement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund) and \$5,143 in the classroom facilities maintenance fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). The amount of second-half real property taxes available for advance at fiscal year-end can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

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**NOTE 7 - PROPERTY TAXES - (Continued)**

Accrued property taxes receivable includes real property, public utility property and delinquent tangible personal property taxes which are measurable as of June 30, 2017 and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. Although total property tax collections for the next fiscal year are measurable, only the amount of real property taxes available as an advance at June 30 was levied to finance current fiscal year operations and is reported as revenue at fiscal year-end. The portion of the receivable not levied to finance current fiscal year operations is offset by a credit to deferred inflows.

On the accrual basis of accounting, collectible delinquent property taxes have been recorded as a receivable and revenue, while on a modified accrual basis of accounting the revenue has been reported as a deferred inflow.

The assessed values upon which the fiscal year 2017 taxes were collected are:

	2016 Second Half Collections		2017 First Half Collections	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Agricultural/residential and other real estate	\$ 112,848,380	96.74	\$ 112,919,690	96.54
Public utility personal	3,803,010	3.26	4,046,170	3.46
Total	<u>\$ 116,651,390</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>\$ 116,965,860</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$33.85		\$33.80	

**NOTE 8 - SCHOOL DISTRICT INCOME TAX**

The District has authorized, through voter approval, an annual 1 percent school district income tax levied on the school district income of individuals and estates. The tax is to be used for normal operating expenses of the District and is credited to the general fund. Total income tax revenue credited to the general fund during fiscal year 2017, was \$1,115,202.

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**NOTE 9 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, was as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>06/30/16</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>06/30/17</u>
<b>Governmental activities:</b>				
<i>Capital assets, not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$ 315,751	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 315,751
Construction in progress	100,120	356,944	(457,064)	-
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>415,871</u>	<u>356,944</u>	<u>(457,064)</u>	<u>315,751</u>
<i>Capital assets, being depreciated:</i>				
Land improvements	1,655,369	457,064	-	2,112,433
Building and improvements	21,435,227	-	-	21,435,227
Furniture and equipment	1,527,651	7,559	-	1,535,210
Vehicles	1,089,469	200,890	(228,544)	1,061,815
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>25,707,716</u>	<u>665,513</u>	<u>(228,544)</u>	<u>26,144,685</u>
<i>Less: accumulated depreciation:</i>				
Land improvements	(1,333,705)	(44,013)	-	(1,377,718)
Building and improvements	(8,530,552)	(543,419)	-	(9,073,971)
Furniture and equipment	(1,272,393)	(36,226)	-	(1,308,619)
Vehicles	(686,590)	(48,367)	205,688	(529,269)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(11,823,240)</u>	<u>(672,025)</u>	<u>205,688</u>	<u>(12,289,577)</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 14,300,347</u>	<u>\$ 350,432</u>	<u>\$ (479,920)</u>	<u>\$ 14,170,859</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

<u>Instruction:</u>	
Regular	\$ 548,696
Vocational	14,204
<u>Support service:</u>	
Instructional staff	11,052
Operations and maintenance	14,804
Pupil transportation	49,122
Extracurricular activities	20,293
Food service operations	13,854
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 672,025</u>

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**NOTE 10 - CAPITAL LEASES - LESSEE DISCLOSURE**

During the current fiscal year and during prior fiscal years, the District entered into capitalized leases for buses and HVAC systems. These lease agreements meet the criteria of a capital lease as defined by GASB Statement No. 62, which defines a capital lease generally as one which transfers benefits and risks of ownership to the lessee. Capital lease payments have been reclassified and are reflected as debt service expenditures in the financial statements for the governmental funds. These expenditures are reported as function expenditures on the budgetary statements.

Capital assets consisting of vehicles and building improvements have been capitalized in the amount of \$663,029, with a salvage value of \$47,006. This amount represents the present value of the minimum lease payments at the time of acquisition. A corresponding liability is recorded in the government-wide financial statements. Principal payments in fiscal year 2017 totaled \$54,756 paid by the general fund and \$37,880 paid by the classroom facilities maintenance fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). Accumulated depreciation totaled \$40,537 resulting in a net book value of \$622,492 at June 30, 2017.

