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Board of Education
Rootstown Local School District
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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Rootstown Local School District, Portage County, prepared by BHM CPA Group, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Rootstown Local School District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

January 18, 2018

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ROOTSTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017
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Independent Auditor's Report

Rootstown Local School District
Portage County
4140 State Route 44
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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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Rootstown Local School District, Portage 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 School 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 School District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Rootstown Local School District, Portage 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 December 14, 2017, on our consideration of the School 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 School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

BHM CPA Group

BHM CPA Group, Inc.
Piketon, Ohio
December 14, 2017

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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The management's discussion and analysis of the Rootstown 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:

- The District's net position of governmental activities decreased \$149,226 which represents a 1.79% decrease from 2016.
- General revenues accounted for \$12,272,370 in revenue or 85.23% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and sales, grants and contributions accounted for \$2,127,577 or 14.77% of total revenues of \$14,399,947.
- The District had \$14,549,173 in expenses related to governmental activities; only \$2,127,577 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General revenues supporting governmental activities (primarily taxes and unrestricted grants and entitlements) of \$12,272,370 were not adequate to provide for these programs.
- The District's major governmental funds are the general fund and permanent improvement fund. The general fund had \$13,110,099 in revenues and \$12,629,188 in expenditures. During fiscal 2017, the general fund's fund balance increased \$480,911 from a balance of \$3,010,233 to \$3,491,144.
- The permanent improvement fund had \$394,375 in revenues and \$388,785 in expenditures. During fiscal 2017, the permanent improvement fund's fund balance increased \$5,590 from \$741,548 to \$747,138.

Using the 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 and permanent improvement fund are the only governmental funds reported as major funds.

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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.

These two statements report the District's net position and changes in that position. 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. The District's statement of net position and statement of activities can be found on pages 14-15 of this report.

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The analysis of the District's major governmental funds begins on page 10. 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 governmental funds are the general fund and permanent improvement 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 than 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. The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 16-20 of this report.

Reporting the District's Fiduciary Responsibilities

The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for its scholarship programs. This activity is presented in 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 the agency fund. All of the District's fiduciary activities are reported in separate statements of fiduciary net position and changes in fiduciary net position on pages 21 and 22. These activities are excluded from the District's other financial statements because the assets cannot be utilized by the District to finance its operations.

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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. These notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 23-55 of this report.

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. The required supplementary information can be found on pages 56-62 of this report.

The District as a Whole

The statement of net position provides the perspective of the District as a whole. The table below provides a summary of the District's net position for June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016.

	Net Position	
	Governmental Activities 2017	Governmental Activities 2016
<u>Assets</u>		
Current and other assets	\$ 11,985,129	\$ 10,958,610
Capital assets, net	3,080,108	3,035,813
Total assets	<u>15,065,237</u>	<u>13,994,423</u>
<u>Deferred outflows of resources</u>		
Pensions	<u>3,893,029</u>	<u>1,643,346</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Other liabilities	1,481,289	1,417,917
Long-term liabilities:		
Due within one year	34,054	83,865
Due in more than one year:		
Net pension liability	19,840,096	15,899,737
Other amounts	367,149	331,171
Total liabilities	<u>21,722,588</u>	<u>17,732,690</u>
<u>Deferred inflows of resources</u>		
Property taxes levied for next fiscal year	5,703,302	5,203,781
Pensions	24,209	1,043,905
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>5,727,511</u>	<u>6,247,686</u>
<u>Net position</u>		
Net investment in capital assets	3,080,108	2,985,813
Restricted	1,167,547	1,184,211
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(12,739,488)</u>	<u>(12,512,631)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ (8,491,833)</u>	<u>\$ (8,342,607)</u>

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During 2015, the District adopted GASB Statement 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions—an Amendment of GASB Statement 27," 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.

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.

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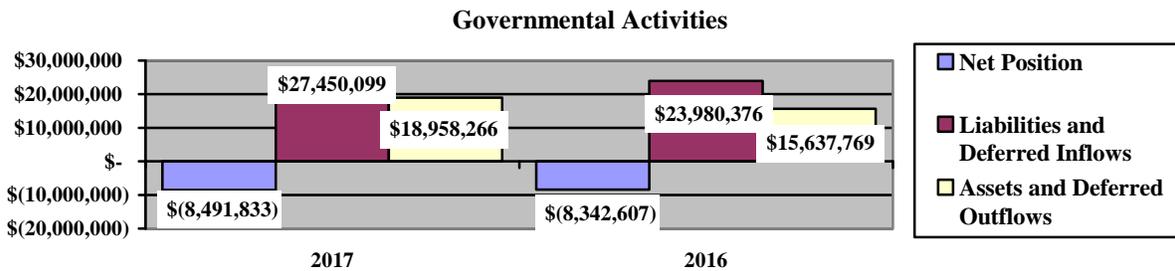
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Over time, net position can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At June 30, 2017, the District's liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded assets and deferred outflow of resources by \$8,491,833.

At fiscal year-end, capital assets represented 20.45% of total assets. Capital assets include land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, vehicles and textbooks. The District's net investment in capital assets at June 30, 2017, was \$3,080,108. 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, \$1,167,547 represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position was a deficit of \$12,739,488. The deficit balance in unrestricted net position was the result of reporting the net pension liability required by GASB 68.

The graph below illustrates the District's governmental activities assets plus deferred outflows, liabilities plus deferred inflows and net position at June 30, 2017 and 2016.



The table below shows the changes in net position for governmental activities between 2017 and 2016.

Change in Net Position

	Governmental Activities <u>2017</u>	Governmental Activities <u>2016</u>
Revenues		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services and sales	\$ 1,073,868	\$ 933,047
Operating grants and contributions	1,053,709	1,061,473
General revenues:		
Property taxes	6,590,898	6,847,879
Grants and entitlements	5,482,370	5,663,114
Investment earnings	5,744	544
Other	<u>193,358</u>	<u>132,688</u>
Total revenues	<u>14,399,947</u>	<u>14,638,745</u>

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Change in Net Position

	<u>Governmental Activities 2017</u>	<u>Governmental Activities 2016</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Program expenses:		
Instruction:		
Regular	\$ 5,936,919	\$ 5,232,079
Special	1,996,639	1,821,622
Vocational	187,268	178,003
Other	1,035,914	1,075,489
Support services:		
Pupil	586,806	500,267
Instructional staff	346,699	296,144
Board of education	65,541	59,509
Administration	1,022,834	859,745
Fiscal	431,078	424,963
Business	12,794	13,220
Operations and maintenance	1,151,614	1,016,451
Pupil transportation	886,607	771,296
Central	7,137	11,655
Operation of non-instructional services:		
Food service operations	407,084	382,976
Other non-instructional services	5,400	10,800
Extracurricular activities	467,860	401,479
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>979</u>	<u>2,284</u>
Total expenses	<u>14,549,173</u>	<u>13,057,982</u>
Change in net position	(149,226)	1,580,763
Net position (deficit) at beginning of year	<u>(8,342,607)</u>	<u>(9,923,370)</u>
Net position (deficit) at end of year	<u><u>\$ (8,491,833)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (8,342,607)</u></u>

Governmental Activities

Net position of the District's governmental activities decreased \$149,226. Total governmental expenses of \$14,549,173 were offset by program revenues of \$2,127,577 and general revenues of \$12,272,370. Program revenues supported 14.62% of the total governmental expenses.

