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**CRESTVIEW LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
VAN WERT COUNTY  
JUNE 30, 2020**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Crestview Local School District  
Van Wert County  
531 East Tully Street  
Convoy, Ohio 45832

To the Board of Education:

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

We have audited the accompanying cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Crestview Local School District, Van Wert County, Ohio (the School District), as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School 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 the cash accounting basis Note 2 describes. This responsibility includes determining that the cash accounting basis is acceptable for the circumstances. Management is also responsible for 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 such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

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

**Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the School District, as of June 30, 2020, and the respective changes in cash financial position and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with the accounting basis described in Note 2.

**Accounting Basis**

Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(B) requires the School District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis applied to these statements. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis other than generally accepted accounting principles. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

**Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 18 to the financial statements, the financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures may impact subsequent periods of the School District. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 25, 2021, 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.



Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

March 25, 2021

**CRESTVIEW LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
VAN WERT COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - CASH BASIS  
JUNE 30, 2020**

	<u><b>Governmental Activities</b></u>
<b>Assets:</b>	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u><u>\$ 17,704,384</u></u>
<b>Net Position:</b>	
<b>Restricted for:</b>	
Debt Service	\$ 223,174
Capital Outlay	7,003,812
Other Purposes	559,853
Unrestricted	<u>9,917,545</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$ 17,704,384</u></u>

*See Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.*

**CRESTVIEW LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
VAN WERT COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

		<b>Program Receipts</b>		<b>Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Position</b>
	<b>Cash Disbursements</b>	<b>Charges for Services and Sales</b>	<b>Operating Grants and Contributions</b>	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$ 5,040,242	\$ 791,885	\$ 41,172	\$ (4,207,185)
Special	1,646,926	229,757	317,315	(1,099,854)
Vocational	167,839		22,742	(145,097)
Student Intervention Services	433,854			(433,854)
Other	181,719			(181,719)
<b>Support Services:</b>				
Pupils	656,074		97,252	(558,822)
Instructional Staff	195,006			(195,006)
Board of Education	57,872			(57,872)
Administration	1,003,386			(1,003,386)
Fiscal	380,253			(380,253)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	792,784	13,468	29,905	(749,411)
Pupil Transportation	331,382			(331,382)
Central	73,671			(73,671)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	463,560	186,359	157,666	(119,535)
Extracurricular Activities	542,771	351,905	29,764	(161,102)
Capital Outlay	4,436,363			(4,436,363)
<b>Debt Service:</b>				
Principal	819,000			(819,000)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	291,867			(291,867)
Refund of Prior Year Receipts	290,182			(290,182)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 17,804,751</b>	<b>\$ 1,573,374</b>	<b>\$ 695,816</b>	<b>(15,535,561)</b>

**General Receipts:**

<b>Taxes:</b>	
Property Taxes, Levied for General Purposes	4,004,844
Property Taxes, Levied for Capital Outlay	198,338
Property Taxes, Levied for Debt Service	336,560
Property Taxes, Levied for School Facilities	49,596
Income Taxes	1,257,896
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	858,287
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs	4,805,544
Gifts and Donations	14,169
Investment Earnings	358,577
Miscellaneous	846
Lease Transaction	3,640,989
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures	78,543
<b>Total General Receipts</b>	<b>15,604,189</b>
Change in Net Position	68,628
Net Position Beginning of Year	17,635,756
Net Position End of Year	<b>\$ 17,704,384</b>

See Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.