The following is a schedule of the future long-term minimum lease payments required under the capital lease and the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2017:

Fiscal Year Ending <u>June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2018	\$ 132,143
2019	132,143
2020	49,652
2021	35,457
2022	<u>29,547</u>
Total minimum lease payment	378,942
Less: amount representing interest	<u>(19,898)</u>
Present value of minimum lease payments	<u>\$ 359,044</u>

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**NOTE 11 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

**A. Changes in Long-Term Obligations**

Changes in the School District's long-term obligations during fiscal year 2017 were as follows.

<u>Governmental Activities:</u>	<u>Balance</u>			<u>Balance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	<u>06/30/16</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>06/30/17</u>	<u>Due Within</u>
					<u>One Year</u>
<u>General Obligation Bonds</u>					
School Facilities Refunding, Series 2007					
Capital Appreciation Bonds - 11.00%	\$ 139,971	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 139,971	\$ 73,730
Current Interest	1,120,000	-	(205,000)	915,000	-
Accreted Interest	<u>211,052</u>	<u>39,445</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>250,497</u>	<u>131,895</u>
Total general obligation bonds	<u>1,471,023</u>	<u>39,445</u>	<u>(205,000)</u>	<u>1,305,468</u>	<u>205,625</u>
Capital Lease Obligation	285,568	166,112	(92,636)	359,044	122,110
Net Pension Liability	13,097,540	2,949,850	-	16,047,390	-
Compensated Absences	<u>729,599</u>	<u>90,499</u>	<u>(29,351)</u>	<u>790,747</u>	<u>71,916</u>
Total Long-Term Obligations	<u>\$ 15,583,730</u>	<u>\$ 3,245,906</u>	<u>\$ (326,987)</u>	<u>18,502,649</u>	<u>\$ 399,651</u>
Add: Unamortized premiums				<u>52,664</u>	
Total on statement of net position				<u>\$ 18,555,313</u>	

**B. General Obligation Bonds**

School Facilities Refunding, Series 2007 - On December 3, 2007, the District issued general obligation bonds (Series 2007 School Facilities Improvement Refunding Bonds) to advance refund \$2,130,000 of the Series 1999 current interest general obligation bonds. The issuance proceeds were used to purchase securities which were placed in an irrevocable trust to provide resources for all future debt service payments on the refunded debt. This refunded debt is considered defeased (in-substance) and accordingly, has been removed from the statement of net position.

The refunding issue is comprised of both current interest bonds, par value \$1,990,000, and capital appreciation bonds, par value \$139,971, at June 30, 2017. The interest rates on the current interest bonds range from 3.75 percent to 4.00 percent. The capital appreciation bonds mature on December 1, 2017 and December 1, 2018, (effective interest 4.05 percent to 4.15 percent) at a redemption price equal to 100 percent of the principal, plus accrued interest to the redemption date. The accreted value at maturity for the capital appreciation bonds is \$430,000. Total accreted interest of \$250,497 has been included in the statement of net position at June 30, 2017. Interest payments of the current interest bonds are due on June 1 and December 1 of each year. The final maturity date stated on the issue is December 1, 2022.

The reacquisition price exceeded the net carrying amount of the old debt by \$57,442. This amount is being netted against the new debt and amortized over the remaining life of the refunded debt, which is equal to the life of the new debt issued.

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**NOTE 11 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)**

The following is a summary of the future debt service requirements to maturity for the Series 2007 refunding bonds:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Current Interest Bonds			Capital Appreciation Bonds		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$ -	\$ 36,600	\$ 36,600	\$ 73,730	\$ 141,270	\$ 215,000
2019	-	36,600	36,600	66,241	148,759	215,000
2020	215,000	32,300	247,300	-	-	-
2021	225,000	23,500	248,500	-	-	-
2022	235,000	14,300	249,300	-	-	-
2023	240,000	4,800	244,800	-	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 915,000</u>	<u>\$ 148,100</u>	<u>\$ 1,063,100</u>	<u>\$ 139,971</u>	<u>\$ 290,029</u>	<u>\$ 430,000</u>

**C. Other Long-Term Obligations**

Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employee's salaries are paid. For the District, this is primarily the general fund. The capital lease obligations are described in Note 10.

See Note 13 for detail of the net pension liability.