The primary sources of revenue for governmental activities are derived from property taxes and unrestricted grants and entitlements. These revenue sources represent 83.84% of total governmental revenue.

Total revenues decreased by \$238,798 from fiscal year 2016. The primary reason for this decrease is due to the decrease in property tax revenues and unrestricted grants and entitlements.

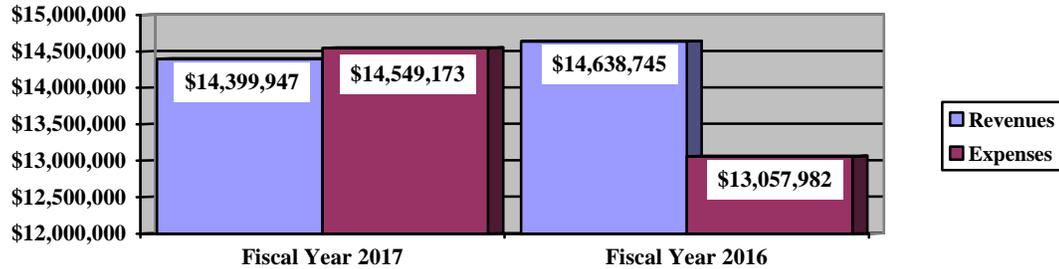
The largest expense of the District is for instructional programs. Instruction expenses totaled \$9,156,740 or 62.94% of total governmental expenses for fiscal year 2017. Expenses increased in fiscal year 2017 primarily due to an increase in the District's net pension liability.

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The graph below presents the District's governmental activities revenue and expenses for fiscal years 2017 and 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 and unrestricted State grants and entitlements.

Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of Services <u>2017</u>	Net Cost of Services <u>2017</u>	Total Cost of Services <u>2016</u>	Net Cost of Services <u>2016</u>
Program expenses				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$ 5,936,919	\$ 5,069,104	\$ 5,232,079	\$ 4,473,094
Special	1,996,639	1,306,315	1,821,622	1,157,171
Vocational	187,268	147,947	178,003	158,885
Other	1,035,914	1,035,914	1,075,489	1,075,489
Support services:				
Pupil	586,806	586,806	500,267	500,267
Instructional staff	346,699	336,633	296,144	284,112
Board of education	65,541	65,541	59,509	59,509
Administration	1,022,834	1,022,809	859,745	859,620
Fiscal	431,078	431,078	424,963	424,963
Business	12,794	12,794	13,220	13,220
Operations and maintenance	1,151,614	1,146,392	1,016,451	1,012,656
Pupil transportation	886,607	857,190	771,296	736,694
Central	7,137	7,137	11,655	11,655
Operation of non-instructional services:				
Food service operations	407,084	29,865	382,976	(15,923)
Other non-instructional services	5,400	-	10,800	5,400
Extracurricular activities	467,860	365,092	401,479	304,366
Interest and fiscal charges	979	979	2,284	2,284
Total expenses	\$ 14,549,173	\$ 12,421,596	\$ 13,057,982	# \$ 11,063,462

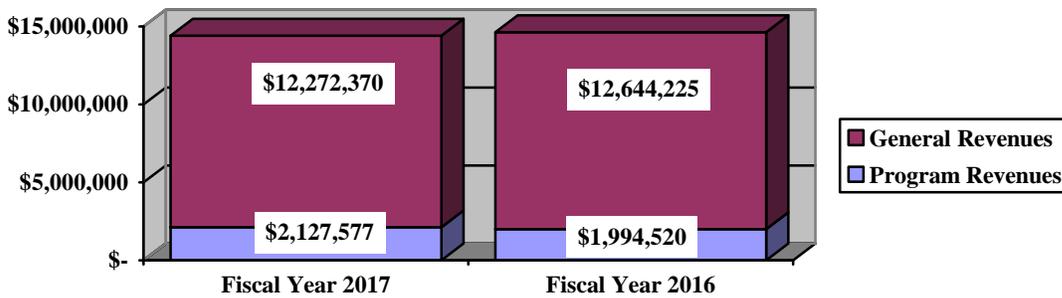
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The dependence upon tax and other general revenues for governmental activities is apparent as 82.55% of instruction activities are supported through taxes and other general revenues. For all governmental activities, general revenue support is 85.38%. The District's taxpayers and unrestricted grants and entitlements from the State 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 \$4,623,831, which is greater than last year's total of \$4,176,282. 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	Increase (Decrease)
Major funds:			
General	\$ 3,491,144	\$ 3,010,233	\$ 480,911
Permanent improvement	747,138	741,548	5,590
Other governmental	<u>385,549</u>	<u>424,501</u>	<u>(38,952)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,623,831</u>	<u>\$ 4,176,282</u>	<u>\$ 447,549</u>

General Fund

The District's general fund's fund balance increased \$480,911. The increase in fund balance can be attributed to decreasing revenues still exceeding increasing expenditures.

Overall, expenditures increased 4.28%. The increase is due to customary wage and benefit increases.