CRESTVIEW LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
VAN WERT COUNTY

STATEMENT OF CASH BASIS ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2020

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Local Share Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Assets</b>					
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$ 9,917,545</u>	<u>\$ 3,306,816</u>	<u>\$ 2,884,219</u>	<u>\$ 1,595,804</u>	<u>\$ 17,704,384</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>					
Nonspendable	3,626				3,626
Restricted		3,306,816	2,884,219	1,595,804	7,786,839
Committed	350,378				350,378
Assigned	56,632				56,632
Unassigned	9,506,909				9,506,909
<i>Total Fund Balances</i>	<u>\$ 9,917,545</u>	<u>\$ 3,306,816</u>	<u>\$ 2,884,219</u>	<u>\$ 1,595,804</u>	<u>\$ 17,704,384</u>

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CRESTVIEW LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
VAN WERT COUNTY

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND  
CHANGES IN CASH FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Local Share Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>All Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Receipts:</b>					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 4,004,844			\$ 584,494	\$ 4,589,338
Income Tax	1,257,896				1,257,896
Intergovernmental	4,724,076			738,962	5,463,038
Interest	237,617	\$ 120,960		3,398	361,975
Tuition and Fees	1,006,131				1,006,131
Rent	13,468				13,468
Extracurricular Activities	126,585			225,320	351,905
Gifts and Donations	14,169			34,924	49,093
Sales/Charges for Services				201,870	201,870
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	858,287				858,287
Miscellaneous	846				846
Total Receipts	<u>12,243,919</u>	<u>120,960</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>1,788,968</u>	<u>14,153,847</u>
<b>Disbursements:</b>					
<b>Current:</b>					
<b>Instruction:</b>					
Regular	4,981,896	15,151		43,195	5,040,242
Special	1,368,797			278,129	1,646,926
Vocational	167,839				167,839
Student Intervention Services	433,854				433,854
Other	181,719				181,719
<b>Support Services:</b>					
Pupils	620,798			35,276	656,074
Instructional Staff	194,781			225	195,006
Board of Education	57,872				57,872
Administration	1,003,386				1,003,386
Fiscal	358,943	4,743		16,567	380,253
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	686,819			105,965	792,784
Pupil Transportation	331,382				331,382
Central	73,671				73,671
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	77,139			386,421	463,560
Extracurricular Activities	298,305			244,466	542,771
Capital Outlay		4,296,577		139,786	4,436,363
<b>Debt Service:</b>					
Principal			\$ 644,000	175,000	819,000
Interest			151,004	140,863	291,867
Total Disbursements	<u>10,837,201</u>	<u>4,316,471</u>	<u>795,004</u>	<u>1,565,893</u>	<u>17,514,569</u>
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	<u>1,406,718</u>	<u>(4,195,511)</u>	<u>(795,004)</u>	<u>223,075</u>	<u>(3,360,722)</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources and (Uses):</b>					
Transfers In	483		3,679,223	627,354	4,307,060
Advances In				1,600	1,600
Lease Transaction		3,640,989			3,640,989
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures	78,543				78,543
Transfers Out	(3,679,223)	(249,877)		(377,960)	(4,307,060)
Advances Out	(1,600)				(1,600)
Refund of Prior Year Receipts	(156)			(290,026)	(290,182)
Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	<u>(3,601,953)</u>	<u>3,391,112</u>	<u>3,679,223</u>	<u>(39,032)</u>	<u>3,429,350</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>(2,195,235)</u>	<u>(804,399)</u>	<u>2,884,219</u>	<u>184,043</u>	<u>68,628</u>
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	<u>12,112,780</u>	<u>4,111,215</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>1,411,761</u>	<u>17,635,756</u>
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u>\$ 9,917,545</u>	<u>\$ 3,306,816</u>	<u>\$ 2,884,219</u>	<u>\$ 1,595,804</u>	<u>\$ 17,704,384</u>

See Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

**CRESTVIEW LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
VAN WERT COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES  
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (BUDGET BASIS)  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
<b>Receipts:</b>				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 3,875,000	\$ 3,875,000	\$ 4,004,844	\$ 129,844
Income Tax	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,257,896	257,896
Intergovernmental	4,936,500	4,936,500	4,724,076	(212,424)
Interest	115,000	115,000	237,617	122,617
Tuition and Fees	864,530	844,530	1,006,131	161,601
Rent	12,000	12,000	13,468	1,468
Extracurricular Activities		227,100	126,585	(100,515)
Gifts and Donations		300	14,169	13,869
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	852,000	852,000	858,287	6,287
Miscellaneous	9,000	9,000	846	(8,154)
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>11,664,030</u>	<u>11,871,430</u>	<u>12,243,919</u>	<u>372,489</u>
<b>Disbursements:</b>				
<b>Current:</b>				
<b>Instruction:</b>				
Regular	8,002,517	5,003,295	4,981,955	21,340
Special	1,500,000	1,400,000	1,369,648	30,352
Vocational	200,000	170,000	167,839	2,161
Student Intervention Services	500,000	435,000	433,854	1,146
Other	200,000	185,000	181,719	3,281
<b>Support Services:</b>				
Pupils	700,000	650,000	620,798	29,202
Instructional Staff	200,000	195,000	194,781	219
Board of Education	75,000	60,000	57,872	2,128
Administration	1,050,000	1,010,000	1,003,386	6,614
Fiscal	375,000	360,000	358,943	1,057
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	725,000	690,000	686,819	3,181
Pupil Transportation	350,000	340,000	331,382	8,618
Central	80,000	75,000	73,671	1,329
Operation of Non-Instructional/Shared Services	100,000	80,000	77,139	2,861
Extracurricular Activities	340,000	300,000	298,305	1,695
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<u>14,397,517</u>	<u>10,953,295</u>	<u>10,838,111</u>	<u>115,184</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over Disbursements</i>	<u>(2,733,487)</u>	<u>918,135</u>	<u>1,405,808</u>	<u>487,673</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources and (Uses):</b>				
Transfers In		50,862	51,344	482
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures	34,000	35,553	78,543	42,990
Transfers Out	(53,100)	(3,732,322)	(3,730,084)	2,238
Advances Out			(1,600)	(1,600)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)</b>	<u>(19,100)</u>	<u>(3,645,907)</u>	<u>(3,601,797)</u>	<u>44,110</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	<u>(2,752,587)</u>	<u>(2,727,772)</u>	<u>(2,195,989)</u>	<u>531,783</u>
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	11,709,289	11,709,289	11,709,289	
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	62	62	62	
<b>Fund Balance at End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 8,956,764</u>	<u>\$ 8,981,579</u>	<u>\$ 9,513,362</u>	<u>\$ 531,783</u>

See Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

**CRESTVIEW LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
VAN WERT COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - CASH BASIS  
FIDUCIARY FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2020**

	<u>Private Purpose Trust</u>	<u>Agency Fund</u>
<b>Assets:</b>		
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$ 47,554</u>	<u>\$ 23,438</u>
<b>Net Position:</b>		
Held in Trust for Scholarships	<u>\$ 47,554</u>	
Held for Student Activities		<u>\$ 23,438</u>

See Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

**CRESTVIEW LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
VAN WERT COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - CASH BASIS  
FIDUCIARY FUND  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	<u>Private Purpose Trust</u>
<b>Additions:</b>	
Gifts/Donations	\$ 32,387
<b>Deductions:</b>	
Payments in Accordance with Trust Agreements	<u>34,349</u>
Change in Net Position	(1,962)
Net Position Beginning of Year	<u>49,516</u>
Net Position End of Year	<u><u>\$ 47,554</u></u>

See Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

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**Crestview Local School District**  
*Van Wert County*  
*Notes to the Basic Financial Statements*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020*

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**Note 1 – Reporting Entity**

Crestview Local School District (the School District) is organized under Article VI, Sections 2 and 3 of the Constitution of the State of Ohio. The School District operates under a locally-elected Board form of government consisting of five members elected at-large for staggered four year terms. The School District provides educational services as authorized by state statute and federal guidelines.

The School District is located in a community within Van Wert County. The School District is staffed by 59 non-certified employees and 79 certified employees who provide services to 778 students and other community members. The School District currently operates one instructional/support facility.