**D. Legal Debt Margin**

The Ohio Revised Code provides that voted net general obligation debt of the District shall never exceed 9 percent of the total assessed valuation of the District. The code further provides that unvoted indebtedness shall not exceed 1/10 of 1% of the property valuation of the District. The code additionally states that unvoted indebtedness related to energy conservation debt shall not exceed 9/10 of 1 percent of the property valuation of the District. The assessed valuation used in determining the District's legal debt margin has been modified by House Bill 530 which became effective March 30, 2006. In accordance with House Bill 530, the assessed valuation used in the District's legal debt margin calculation excluded tangible personal property used in business, telephone or telegraph property, interexchange telecommunications company property, and personal property owned or leased by a railroad company and used in railroad operations. The effects of these debt limitations at June 30, 2017, are a voted debt margin of \$9,933,397 (including available funds of \$461,441) and an unvoted debt margin of \$116,966.

**NOTE 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

**A. Comprehensive**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, injuries to employees and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2017, the District purchased insurance coverage through the Ohio School Plan.

The District belongs to the Ohio School Plan (the "Plan"), an unincorporated non-profit association providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services to approximately 400 Ohio schools ("Members").



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**NOTE 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)**

Pursuant to Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Plan is deemed a separate legal entity. The Plan provides property, general liability, educator’s legal liability, automobile and violence coverages, modified for each member’s needs. The Plan pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the member’s specific deductible.

The Plan issues its own policies and reinsures the Plan with reinsurance carriers. Only if the Plan’s paid liability loss ratio exceeds 65 percent and is less than 80 percent does the Plan contribute to paid claims. (See the Plan’s audited financial statements on their website for more details.) The individual members are responsible for their self-retention (deductible) amounts, which vary from member to member.

The Plan’s audited financial statements conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014:

	2016	2015	2014
Assets	\$ 10,507,059	\$ 9,313,853	\$ 7,974,679
Liabilities	3,853,671	3,956,512	2,780,801
Members' equity	6,653,388	5,357,341	5,193,878

You can read the complete audited financial statements for The Ohio School Plan at the Plan’s website, [www.ohioschoolplan.org](http://www.ohioschoolplan.org) under “Financials”.

Settled claims have not exceeded these commercial insurance coverages in any of the past three years and there have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from fiscal year 2016.

**B. Employee Dishonesty Bonds**

The Treasurer is covered by a \$100,000 surety bond through CAN Surety (Boales Insurance Agent, Inc. Ashland, Ohio). The remaining employees who handle money are covered with a public employees blanket bond in the amount of \$100,000.

**C. Workers’ Compensation**

For fiscal year 2017, the District participated in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers’ Compensation Group Rating Plan (the “Plan”), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 2 A). The intent of the Plan is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the Plan. The workers’ compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the Plan. Each participant pays its workers’ compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the Plan rather than its individual rate. Total savings are then calculated and each participant’s individual performance is compared to the overall savings percentage of the Plan.

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**NOTE 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)**

**D. Huron-Erie School Employees Insurance Association**

The District has contracted with the Huron-Erie School Employees Insurance Association (the “Association”) to provide medical/surgical, dental, vision, and life insurance benefits for its employees and their covered dependents. The Association is a shared risk pool comprised of school districts that provide public education within Erie and Huron Counties. The districts pay monthly contributions that are placed in a common fund from which eligible claims and expenses are paid for employees of participating school districts and their covered dependents. Claims are paid for all participants regardless of claims flow.

In the event of withdrawal, the District shall assume and be responsible for payment of all claims of its eligible employees, families, and dependents from the effective date of withdrawal, regardless of when such claims were incurred, processed, or presented to the Association, insurance provider, insurance consultant, or any other appropriate or authorized person or representative; provided further, any such claims, which are paid after the effective date of withdrawal by the Association insurance provider or insurance consultant, or charged to such parties, shall be reimbursed in full by any withdrawing member upon demand of the Association.

**NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

***Net Pension Liability***

The net pension liability reported on the statement of net position represents a liability to employees for pensions. Pensions are a component of exchange transactions—between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions are provided to an employee—on a deferred-payment basis—as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period. The obligation to sacrifice resources for pensions is a present obligation because it was created as a result of employment exchanges that already have occurred.