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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>Percentage</u> <u>Change</u>
<u>Revenues</u>			
Taxes	\$ 6,182,545	\$ 6,495,230	(4.81) %
Tuition and fees	764,589	590,225	29.54 %
Earnings on investments	5,744	544	955.88 %
Intergovernmental	5,916,985	6,095,689	(2.93) %
Other revenues	<u>240,236</u>	<u>180,113</u>	33.38 %
Total	<u>\$ 13,110,099</u>	<u>\$ 13,361,801</u>	(1.88) %
<u>Expenditures</u>			
Instruction	\$ 8,227,009	\$ 7,982,033	3.07 %
Support services	4,088,832	3,842,776	6.40 %
Extracurricular activities	<u>313,347</u>	<u>286,197</u>	9.49 %
Total	<u>\$ 12,629,188</u>	<u>\$ 12,111,006</u>	4.28 %

Permanent Improvement Fund

The permanent improvement fund had \$394,375 in revenues and \$388,785 in expenditures. During fiscal 2017, the permanent improvement fund's fund balance increased \$5,590 from \$741,548 to \$747,138.

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 year 2017, the District amended its general fund budget numerous times. For the general fund, original budgeted revenues and other financing sources and final budgeted revenues and other financing sources were \$10,334,743 and \$13,248,424, respectively. The increase in budgeted revenues was due to an increase in estimated property tax revenue. Actual revenues and other financing sources for fiscal year 2017 were \$13,239,301. This represents a \$9,123 decrease from final budgeted revenues and other financing sources.

General fund original appropriations (appropriated expenditures plus other financing uses) of \$12,042,399 were increased to \$12,892,398 in the final budget. The actual budget basis expenditures and other financing uses for fiscal year 2017 totaled \$12,767,304, which was \$125,094 less than the final budget appropriations.

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Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2017, the District had \$3,080,108 invested in land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, vehicles and textbooks. This entire amount is reported in governmental activities. The following table shows fiscal year 2017 balances compared to 2016:

Capital Assets at June 30 (Net of Depreciation)		
<u>Governmental Activities</u>		
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Land	\$ 779,700	\$ 779,700
Land improvements	498,397	501,899
Building and improvements	1,322,820	1,237,674
Furniture and equipment	99,234	133,866
Vehicles	319,792	309,139
Textbooks	<u>60,165</u>	<u>73,535</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,080,108</u>	<u>\$ 3,035,813</u>

Total additions to capital assets for 2017 were \$258,352, and the total depreciation expense for 2017 was \$214,057.

See Note 7 to the basic financial statements for additional information on the District's capital assets.

Debt Administration

The following table summarizes the notes outstanding.

Outstanding Debt, at Fiscal Year End		
	Governmental Activities <u>2017</u>	Governmental Activities <u>2016</u>
Energy conservation note	\$ -	\$ 50,000
Total	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 50,000</u>

See Note 8 to the basic financial statements for additional information on the District's debt administration.

**ROOTSTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO**

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

Current Financial Related Activities

It is evident that the Rootstown Local School District relies heavily on its property owners for support. In today's economic climate, this presents a problem to the District as well as the local taxpayer. Until there is a change in the funding structure from the State, this will continue to be a key point of concern. Special education and gifted funding have been reduced every year. The District attempts to help compensate for some of these losses by applying for additional grant money. Our position is such that the District does not qualify for many of the "needy" grants.

Because of House Bill 920 that was paid in the 1970's, current levies do not provide for inflationary revenue growth as valuation increases, with the exception of the inside mills and new construction. Thus, as a school district dependent upon property taxes and a decline in the State Foundation, the District must request property tax increases to maintain a constant level of service.

The District's systems of budgeting and internal controls are well regarded. All of the District's financial abilities will be needed to meet the challenges of the future.

The District is on the ballot in November 2017 for a new facilities project. The \$41,375,175 master plan includes replacing the three current buildings with one new PK-12 building on the current campus. The District is participating in the Ohio Schools Facilities Program and qualifies for a 41% state share. This reduces the local financing amount to \$24,411,353. Locally funded initiatives include upgrades to the sports complex and an auditorium bringing the local cost of the project to \$31,435,269. The District is on the ballot for a 3.95 millage property tax bond and a 0.5% earned income tax. The local share is anticipated to be raised by \$15,800,000 in income tax bonds and \$15,635,000 in property tax millage bonds. The District is cautiously optimistic about the passage of the levy.

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. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Connie Baldwin, Treasurer, Rootstown Local School District, 4140 State Route 44, Rootstown, Ohio 44272 or baldwin@roversk12.org.

**ROOTSTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2017

	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents. . .	\$ 4,797,779
Receivables:	
Property taxes	7,029,593
Accounts.	855
Intergovernmental	131,052
Prepayments	25,850
Capital assets:	
Nondepreciable capital assets	779,700
Depreciable capital assets, net.	2,300,408
Capital assets, net	3,080,108
Total assets.	15,065,237
 Deferred outflows of resources:	
Pension - STRS	2,827,404
Pension - SERS	1,065,625
Total deferred outflows of resources.	3,893,029
 Liabilities:	
Accounts payable.	36,193
Accrued wages and benefits	1,089,913
Intergovernmental payable	113,481
Pension and postemployment benefits payable.	189,385
Accrued vacation leave payable.	52,317
Long-term liabilities:	
Due within one year.	34,054
Due in more than one year:	
Net pension liability	19,840,096
Other amounts due in more than one year	367,149
Total liabilities	21,722,588
 Deferred inflows of resources:	
Property taxes levied for the next fiscal year.	5,703,302
Pension - STRS.	24,209
Total deferred inflows of resources	5,727,511
 Net position:	
Investment in capital assets	3,080,108
Restricted for:	
Capital projects	751,451
Locally funded programs	22,367
Federally funded programs	1,328
Food service.	379,867
Student activities	12,534
Unrestricted (deficit)	(12,739,488)
Total net position.	\$ (8,491,833)

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**ROOTSTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO**

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

		Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
	Expenses	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$ 5,936,919	\$ 683,579	\$ 184,236	\$ (5,069,104)
Special	1,996,639	76,822	613,502	(1,306,315)
Vocational	187,268	5,251	34,070	(147,947)
Other	1,035,914	-	-	(1,035,914)
Support services:				
Pupil.	586,806	-	-	(586,806)
Instructional staff	346,699	663	9,403	(336,633)
Board of education	65,541	-	-	(65,541)
Administration.	1,022,834	-	25	(1,022,809)
Fiscal.	431,078	-	-	(431,078)
Business.	12,794	-	-	(12,794)
Operations and maintenance	1,151,614	5,222	-	(1,146,392)
Pupil transportation.	886,607	-	29,417	(857,190)
Central	7,137	-	-	(7,137)
Operation of non-instructional services:				
Food service operations	407,084	203,767	173,452	(29,865)
Other non-instructional services	5,400	-	5,400	-
Extracurricular activities.	467,860	98,564	4,204	(365,092)
Interest and fiscal charges	979	-	-	(979)
Total governmental activities	\$ 14,549,173	\$ 1,073,868	\$ 1,053,709	(12,421,596)
General revenues:				
Property taxes levied for:				
General purposes				6,214,240
Debt service.				25,323
Capital outlay.				351,335
Grants and entitlements not restricted				
to specific programs				5,482,370
Investment earnings				5,744
Miscellaneous.				193,358
Total general revenues.				12,272,370
Change in net position				(149,226)
Net position at beginning of year				(8,342,607)
Net position at end of year				\$ (8,491,833)