A reporting entity is comprised of the primary government and other organizations that are included to ensure the financial statements are not misleading.

***Primary Government***

The primary government of the School District consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the School District. For Crestview Local School District, this includes general operations, food service, and student related activities of the School District.

***Jointly Governed Organizations and Public Entity Risk Pools***

The School District participates in two jointly governed organizations and two public entity risk pools. These organizations are the Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative, Vantage Career Center, Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan, and Van Wert Area School Insurance Group. These organizations are presented in Notes 14 and 15 to the basic financial statements.

The financial statements exclude these entities which perform activities within the School District's boundaries for the benefit of its residents because the School District is not financially accountable for these entities nor are they fiscally dependent on the School District.

The School District's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the School District is financially accountable.

**Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

As discussed further in the Basis of Accounting section of this note, these financial statements are presented on a cash basis of accounting. This cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the cash basis of accounting. Following are the more significant of the School District's accounting policies.

***Basis of Presentation***

The School District's basic financial statements consist of government-wide financial statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

***Government-Wide Financial Statements*** The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the School District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental receipts or other nonexchange transaction.

**Crestview Local School District**  
*Van Wert County*  
*Notes to the Basic Financial Statements*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020*

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The statement of net position presents the cash balance of the governmental activities of the School District at fiscal year-end. The statement of activities compares disbursements with program receipts for each function or program of the School District's governmental activities. Disbursements are reported by function. A function is a group of related activities designed to accomplish a major service or regulatory program for which the government is responsible. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services, grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program, and receipts of interest earned on grants that are required to be used to support a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing on a cash basis or draws from the School District's general receipts.

**Fund Financial Statements** During the fiscal year, the School District segregates transactions related to certain School District functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the School District at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.

**Fund Accounting**

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

**Governmental Funds** The School District classifies funds financed primarily from taxes, intergovernmental receipts (e.g. grants), and other nonexchange transactions as governmental funds. The following are the School District's major funds:

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

**Local Share Fund** The Local Share Fund is used to account for the revenues and expenditures related to the construction of the new school building.

**Capital Projects Fund** – The Capital Projects Fund accounts for and reports the revenues and disbursements related to capital outlay and various capital improvement projects.

The other governmental funds of the School District account for and report grants and other resources whose use is restricted, committed or assigned to a particular purpose.

**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 School District under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are not available to support the School District's own programs. The School District's private purpose trust fund accounts for programs that provide college scholarships to students after graduation. Agency funds are custodial in nature. The School District's agency fund accounts for various student-managed activities.



**Crestview Local School District**  
*Van Wert County*  
*Notes to the Basic Financial Statements*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020*

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***Basis of Accounting***

The School District's financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting. Receipts are recorded in the School District's financial records and reported in the financial statements when cash is received rather than when earned and disbursements are recorded when cash is paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

As a result of the use of this cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements.

***Budgetary Process***

All funds, except agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriations resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount the Board of Education may appropriate.

The appropriations resolution is the Board's authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on cash disbursements plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by the Board. The legal level of control has been established by the Board at the fund and object level for the General Fund and the fund level for all other funds. Budgetary allocations at the function and object level within all other funds are made by the Treasurer.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the fiscal year if projected increases or decreases in receipts are identified by the Treasurer. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the certificate of estimated resources when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the amended certificate of estimated resources in effect at the time final appropriations were passed by the Board.

The appropriation resolution is subject to amendment throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts reflect the first appropriation resolution for that fund that covered the entire fiscal year, including amounts automatically carried forward from prior fiscal years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the Board during the fiscal year.

***Cash and Investments***

To improve cash management, cash received by the School District is pooled and invested. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through School District records. Interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents."

Investments of the School District's cash management pool and investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the School District are presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months that were not purchased from the pool are reported as investments.

Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or negative receipts (contra revenue), respectively.