The net pension liability represents the District’s proportionate share of each pension plan’s collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension plan’s fiduciary net position. The net pension liability calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost of living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting this estimate annually.

The Ohio Revised Code limits the District’s obligation for this liability to annually required payments. The District cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions are financed; however, the District does receive the benefit of employees’ services in exchange for compensation including pension.

GASB 68 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires all funding to come from these employers. All contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). State statute requires the pension plans to amortize unfunded liabilities within 30 years. If the amortization period exceeds 30 years, each pension plan’s board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension liability. Resulting adjustments to the net pension liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable.

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The proportionate share of each plan’s unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term *net pension liability* on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually-required pension contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in *pension and postemployment benefits payable* on both the accrual and modified accrual bases of accounting.

***Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS)***

Plan Description – District non-teaching employees participate in SERS, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by SERS. SERS provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3309. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about SERS’ fiduciary net position. That report can be obtained by visiting the SERS website at [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

	Eligible to Retire on or before August 1, 2017 *	Eligible to Retire after August 1, 2017
Full Benefits	Any age with 30 years of service credit	Age 67 with 10 years of service credit; or Age 57 with 30 years of service credit
Actuarially Reduced Benefits	Age 60 with 5 years of service credit Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age 62 with 10 years of service credit; or Age 60 with 25 years of service credit

\* Members with 25 years of service credit as of August 1, 2017, will be included in this plan.

Annual retirement benefits are calculated based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on year of service; 2.2 percent for the first thirty years of service and 2.5 percent for years of service credit over 30. Final average salary is the average of the highest three years of salary.

One year after an effective benefit date, a benefit recipient is entitled to a three percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). This same COLA is added each year to the base benefit amount on the anniversary date of the benefit.

Funding Policy – Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS’ Retirement Board up to statutory maximum amounts of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the System’s funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, the entire 14 percent was allocated to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B and no portion of the employer contribution rate was allocated to the Health Care Fund.

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The District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$174,671 for fiscal year 2017. Of this amount, \$14,086 is reported as pension and postemployment benefits payable.

***Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)***

Plan Description – District licensed teachers and other faculty members participate in STRS Ohio, a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system administered by STRS. STRS provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about STRS' fiduciary net position. That report can be obtained by writing to STRS, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Web site at [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org).

New members have a choice of three retirement plans; a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. Benefits are established by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service. Effective August 1, 2015, the calculation will be 2.2 percent of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. With certain exceptions, the basic benefit is increased each year by two percent of the original base benefit. For members retiring August 1, 2013, or later, the first two percent is paid on the fifth anniversary of the retirement benefit. Members are eligible to retire at age 60 with five years of qualifying service credit, or age 55 with 25 years of service, or 30 years of service regardless of age. Age and service requirements for retirement will increase effective August 1, 2015, and will continue to increase periodically until they reach age 60 with 35 years of service or age 65 with five years of service on August 1, 2026.

The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and 9.5 percent of the 14 percent employer contributions into an investment account. Investment allocation decisions are determined by the member. The remaining 4.5 percent of the 14 percent employer rate is allocated to the defined benefit unfunded liability. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal.

The Combined Plan offers features of both the DB Plan and the DC Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are allocated among investment choices by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The defined benefit portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60 with five years of services. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum payment or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50.

New members who choose the DC plan or Combined Plan will have another opportunity to reselect a permanent plan during their fifth year of membership. Members may remain in the same plan or transfer to another STRS plan. The optional annuitization of a member's defined contribution account or the defined contribution portion of a member's Combined Plan account to a lifetime benefit results in STRS bearing the risk of investment gain or loss on the account. STRS has therefore included all three plan options as one defined benefit plan for GASB 68 reporting purposes.

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A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years of credited service who is determined to be disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible survivors of members who die before service retirement may qualify for monthly benefits. New members on or after July 1, 2013, must have at least ten years of qualifying service credit that apply for disability benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member of the DC Plan dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

Funding Policy – Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, plan members were required to contribute 14 percent of their annual covered salary. The District was required to contribute 14 percent; the entire 14 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The fiscal year 2017 contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates.

The District's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$625,175 for fiscal year 2017. Of this amount, \$111,496 is reported as pension and postemployment benefits payable.

***Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions***

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the net pension liability prior measurement date	0.040716500%	0.038984650%	
Proportion of the net pension liability current measurement date	<u>0.038890700%</u>	<u>0.039437590%</u>	
Change in proportionate share	<u>-0.00182580%</u>	<u>0.00045294%</u>	
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 2,846,440	\$ 13,200,950	\$ 16,047,390
Pension expense	\$ 209,129	\$ 889,278	\$ 1,098,407

At June 30, 2017, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 38,392	\$ 533,384	\$ 571,776
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	234,792	1,096,032	1,330,824
Changes of assumptions	190,015	-	190,015
Difference between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions/ change in proportionate share	-	90,230	90,230
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>174,671</u>	<u>625,175</u>	<u>799,846</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 637,870</u>	<u>\$ 2,344,821</u>	<u>\$ 2,982,691</u>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>			
Difference between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions/ change in proportionate share	<u>\$ 161,685</u>	<u>\$ 191,141</u>	<u>\$ 352,826</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 161,685</u>	<u>\$ 191,141</u>	<u>\$ 352,826</u>

\$799,846 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2018. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2018	\$ 48,059	\$ 216,829	\$ 264,888
2019	47,893	216,829	264,722
2020	138,067	637,407	775,474
2021	<u>67,495</u>	<u>457,440</u>	<u>524,935</u>
Total	<u>\$ 301,514</u>	<u>\$ 1,528,505</u>	<u>\$ 1,830,019</u>

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*Actuarial Assumptions - SERS*

SERS' total pension liability was determined by their actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 67, as part of their annual actuarial valuation for each defined benefit retirement plan. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts (e.g., salaries, credited service) and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future (e.g., mortality, disabilities, retirements, employment termination). Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review and potential modifications, as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and plan members to that point. The projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes does not explicitly incorporate the potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations.

Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. For a newly hired employee, actuarial calculations will take into account the employee's entire career with the employer and also take into consideration the benefits, if any, paid to the employee after termination of employment until the death of the employee and any applicable contingent annuitant. In many cases actuarial calculations reflect several decades of service with the employer and the payment of benefits after termination.

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation, prepared as of June 30, 2016, are presented below:

Wage Inflation	3.00 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.50 percent to 18.20 percent
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	3 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.50 percent net of investments expense, including inflation
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal (level percent of payroll)

For post-retirement mortality, the table used in evaluating allowances to be paid is the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and Scale BB, with 120% of male rates and 110% of female rates used. The RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table with 90% for male rates and 100% for female rates set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement. Special mortality tables are used for the period after disability retirement.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2016 valuation were based on the results of an experience study that was completed June 30, 2015. As a result of the actuarial experience study, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the assumed rate of inflation was reduced from 3.25% to 3.00%, (b) payroll growth assumption was reduced from 4.00% to 3.50%, (c) assumed real wage growth was reduced from 0.75% to 0.50%, (d) Rates of withdrawal, retirement and disability were updated to reflect recent experience, (e) mortality among active members was updated to RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age set-back for both males and females, (f) mortality among service retired members, and beneficiaries was updated to the following RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection with Scale BB, 120% of male rates, and 110% of female rates and (g) mortality among disabled members was updated to RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, 90% for male rates and 100% for female rates, set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement.

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The long-term return expectation for the Pension Plan Investments has been determined using a building-block approach and assumes a time horizon, as defined in SERS' *Statement of Investment Policy*. A forecasted rate of inflation serves as the baseline for the return expectation. Various real return premiums over the baseline inflation rate have been established for each asset class. The long-term expected nominal rate of return has been determined by calculating a weighted average of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate, and adding the expected return from rebalancing uncorrelated asset classes.

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major assets class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Cash	1.00 %	0.50 %
US Equity	22.50	4.75
International Equity	22.50	7.00
Fixed Income	19.00	1.50
Private Equity	10.00	8.00
Real Assets	15.00	5.00
Multi-Asset Strategies	10.00	3.00
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

**Discount Rate** - The total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the contributions from employers and from the members would be computed based on contribution requirements as stipulated by State statute. Projected inflows from investment earning were calculated using the long-term assumed investment rate of return (7.50 percent). Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefits to determine the total pension liability.

**Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate** - Net pension liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 percent, as well as what each plan's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.50 percent), or one percentage point higher (8.50 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (6.50%)	Current Discount Rate (7.50%)	1% Increase (8.50%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 3,768,510	\$ 2,846,440	\$ 2,074,630



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*Actuarial Assumptions - STRS*

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2016, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.75 percent
Projected salary increases	2.75 percent at age 70 to 12.25 percent at age 20
Investment Rate of Return	7.75 percent, net of investment expenses
Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA)	2 percent simple applied as follows: for members retiring before August 1, 2013, 2 percent per year; for members retiring August 1, 2013, or later, 2 percent COLA paid on fifth anniversary of retirement date.

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table (Projection 2022—Scale AA) for Males and Females. Males’ ages are set-back two years through age 89 and no set-back for age 90 and above. Females younger than age 80 are set back four years, one year set back from age 80 through 89 and not set back from age 90 and above.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2016, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study, effective July 1, 2012.

The 10 year expected real rate of return on pension plan investments was determined by STRS’ investment consultant by developing best estimates of expected future real rates of return for each major asset class. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized as follows:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return *
Domestic Equity	31.00 %	8.00 %
International Equity	26.00	7.85
Alternatives	14.00	8.00
Fixed Income	18.00	3.75
Real Estate	10.00	6.75
Liquidity Reserves	1.00	3.00
Total	100.00 %	7.61 %

\* 10-Year annualized geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.50% and does not include investment expenses. The total fund long-term expected return reflects diversification among the asset classes and therefore is not a weighted average return of the individual asset classes.

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**Discount Rate** - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75 percent as of June 30, 2016. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes member and employer contributions will be made at the statutory contribution rates in accordance with rate increases described above. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future plan members and their beneficiaries, as well as projected contributions from future plan members, are not included. Based on those assumptions, STRS' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2016. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.75 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payment to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2016.

**Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate** - The following table presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.75 percent, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.75 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (8.75 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 17,542,990	\$ 13,200,950	\$ 9,538,184

**Changes Between Measurement Date and Report Date** - In March 2017, the STRS Board adopted certain assumption changes which will impact their annual actuarial valuation prepared as of June 30, 2017. The most significant change is a reduction in the discount rate from 7.75 percent to 7.45 percent. In April 2017, the STRS Board voted to suspend cost of living adjustments granted on or after July 1, 2017. Although the exact amount of these changes is not known, the overall decrease to District's NPL is expected to be significant.

**NOTE 14 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

**A. School Employees Retirement System**

**Health Care Plan Description** - The District contributes to the SERS Health Care Fund, administered by SERS for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries. For GASB 45 purposes, this plan is considered a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan. The Health Care Plan includes hospitalization and physicians' fees through several types of plans including HMO's, PPO's, Medicare Advantage, and traditional indemnity plans as well as a prescription drug program. The financial report of the Plan is included in the SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be obtained on SERS' website at [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

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**NOTE 14 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)**

Access to health care for retirees and beneficiaries is permitted in accordance with Section 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 105(e). SERS' Retirement Board reserves the right to change or discontinue any health plan or program. Health care is financed through a combination of employer contributions and retiree premiums, copays and deductibles on covered health care expenses, investment returns, and any funds received as a result of SERS' participation in Medicare programs. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. Retirees and their beneficiaries are required to pay a health care premium that varies depending on the plan selected, number of qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility and retirement status.

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required basic benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. For fiscal year 2017, none of the employer contribution was allocated to health care. In addition, employers pay a surcharge for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. For fiscal year 2017, this amount was \$23,500. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2017, the District's surcharge obligation was \$21,637.

The District's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015 were \$21,637, \$20,022, and \$32,452, respectively. The fiscal year 2017 amount has been reported as pension and postemployment benefits payable. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal years 2016 and 2015.

**B. State Teachers Retirement System**

Plan Description – The District participates in the cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit Health Plan administered by the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS) for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS. Ohio law authorizes STRS to offer this plan. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. The Plan is included in the report of STRS which can be obtained by visiting [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org) or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy - Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. Active employee members do not contribute to the Plan. All benefit recipients pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For 2017, STRS Ohio did not allocate any employer contributions to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The District's did not make any contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017, 2016 and 2015.

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**NOTE 15 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

While reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balance on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts and disbursements.