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**ROOTSTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO**

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2017

	<u>General</u>	<u>Permanent Improvement</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets:				
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents.	\$ 3,658,890	\$ 684,962	\$ 453,927	\$ 4,797,779
Receivables:				
Property taxes.	6,680,567	349,026	-	7,029,593
Accounts	855	-	-	855
Intergovernmental.	87,588	-	43,464	131,052
Prepayments.	25,275	-	575	25,850
Total assets.	<u>\$ 10,453,175</u>	<u>\$ 1,033,988</u>	<u>\$ 497,966</u>	<u>\$ 11,985,129</u>
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 33,847	\$ -	\$ 2,346	\$ 36,193
Accrued wages and benefits payable	1,035,173	-	54,740	1,089,913
Compensated absences payable	2,048	-	-	2,048
Intergovernmental payable	112,764	-	717	113,481
Pension and postemployment benefits payable.	178,235	-	11,150	189,385
Total liabilities.	<u>1,362,067</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,953</u>	<u>1,431,020</u>
Deferred inflows of resources:				
Property taxes levied for the next fiscal year.	5,425,765	277,537	-	5,703,302
Delinquent property tax revenue not available.	167,449	9,313	-	176,762
Intergovernmental revenue not available.	6,750	-	43,464	50,214
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>5,599,964</u>	<u>286,850</u>	<u>43,464</u>	<u>5,930,278</u>
Fund balances:				
Nonspendable:				
Prepays.	25,275	-	575	25,850
Restricted:				
Capital improvements	-	742,138	-	742,138
Food service operations	-	-	392,209	392,209
Extracurricular.	-	-	12,534	12,534
Other purposes.	-	-	22,367	22,367
Committed:				
Capital improvements	-	5,000	-	5,000
Assigned:				
Student instruction	76,976	-	-	76,976
Student and staff support.	166,155	-	-	166,155
Subsequent year's appropriations	938,350	-	-	938,350
Unassigned (deficit)	<u>2,284,388</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(42,136)</u>	<u>2,242,252</u>
Total fund balances	<u>3,491,144</u>	<u>747,138</u>	<u>385,549</u>	<u>4,623,831</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows and fund balances	<u>\$ 10,453,175</u>	<u>\$ 1,033,988</u>	<u>\$ 497,966</u>	<u>\$ 11,985,129</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**ROOTSTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO**

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

Total governmental fund balances		\$	4,623,831
<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.			3,080,108
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred inflows in the funds.			
Property taxes receivable	\$	176,762	
Intergovernmental receivable		50,214	
Total		<u>226,976</u>	226,976
The net pension liability is not due and payable in the current period; therefore, liability and related deferred inflows are not reported in governmental funds.			
Deferred outflows - pension		3,893,029	
Deferred inflows - pension		(24,209)	
Net pension liability		<u>(19,840,096)</u>	
Total			(15,971,276)
Long-term liabilities, including notes payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.			
Compensated absences		(399,155)	
Vacation benefits		<u>(52,317)</u>	
Total			<u>(451,472)</u>
Net position of governmental activities		<u>\$</u>	<u>(8,491,833)</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**ROOTSTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PORTAGE 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>Permanent Improvement</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues:				
From local sources:				
Property taxes	\$ 6,182,545	\$ 349,635	\$ 25,323	\$ 6,557,503
Tuition	715,790	-	-	715,790
Earnings on investments	5,744	-	477	6,221
Charges for services	-	-	203,767	203,767
Extracurricular	-	-	98,564	98,564
Classroom materials and fees	48,799	-	-	48,799
Other local revenues	240,236	1,000	26,128	267,364
Intergovernmental - state	5,916,985	43,740	26,872	5,987,597
Intergovernmental - federal	-	-	495,686	495,686
Total revenues	<u>13,110,099</u>	<u>394,375</u>	<u>876,817</u>	<u>14,381,291</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	5,303,606	35,731	147,292	5,486,629
Special	1,716,763	-	209,779	1,926,542
Vocational	174,840	-	-	174,840
Other	1,031,800	-	-	1,031,800
Support services:				
Pupil	553,754	-	-	553,754
Instructional staff	321,137	-	5,552	326,689
Board of education	65,541	-	-	65,541
Administration	967,890	929	-	968,819
Fiscal	408,601	5,114	1,796	415,511
Business	12,794	-	-	12,794
Operations and maintenance	1,024,160	151,451	-	1,175,611
Pupil transportation	727,818	112,470	-	840,288
Central	7,137	-	-	7,137
Operation of non-instructional services:				
Food service operations	-	-	390,293	390,293
Other non-instructional services	-	-	5,400	5,400
Extracurricular activities	313,347	-	104,678	418,025
Facilities acquisition and construction	-	83,090	-	83,090
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	-	-	50,000	50,000
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	979	979
Total expenditures	<u>12,629,188</u>	<u>388,785</u>	<u>915,769</u>	<u>13,933,742</u>
Net change in fund balances	480,911	5,590	(38,952)	447,549
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>3,010,233</u>	<u>741,548</u>	<u>424,501</u>	<u>4,176,282</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 3,491,144</u>	<u>\$ 747,138</u>	<u>\$ 385,549</u>	<u>\$ 4,623,831</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**ROOTSTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PORTAGE 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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	447,549
<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	\$ 258,352	
Current year depreciation	(214,057)	
Total		44,295
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		
Property taxes	33,395	
Tuition	(24,616)	
Intergovernmental	9,877	
Total		18,656
Repayment of note principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities on the statement of net position.		
		50,000
Contractually required pension contributions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds; however, the statement of activities reports these amounts as deferred outflows.		
		997,797
Except for amounts reported as deferred inflows/outflows, changes in the net pension liability are reported as pension expense in the statement of activities.		
		(1,668,777)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		
Compensated absences	(34,119)	
Vacation benefits	(4,627)	
Total		(38,746)
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	(149,226)