**Crestview Local School District**  
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During fiscal year 2020, investments were limited to commercial paper, negotiable certificates of deposits, federal agency securities, U.S. Treasury notes, U.S. Treasury money market mutual funds, and STAR Ohio. All investments are reported at cost, except for STAR Ohio and the money market mutual fund. The School District's money market mutual fund investment is recorded at the amount reported by US Bank at June 30, 2020.

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 School District measures their investment in STAR Ohio at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides an NAV per share that approximates fair value.

There were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates. However, 24 hours advance notice is appreciated for deposits and withdrawals of \$25 million or more. STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit the transaction to \$100 million per day, requiring the excess amount to be transacted the following business day(s), but only to the \$100 million limit. All accounts of the participant will be combined for these purposes.

Following Ohio statutes, the Board of Education has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest receipts credited to the General Fund during fiscal year 2020 was \$237,617 which included \$11,983 assigned from other School District funds.

***Restricted Assets***

Assets are reported as restricted when limitations on their use change the nature or normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, or laws of other governments, or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The School District reported no restricted assets.

***Inventory and Prepaid Items***

The School District reports disbursements for inventory and prepaid items when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

***Capital Assets***

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

***Accumulated Leave***

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the School District's cash basis of accounting.

***Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans***

The School District recognizes the disbursement for employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 10 and 11, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

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***Long-Term Obligations***

The School District's cash basis financial statements do not report liabilities for bonds and other long-term obligations. Proceeds of debt are reported when cash is received and principal and interest payments are reported when paid. Since recording a capital asset when entering into a capital lease is not the result of a cash transaction, neither another financing source nor a capital outlay expenditure is reported at inception. Lease payments are reported when paid.

***Net Position***

Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. Net position restricted for other purposes include resources restricted for food service operations, music and athletic programs, and federal and state grants restricted to cash disbursement for specified purposes. All other net position that do not meet the definition of restricted are reported as unrestricted net position.

The School District's policy is to first apply restricted resources when a cash disbursement is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available.

***Fund Balance***

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the School 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 category includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form, or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash. It also includes the long-term amount of interfund loans.

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

***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 School District Board of Education. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the School District Board of Education removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

***Assigned*** Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the School District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the General Fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. These amounts are assigned by the School District's Board of Education. In the General Fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by policies of the School District Board of Education or a School District official delegated by that authority by resolution or by State Statute. State statute authorizes the School District's Treasurer to assign fund balance for purchases on order provided such amounts have been lawfully appropriated.

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**Unassigned** Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund and includes amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The School District applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are 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.

***Internal Activity***

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as receipts in the seller funds and as disbursements in the purchaser funds. Subsidies from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular cash disbursements to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented in the financial statements.

**Pensions/Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)**

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

**Note 3 – Compliance**

Ohio Administrative Code, Section 117-2-03 (B), requires the School District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. However, the School District prepared its financial statements on a cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The accompanying financial statements omit assets, liabilities, deferred inflows/outflows, net position/fund balances, and disclosures that, while material, cannot be determined at this time. The School District can be fined and various other administrative remedies may be taken against the School District

**Note 4 – Budgetary Basis of Accounting**

The budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on the basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – Budget Basis presented for the General Fund is prepared on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The difference between the budgetary basis and the cash basis are as follows:

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1. Outstanding year end encumbrances are treated as cash disbursements (budgetary basis) rather than as restricted, committed or assigned fund balance (*modified* cash basis).
2. As part of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, "Fund Balance Reporting", certain funds that are legally budgeted in separate Special Revenue Funds (Public School Support Funds) are considered part of the General Fund on the cash basis

Adjustments necessary to convert the results of operations at the end of the year on the budget basis to the cash basis are as follows:

<b>Net Change in Fund Cash Balance</b>	
Cash Basis	(\$2,195,235)
Funds Budgeted Elsewhere	(144)
Adjustment for Encumbrances	(610)
Budget Basis	(\$2,195,989)

**Note 5 – Deposits and Investments**

Monies held by the School District are classified by State statute into three categories.