The statement of revenue, expenditures and changes in fund balance - budget and actual (non-GAAP budgetary basis) presented for the general fund is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the budget basis and the GAAP basis are that:

- (a) Revenues and other financing sources are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis);
- (b) Expenditures and other financing uses are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis);
- (c) In order to determine compliance with Ohio law, and to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, total outstanding encumbrances (budget basis) are recorded as the equivalent of an expenditure, as opposed to assigned or committed fund balance for that portion of outstanding encumbrances not already recognized as an account payable (GAAP basis); and,
- (d) Some funds are included in the general fund (GAAP basis), but have separate legally adopted budgets (budget basis).

The adjustments necessary to convert the results of operations for the year on the budget basis to the GAAP basis for the general fund is as follows:

<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	<u>General fund</u>
Budget basis	\$ 810,269
Net adjustment for revenue accruals	33,624
Net adjustment for expenditure accruals	(339,591)
Net adjustment for other sources/uses	202,847
Funds budgeted elsewhere	20,559
Adjustment for encumbrances	<u>41,801</u>
GAAP basis	<u><u>\$ 769,509</u></u>

Certain funds that are legally budgeted in separate special revenue funds are considered part of the general fund on a GAAP basis. This includes the uniform school supplies fund, the rotary – special services fund and the public school support fund.

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**NOTE 16 - CONTINGENCIES**

**A. Grants**

The District received financial assistance from Federal and State agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds.

**B. Litigation**

The District is not party to any claims or lawsuits that would, in the District’s opinion, have a material effect of the basic financial statements.

**C. Foundation Funding**

District foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of each student. The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is legislatively required to adjust/reconcile funding as enrollment information is updated by schools throughout the State, which can extend past the fiscal year end. The impact of the final FTE adjustments on the fiscal year 2017 financial statements resulted in an immaterial payable.

**NOTE 17 - SET-ASIDES**

The District is required by State law to annually set-aside certain general fund revenue amounts, as defined by statutory formula, for the acquisition and construction of capital improvements. Amounts not spent by the end of the fiscal year or offset by similarly restricted resources received during the year must be held in cash at fiscal year-end. This amount must be carried forward to be used for the same purpose in future years. Expenditures exceeding the set-aside requirement may not be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

The following cash-basis information describes the change in the fiscal year-end set-aside amount for capital improvements. Disclosure of this information is required by State statute.

	<u>Capital Improvements</u>
Set-aside balance June 30, 2016	\$ -
Current year set-aside requirement	169,888
Current year qualifying expenditures	(281,040)
Current year offsets	<u>(78,874)</u>
Total	<u>(190,026)</u>
Balance carried forward to fiscal year 2018	-
Set-aside balance June 30, 2017	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

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**NOTE 17 - SET-ASIDES - (Continued)**

In prior fiscal years, the District issued \$2,130,000 in classroom facilities general obligation bonds. These proceeds may be used to reduce the capital improvements set-aside amount to zero for future years. The amount presented for prior year offset from bond proceeds is limited to an amount needed to reduce the capital improvements set-aside balance to \$0. The District is responsible for tracking the amount of bond proceeds that may be used as an offset in future periods, which was \$2,130,000 at June 30, 2017.

Although the District had offsets and qualifying disbursements during the year that reduced the set-aside amounts below zero for the capital acquisitions reserve, this extra amount may not be used to reduce the set-aside requirements for future years. The negative amount is therefore not presented as being carried forward to the next fiscal year.

**NOTE 18 - OTHER COMMITMENTS**

The District utilizes encumbrance accounting as part of its budgetary controls. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end may be reported as part of restricted, committed, or assigned classifications of fund balance. At year end, the District's commitments for encumbrances in the governmental funds were as follows:

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Year-End Encumbrances</u>
General	\$ 37,980
Other governmental	<u>446,100</u>
Total	<u>\$ 484,080</u>

**NOTE 19 - SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

On September 6, 2017, the District issued School Facilities Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2017, in the amount of \$915,000. These bonds bear variable interest rates and mature on December 1, 2022.