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**ROOTSTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PORTAGE 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>			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Revenues:				
From local sources:				
Property taxes	\$ 4,863,473	\$ 6,234,634	\$ 6,233,324	\$ (1,310)
Tuition	537,793	689,414	689,414	-
Earnings on investments	3,968	5,087	5,744	657
Classroom materials and fees	23,834	30,554	30,566	12
Other local revenues	367,319	470,877	435,078	(35,799)
Intergovernmental - state	4,530,073	5,807,240	5,807,240	-
Total revenues	<u>10,326,460</u>	<u>13,237,806</u>	<u>13,201,366</u>	<u>(36,440)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	5,033,054	5,388,306	5,294,288	94,018
Special	1,601,175	1,714,192	1,729,470	(15,278)
Vocational	252,857	270,705	167,971	102,734
Other	1,103,191	1,181,059	1,015,925	165,134
Support services:				
Pupil	529,282	566,641	577,464	(10,823)
Instructional staff	241,802	258,869	307,359	(48,490)
Board of education	62,377	66,780	67,232	(452)
Administration	903,719	967,507	980,311	(12,804)
Fiscal	410,893	439,895	444,132	(4,237)
Business	17,343	18,567	12,794	5,773
Operations and maintenance	903,220	966,973	1,093,090	(126,117)
Pupil transportation	662,475	709,235	762,384	(53,149)
Central	456	488	7,137	(6,649)
Extracurricular activities	316,372	338,703	307,747	30,956
Total expenditures	<u>12,038,216</u>	<u>12,887,920</u>	<u>12,767,304</u>	<u>120,616</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(1,711,756)</u>	<u>349,886</u>	<u>434,062</u>	<u>84,176</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Refund of prior year's expenditures	8,283	10,618	37,935	27,317
Advances (out)	(4,183)	(4,478)	-	4,478
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>4,100</u>	<u>6,140</u>	<u>37,935</u>	<u>31,795</u>
Net change in fund balance	(1,707,656)	356,026	471,997	115,971
Fund balance at beginning of year	2,603,794	2,603,794	2,603,794	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	250,423	250,423	250,423	-
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 1,146,561</u>	<u>\$ 3,210,243</u>	<u>\$ 3,326,214</u>	<u>\$ 115,971</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**ROOTSTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2017

	Private Purpose Trust	
	Scholarship	Agency
Assets:		
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 53,375	\$ 43,447
Total assets.	53,375	\$ 43,447
Liabilities:		
Undistributed monies.	-	\$ 43,447
Total liabilities	-	\$ 43,447
Net position:		
Held in trust for scholarships	53,375	
Total net position.	\$ 53,375	

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**ROOTSTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO**

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

	Private Purpose Trust
	Scholarship
Additions:	
Interest	\$ 3,909
Gifts and contributions	50
Total additions	3,959
Deductions:	
Payments in accordance with trust agreements	324
Change in net position	3,635
Net position at beginning of year	49,740
Net position at end of year	\$ 53,375

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**ROOTSTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO**

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Rootstown Local School District (the “District”) is a body politic and corporate established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio.

The District is a local district as defined by Section 3311.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. The District operates under a locally-elected five member board form of government and provides educational services as authorized and mandated by state and federal agencies.

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.

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 an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34”. The reporting entity is composed of the primary government and component units. 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, 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. Certain organizations are also included as component units if the nature and significance of the relationship between the primary government and the organization is such that exclusion by the primary government would render the primary government’s financial statements incomplete or misleading. Based upon the application of these criteria, the District has no component units. The basic financial statements of the reporting entity include only those of the District (the primary government).

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

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

The following organization is described due to its relationship to the District:

JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

Stark Portage Area Computer Consortium (SPARCC)

SPARCC is a data consortium of 35 school districts. SPARCC was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology (with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment) to the administrative and instructional functions among member districts. Each of the governments of these schools supports SPARCC based upon a per pupil charge, dependent upon the software package utilized. In the event of dissolution of the organization, all current members will share in net obligations or asset liquidations in a ratio proportionate to their last 12 months' financial contribution. SPARCC is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of superintendents of the member school districts. The degree of control exercised by any school district is limited to its representation on the Board. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 14, the District does not have any equity interest in SPARCC because a residual interest in the net resources of a joint venture upon dissolution is not equivalent to an equity interest.

Financial information can be obtained from the Treasurer for the Stark County Educational Service Center, who serves as fiscal agent, at 2100, 38th Street NW, Canton, Ohio 44709-2300.

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, deferred outflows and liabilities and deferred inflows is reported as fund balance. The following are the District's major governmental funds:

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.

Permanent improvement fund - The permanent improvement capital projects fund accounts for financial resources to be used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of major capital facilities.

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

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

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

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 has private-purpose trust funds to account for memorial scholarships. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The District's agency funds account for student activities and employee flex spending accounts.

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.

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, deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows 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 and current liabilities and deferred inflows 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.

Private purpose trust funds are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Agency funds do not report a measurement focus as they do not report operations.

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

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. Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined, and 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.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property 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 5).

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, tuition, grants, student fees and rentals.

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 11 for deferred outflows of resources related the District's net pension liability.

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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 2018 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 11 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 fund financial statements as intergovernmental revenue and an expenditure of food service operations. In addition, this amount is reported in the statement of activities as an expense with a like amount reported within the "operating grants and contributions" program revenue account.

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. Budgetary Data

The budgetary process is prescribed by provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and entails the preparation of budgetary documents within an established timetable. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriation resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The certificate of estimated resources and the appropriations resolution are subject to amendment throughout the year with the legal restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources, as certified. All funds, other than agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The primary level of budgetary control is at the fund level for all funds. Any budgetary modifications at this level may only be made by resolution of the Board of Education.

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

Estimated resources - The County Budget Commission determines if the budget substantiates a need to levy all or part of previously authorized taxes and reviews estimated revenue. The Commission certifies its actions to the District by March 1. As part of the certification, the District receives the official certificate of estimated resources, which states the projected revenue of each fund. On or prior to June 30, the District must revise its budget ensuring that the total contemplated expenditures from any fund during the ensuing fiscal year will not exceed the amount available as stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The revised budget then serves as the basis for the annual appropriation measure. On or about July 1, the certificate of estimated resources is amended to include unencumbered balances from the preceding year. The certificate may be further amended during the year if a new source of revenue is identified or actual receipts exceed or will not meet current estimates. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the amended certificate when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the final amended certificate issued during fiscal year 2017.

Appropriations - A temporary appropriations measure to control expenditures may be passed on or about July 1 of each year for the period July 1 to September 30. An annual appropriation resolution must be passed by October 1 of each year for the period July 1 to June 30. The appropriation resolution fixes spending authority at the legal level of control and may be amended during the year as new information becomes available provided that total fund appropriations do not exceed current estimated resources, as certified. The total of expenditures and encumbrances may not exceed appropriations at the legal level of control. The Board may pass supplemental fund appropriations provided the total appropriations by fund do not exceed the amounts set forth in the most recent certificate of estimated resources. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the appropriations in the first complete appropriated budget, including amounts automatically carried over from prior years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements represent the final appropriation amounts, including all supplemental appropriations. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for all funds other than agency funds, consistent with statutory provisions.

F. Cash and Investments

To improve cash management, cash received by the District is pooled in a central bank account. 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, the District invested in STAR Ohio and mutual funds. Except for nonparticipating investment contracts, investments are reported at fair value, which is based on quoted market price. STAR Ohio (the State Treasury Asset Reserve of 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 its 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 an NAV per share that approximates fair value.

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For fiscal year 2017, there were no limitations 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. The Board of Education has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest revenue credited to the general fund during fiscal year 2017 amounted to \$5,744, which includes \$1,182 assigned from other District funds.

For presentation on the basic financial statements, investments of the cash management pool and investments with original maturities of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the District are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months are reported as investments.

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

G. Capital Assets

General capital assets are those assets specifically related to governmental activities. These assets 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 deductions during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition value. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of \$5,000. The District does not possess any infrastructure. 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, 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	20 years
Buildings and improvements	10 - 50 years
Furniture and equipment	5 - 20 years
Vehicles	8 years
Library and textbooks	6 years

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

H. Interfund Balances

On fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans to cover negative cash balances are classified as “due to/from other funds.” These amounts are eliminated in the governmental activities column on the statement of net position. The District had no interfund loans at June 30, 2017.

I. Compensated Absences

The District reports compensated absences in accordance with the provisions of GASB No. 16, “Accounting for Compensated Absences”. Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employee’s rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the District will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the termination payment method. An accrual for earned sick leave is made to the extent it is probable that benefits will result in termination (severance) payments. The liability is an estimate based on the District’s past experience of making termination (severance) payments.

The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements.

For governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences are recognized as liabilities and expenditures as payments come due each period upon the occurrence of employee resignations and retirements.

J. 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.

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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.

K. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows and liabilities and deferred inflows. The net position component “net investment in capital assets,” consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets or related debt also should be included in this component of net position. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. At June 30, 2017, there was no net position restricted by enabling legislation.

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

L. Restricted Assets

Assets are reported as restricted 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 reported no restricted assets at June 30, 2017.

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

M. 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 judgements 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. Long-term loans are recognized as a liability on the governmental fund financial statements when due.

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. 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.

P. 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. Neither type of transaction occurred during fiscal year 2017.

Q. Fair Market Value

The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

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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 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>
IDEA Part-B	\$ 30,636
Title I	11,500

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.

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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;
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.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

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.

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.

A. Deposits with Financial Institutions

At June 30, 2017, the carrying amount of all District deposits was \$4,027,408. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures", as of June 30, 2017, \$3,914,327 of the District's bank balance of \$4,164,327 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while \$250,000 was covered by the FDIC.

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 investments and maturities:

Measurement/ <u>Investment type</u>	Measurement <u>Value</u>	<u>Investment Maturities</u> 6 months or <u>less</u>
Amortized Cost:		
STAR Ohio	\$ 847,446	\$ 847,446
Fair Value:		
Mutual fund	19,747	19,747
Total	<u>\$ 867,193</u>	<u>\$ 867,193</u>

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

The District's investments in U.S. Government money market mutual funds are valued using quoted market prices in active markets (Level 1 inputs).

Interest Rate Risk: Interest rate risk arises as potential purchasers of debt securities will not agree to pay face value for those securities if interest rates subsequently increase. As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates and according to State law, the District's investment policy limits investment portfolio maturities to five years or less.

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 service rating. The mutual fund accounts are not rated by Standard & Poor's or Moody's Investor Services.

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>
Amortized Cost:		
STAR Ohio	\$ 847,446	97.72
Fair Value:		
Mutual fund	<u>19,747</u>	<u>2.28</u>
Total	<u>\$ 867,193</u>	<u>100.00</u>

C. Reconciliation of Cash and Investment to the Statement of Net Position

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	\$ 4,027,408
Investments	<u>867,193</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,894,601</u>
 <u>Cash and investments per statement of net position</u>	
Governmental activities	\$ 4,797,779
Private-purpose trust funds	53,375
Agency funds	<u>43,447</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,894,601</u>

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NOTE 5 - 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, 2014, 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 Portage County. The County Auditor periodically advances to the District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the County by June 30, 2017, are available to finance fiscal year 2017 operations. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2017 was \$1,087,353 in the general fund and \$62,176 in the permanent improvement fund. This amount is recorded as revenue. The amount available for advance at June 30, 2016 was \$1,138,133 in the general fund and \$64,068 in the permanent improvement 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.

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.

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NOTE 5 - PROPERTY TAXES - (Continued)

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	\$ 164,069,220	89.65	\$ 165,312,230	86.19
Public utility personal	<u>18,947,670</u>	<u>10.35</u>	<u>26,496,120</u>	<u>13.81</u>
Total	<u>\$ 183,016,890</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>\$ 191,808,350</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$67.90		\$67.36	

NOTE 6 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2017 consisted of property taxes, accounts and intergovernmental grants. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of property 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:

Governmental activities:

Property taxes	\$ 7,029,593
Accounts	855
Intergovernmental	<u>131,052</u>
Total	<u>\$ 7,161,500</u>