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SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF  
THE NET PENSION LIABILITY  
SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO

LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS (1)

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.03889070%	0.04071650%	0.04387900%	0.04387900%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 2,846,440	\$ 2,323,323	\$ 2,220,691	\$ 2,609,343
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,191,507	\$ 1,225,781	\$ 1,275,036	\$ 1,296,705
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	238.89%	189.54%	174.17%	201.23%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	62.98%	69.16%	71.70%	65.52%

Note: Information prior to 2014 was unavailable. Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

(1) Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the District's measurement date which is the prior year-end.



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SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF  
THE NET PENSION LIABILITY  
STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO

LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS (1)

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.03943759%	0.03898465%	0.04009894%	0.04009894%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 13,200,950	\$ 10,774,217	\$ 9,753,450	\$ 11,618,246
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 4,037,543	\$ 4,067,393	\$ 4,097,008	\$ 4,170,308
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	326.96%	264.89%	238.06%	278.59%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	66.80%	72.10%	74.70%	69.30%

Note: Information prior to 2014 was unavailable. Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

- (1) Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the District's measurement date which is the prior year-end.

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SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS  
SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO

LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 174,671	\$ 166,811	\$ 161,558	\$ 176,720
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(174,671)</u>	<u>(166,811)</u>	<u>(161,558)</u>	<u>(176,720)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,247,650	\$ 1,191,507	\$ 1,225,781	\$ 1,275,036
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	14.00%	14.00%	13.18%	13.86%

<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
\$ 179,464	\$ 170,082	\$ 158,741	\$ 163,798	\$ 112,464	\$ 106,386
<u>(179,464)</u>	<u>(170,082)</u>	<u>(158,741)</u>	<u>(163,798)</u>	<u>(112,464)</u>	<u>(106,386)</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 1,296,705	\$ 1,264,550	\$ 1,262,856	\$ 1,209,734	\$ 1,142,927	\$ 1,083,360
13.84%	13.45%	12.57%	13.54%	9.84%	9.82%

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SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS  
STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO

LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 625,175	\$ 565,256	\$ 569,435	\$ 532,611
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(625,175)</u>	<u>(565,256)</u>	<u>(569,435)</u>	<u>(532,611)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 4,465,536	\$ 4,037,543	\$ 4,067,393	\$ 4,097,008
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	13.00%

<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
\$ 542,140	\$ 549,584	\$ 550,951	\$ 539,081	\$ 546,898	\$ 513,015
<u>(542,140)</u>	<u>(549,584)</u>	<u>(550,951)</u>	<u>(539,081)</u>	<u>(546,898)</u>	<u>(513,015)</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 4,170,308	\$ 4,227,569	\$ 4,238,085	\$ 4,146,777	\$ 4,206,908	\$ 3,946,269
13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%

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*SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO*

*Changes in benefit terms* : There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal years 2014-2017.

*Changes in assumptions* : There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal years 2014-2016. For fiscal year 2017, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the assumed rate of inflation was reduced from 3.25% to 3.00%, (b) payroll growth assumption was reduced from 4.00% to 3.50%, (c) assumed real wage growth was reduced from 0.75% to 0.50%, (d) Rates of withdrawal, retirement and disability were updated to reflect recent experience, (e) mortality among active members was updated to RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age set-back for both males and females, (f) mortality among service retired members, and beneficiaries was updated to the following RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection with Scale BB, 120% of male rates, and 110% of female rates and (g) mortality among disabled members was updated to RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, 90% for male rates and 100% for female rates, set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement.

*STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO*

*Changes in benefit terms* : There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal years 2014-2017.

*Changes in assumptions* : There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal years 2014-2017. See the notes to the basic financial statements for the methods and assumptions in this calculation.



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

New London Local School District  
Huron County  
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New London, Ohio 44851-9262

To the Board of Education:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of New London Local School District, Huron County, Ohio (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated May 30, 2018.

### ***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinions on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the District's financial statements. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses. However, unidentified material weaknesses may exist.

***Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of reasonably assuring whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

***Purpose of this Report***

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Yost". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "D" and "Y".

**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

May 30, 2018



# New London Local Schools

Educating Tomorrow's Leaders

## NEW LONDON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT HURON COUNTY

### SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS JUNE 30, 2017

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Status	Additional Information
2016-001	Ohio Rev. Code §§ 2151.011(22) and 3317.031 for the failure to retain documentation related to excused student absences.	Fully Corrected	N/A

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HURON 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  
JUNE 21, 2018