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

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NOTE 7 - CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	Balance			Balance
	<u>06/30/16</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>06/30/17</u>
<i>Capital assets, not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$ 779,700	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 779,700
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>779,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>779,700</u>
<i>Capital assets, being depreciated:</i>				
Land improvements	1,015,485	38,500	-	1,053,985
Buildings and improvements	5,187,515	135,776	-	5,323,291
Furniture and equipment	1,085,853	-	-	1,085,853
Vehicles	1,336,559	84,076	-	1,420,635
Library and textbooks	284,205	-	-	284,205
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>8,909,617</u>	<u>258,352</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,167,969</u>
<i>Less: accumulated depreciation</i>				
Land improvements	(513,586)	(42,002)	-	(555,588)
Buildings and improvements	(3,949,841)	(50,630)	-	(4,000,471)
Furniture and equipment	(951,987)	(34,632)	-	(986,619)
Vehicles	(1,027,420)	(73,423)	-	(1,100,843)
Library and textbooks	(210,670)	(13,370)	-	(224,040)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(6,653,504)</u>	<u>(214,057)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,867,561)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>2,256,113</u>	<u>44,295</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,300,408</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 3,035,813</u>	<u>\$ 44,295</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,080,108</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

<u>Instruction:</u>	
Regular	\$ 80,356
<u>Support services:</u>	
Operations and maintenance	20,777
Pupil transportation	89,501
Extracurricular	21,790
Food service operations	<u>1,633</u>
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 214,057</u>

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NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

- A. During the fiscal year 2017, the following changes occurred in governmental activities long-term obligations:

	Balance 06/30/16	Additions	Reductions	Balance 06/30/17	Amounts Due in One Year
Governmental activities:					
Energy conservation note	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ (50,000)	\$ -	\$ -
Net pension liability	15,899,737	3,940,359	-	19,840,096	-
Compensated absences	365,036	40,108	(3,941)	401,203	34,054
Total	\$ 16,314,773	\$ 3,980,467	\$ (53,941)	\$ 20,241,299	\$ 34,054

Compensated absences: Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employees' salaries are paid which, for the District, is primarily the general fund.

Net pension liability: See Note 11 for detail on the District's net pension liability.

Energy conservation notes: In fiscal year 2012, the District issued \$250,000 in energy conservation notes at an interest rate of 2.61% to pay costs of installations, modifications and remodeling of school buildings to conserve energy. This note was fully retired in fiscal year 2017.

The principal and interest on the notes was paid from the proceeds of the levy of ad valorem taxes on all property in the District from the debt service fund, a nonmajor governmental fund.

B. Legal Debt Margin

The Ohio Revised Code provides that voted net general obligation debt of the District shall never exceed 9% 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% 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 \$17,262,752 and an unvoted debt margin of \$191,808.

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NOTE 9 - OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

A. Life Insurance

The District provides term life insurance to employees through Mutual Health Services, Inc. for all eligible employees. Term life insurance is provided to administrative staff based upon double the employee's annual salary and the premium is \$.09 per \$1,000 of salaries. Term life insurance in the amount of \$50,000 is provided for the nine-month certified staff at a monthly rate of \$4.50 per employee. Term life insurance in the amount of \$40,000 is provided for classified staff that meet the nine-month contract and twenty or more hours per week requirement at a monthly rate of \$3.60.

B. Compensated Absences

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave benefits are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Classified employees and administrators, who are contracted to work no less than 12 months, earn 10 to 20 days of vacation per year depending upon length of service. Teachers and administrators who work less than 12 months do not earn vacation time.

Teachers, administrators, and classified employees earn sick leave at a rate of one and one-quarter days per month accumulated without limit. Upon retirement, certified employees with 10 years or more of service to the District may receive thirty percent of accrued and unused sick leave, up to a maximum of 40 days. Classified employee benefits are as follows:

- At least 10 but less than 20 years of continuous service with the District will receive 30 percent of accrued and unused sick leave, up to a maximum of 40 days.
- Greater than 20 but less than 25 years of continuous service with the District will receive 35 percent of accrued and unused sick leave, up to a maximum of 45 days.
- 25 or more years of continuous service with the District will receive 40 percent of accrued and unused sick leave, up to a maximum of 50 days.

C. Special Termination Benefits

Certified employees meeting the requirements included in the negotiated agreement and the provisions of the retirement system, receive a salary incentive when they retire from active service in the amount of \$15,000. Eligibility requirements for participation in this program are as follows:

1. The employee must be eligible for retirement and retire by August 1st.
2. The employee must have 10 or more years of continuous service with the District.
3. The employee must submit a request at least 30 days prior to the date of retirement.
4. The employee must be eligible by the retirement system standards to retire by August 1st in the year in which the employee achieves 30 years of service credit for retirement purposes. After that time, the employee would be ineligible for the retirement incentive plan.

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NOTE 10 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. There has been no reduction in insurance coverage from the prior year. There also have been no settlements paid in excess of insurance coverage in the past three years.

A. Property and Liability

The District has a property and fleet insurance policy through the Ohio School Plan. The deductible for property insurance is \$2,500. The deductibles for the fleet insurance vary from \$250 to \$1,000 depending on the incident. The District also holds a liability insurance policy with Hylant Insurance Agency through the Ohio School Plan consortium. The deductibles range from \$0 to \$2,500. The Board president and superintendent have a \$74,500 position bond and the assistant treasurer has a \$50,000 position bond with Travelers Insurance. The treasurer is covered under a surety bond in the amount of \$300,000.

B. Workers' Compensation

The District pays the State Workers' Compensation system a premium based on a rate of \$100 of salaries. This rate is based on accident history and administrative costs.

C. Employee Medical Benefits

Medical and prescription coverage is provided as a comprehensive major medical program through Benefit Services, Inc. Monthly family premiums are \$1,533.80 for administrative and certified staff and \$1,464.01 for classified staff. Monthly single premiums are \$607.24 for administrative and certified staff and \$580.67 for classified staff. All employees are required to contribute 10 percent towards the premiums and have a cap of \$175 for family coverage.

Dental coverage is provided as a comprehensive major medical plan through Mutual Health Services, Inc. Monthly premiums are \$87.05 for family coverage and \$38.87 for single coverage. Employees pay 10 percent of the premium.

Vision coverage in the amount of \$8.03 is available for administrative, and classified employees who work 12 months, and 10 month secretaries.

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NOTE 11 - 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.

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 under Employers/Audit Resources.

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NOTE 11 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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.

The District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$270,233 for fiscal year 2017. Of this amount, \$32,597 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.

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NOTE 11 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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.

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 \$727,564 for fiscal year 2017. Of this amount, \$125,764 is reported as pension and postemployment benefits payable.

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NOTE 11 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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	0.05591930%	0.04598507%	
Proportion of the net pension liability current measurement date	<u>0.05736870%</u>	<u>0.04672790%</u>	
Change in proportionate share	<u>0.00144940%</u>	<u>0.00074283%</u>	
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 4,198,859	\$ 15,641,237	\$ 19,840,096
Pension expense	\$ 493,523	\$ 1,175,254	\$ 1,668,777

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

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deferred outflows of resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 56,633	\$ 631,982	\$ 688,615
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	346,344	1,298,642	1,644,986
Changes of assumptions	280,297	-	280,297
Difference between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions/change in proportionate share	112,118	169,215	281,333
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>270,233</u>	<u>727,565</u>	<u>997,798</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 1,065,625</u>	<u>\$ 2,827,404</u>	<u>\$ 3,893,029</u>

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NOTE 11 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

	SERS	STRS	Total
Deferred inflows of resources			
Difference between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions/change in proportionate share	\$ -	\$ 24,209	\$ 24,209
Total deferred inflows of resources	\$ -	\$ 24,209	\$ 24,209

\$997,798 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:

	SERS	STRS	Total
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2018	\$ 217,360	\$ 339,910	\$ 557,270
2019	217,111	339,910	557,021
2020	261,361	838,236	1,099,597
2021	99,560	557,574	657,134
Total	\$ 795,392	\$ 2,075,630	\$ 2,871,022

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.

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NOTE 11 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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 disable member 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.

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 averaged 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.

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NOTE 11 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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	100.00 %	

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	\$ 5,559,028	\$ 4,198,859	\$ 3,060,342

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NOTE 11 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return *</u>
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	 <u>100.00 %</u>	 <u>7.61 %</u>

* 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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NOTE 11 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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	\$ 20,785,933	\$ 15,641,237	\$ 11,301,382

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 12 - 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 under Employers/Audit Resources.

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NOTE 12 - 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 \$31,024.

The District's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015 were \$0, \$0, and \$37,658, respectively. The fiscal year 2017 amount has been reported as pension and postemployment benefits payable. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal years 2017, 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 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 13 - 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 a reservation of fund balance for that portion of outstanding encumbrances not already recognized as an account payable (GAAP basis);
- (d) Advances-in and advances-out are operating transactions (budget basis) as opposed to balance sheet transactions (GAAP basis);
- (e) 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:

Net Change in Fund Balance

	<u>General fund</u>
Budget basis	\$ 471,997
Net adjustment for revenue accruals	(151,156)
Net adjustment for expenditure accruals	(54,154)
Net adjustment for other sources/uses	(37,935)
Funds budgeted elsewhere **	3,995
Adjustment for encumbrances	248,164
GAAP basis	\$ 480,911

As part of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, "Fund Balance Reporting", certain funds that are legally budgeted in separate funds are considered part of the general fund on a GAAP basis. This includes the uniform school supplies fund, special rotary fund and public school support fund.

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NOTE 14 - CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The District receives significant financial assistance from numerous federal, State and local 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 District. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material effect on the financial position of the District.

B. Litigation

The District is not involved in material litigation as either plaintiff or defendant.

C. Foundation Funding

District Foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of each student. Effective for the 2016-2017 school year, traditional Districts must comply with minimum hours of instruction, instead of a minimum number of school days each year. The funding formula the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is legislatively required to follow will continue to adjust as enrollment information is updated by the District, which can extend past the fiscal year-end. As of the date of this report, ODE has not finalized the impact of enrollment adjustments to the June 30, 2017 Foundation funding for the District; therefore, the financial statement impact is not determinable at this time. ODE and management believe this will result in either a receivable to or liability of the District.

NOTE 15 - 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	217,921
Current year offsets	<u>(395,267)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (177,346)</u>
Balance carried forward to fiscal year 2018	<u>\$ -</u>
Set-aside balance June 30, 2017	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

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NOTE 16 - 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</u>	<u>Year-End</u>
General fund	\$ 210,285
Permanent improvement	3,264
Other governmental	<u>21,623</u>
 Total	 <u><u>\$ 235,172</u></u>

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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

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.05736870%	0.05591930%	0.05397800%	0.05397800%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 4,198,859	\$ 3,190,809	\$ 2,731,796	\$ 3,209,898
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,781,129	\$ 1,782,162	\$ 1,689,798	\$ 1,727,262
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	235.74%	179.04%	161.66%	185.84%
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.

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

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.04672790%	0.04598507%	0.04609922%	0.04609922%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 15,641,237	\$ 12,708,928	\$ 11,212,926	\$ 13,356,764
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 4,922,500	\$ 4,742,679	\$ 4,699,838	\$ 4,741,885
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	317.75%	267.97%	238.58%	281.68%
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.

Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the

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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	\$ 270,233	\$ 249,358	\$ 234,889	\$ 234,206
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(270,233)</u>	<u>(249,358)</u>	<u>(234,889)</u>	<u>(234,206)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,930,236	\$ 1,781,129	\$ 1,782,162	\$ 1,689,798
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>
\$ 239,053	\$ 221,922	\$ 222,504	\$ 257,151	\$ 179,734	\$ 160,801
<u>(239,053)</u>	<u>(221,922)</u>	<u>(222,504)</u>	<u>(257,151)</u>	<u>(179,734)</u>	<u>(160,801)</u>
<u>\$ -</u>					
\$ 1,727,262	\$ 1,649,978	\$ 1,770,119	\$ 1,899,195	\$ 1,826,565	\$ 1,637,485
13.84%	13.45%	12.57%	13.54%	9.84%	9.82%

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SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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	\$ 727,564	\$ 689,150	\$ 663,975	\$ 610,979
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(727,564)</u>	<u>(689,150)</u>	<u>(663,975)</u>	<u>(610,979)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 5,196,886	\$ 4,922,500	\$ 4,742,679	\$ 4,699,838
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>
\$ 616,445	\$ 612,761	\$ 643,290	\$ 654,206	\$ 643,782	\$ 667,338
(616,445)	(612,761)	(643,290)	(654,206)	(643,782)	(667,338)
<u>\$ -</u>					
\$ 4,741,885	\$ 4,713,546	\$ 4,948,385	\$ 5,032,354	\$ 4,952,169	\$ 5,133,369
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 disable member 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 financials for the methods and assumptions in this calculation.



Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and other Matters Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

Rootstown Local School District
Portage County
4140 State Route 44
Rootstown, Ohio 44272
Members of 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Rootstown Local School District, Portage County, (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 December 14, 2017.

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.

Members of the Board of Education
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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 communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

BHM CPA Group

BHM CPA Group Inc.
Piketon, Ohio
December 14, 2017



Dave Yost • Auditor of State

ROOTSTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

PORTAGE 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

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FEBRUARY 1, 2018