Active deposits are public deposits determined to be necessary to meet current demands upon the School District treasury. Active monies must be maintained either as cash in the School 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 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.

Protection of the School District's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or by the financial institutions participation in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution.

Interim monies held by the School District can be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;

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2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligation or security 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, and Government National Mortgage 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 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 the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio, and with certain limitations including a requirement for maturity within ten years from the date of settlement, bonds and other obligations of political subdivisions of the State of Ohio, if training requirements have been met;
5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
6. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
7. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio).
8. Certain bankers' acceptances for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days) and commercial paper notes (for a period not to exceed two hundred seventy days) in an amount not to exceed 40 percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time if training requirements have been met.

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. Except as noted above, an investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the School 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.

***Deposits***

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the School District will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At year end, \$2,010,553 of the School District's bank balance of \$2,270,028 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and collateralized.

The School District has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits either be insured or be protected by:

Eligible securities pledged to the School District and deposited with a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment whose market value at all times shall be at least 105 percent of the deposits being secured; or

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Participation in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution. OPCS requires the total market value of the securities pledged to be 102 percent of the deposits being secured or a rate set by the Treasurer of State.

**Investments**

As of June 30, 2020, the School District had the following investments and maturities:

Investment Type	Fair Value	Less than One Year	One to Two Years	Two to Three Years	Three to Five Years
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC)	\$1,253,540		\$200,000	\$1,053,540	
Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB)	220,000				\$220,000
Federal National Mortgage (FNMA)	199,450			199,450	
Federal Farm Credit Corp (FCCB)	1,234,829			445,000	789,829
U.S. Treasury Notes	278,272	\$278,272			
Commercial Paper	2,419,386	2,419,386			
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	6,460,310	2,599,654	1,884,046	1,234,774	741,836
Money Market Mutual Funds	15,523	15,523			
STAR Ohio	4,111,263	4,111,263			
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$16,192,573</b>	<b>\$9,424,098</b>	<b>\$2,084,046</b>	<b>\$2,932,764</b>	<b>\$1,751,665</b>

**Interest Rate Risk** Interest rate risk arises because potential purchasers of debt securities will not agree to pay face value for those securities if interest rates subsequently increase. The School District has no investment policy that addresses interest rate risk. State statute requires that an investment mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the School District, and that an investment must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. State statute limits investments in commercial paper to a maximum maturity of 270 days from the date of purchase.

**Credit Risk** U.S. Treasurer money market mutual funds carry a rating of AAAm by Standard & Poor's. The School District's investments in federal agency securities were rated AA+ and Aaa by Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investor Services, respectively. The School District's investments in commercial paper and U.S. Treasury notes were rated A-1+ or A-1 by Standard & Poor's and P-1 by Moody's Investor Services. STAR Ohio carries a rating of AAAm by Standard and Poor's. The School District has no investment policy dealing with investment credit risk beyond the requirements in state statutes. Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service and that the money market fund be rated in the highest category at the time of purchase by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service.

**Custodial Credit Risk** For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the School District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The negotiable certificates of deposit are covered by FDIC. The federal agency securities, commercial paper, and U.S. Treasury note are exposed to custodial credit risk as they are uninsured, unregistered, and held by the counterparty's trust department or agent, but not in the School District's name.

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The School District has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial risk beyond the requirements in ORC 135.14(M)(2) which states, "Payment for investments shall be made only upon the delivery of securities representing such investments to the treasurer, investing authority, or qualified trustee. If the securities transferred are not represented by a certificate, payment shall be made only upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian by the treasurer, governing board, or qualified trustee."

**Concentration of Credit Risk** The School District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer. The following table includes the percentage of each investment type held by the School District at June 30, 2020:

Investment Type	Fair Value	% to Total
FHLB	\$220,000	1.36%
FHLMC	1,253,540	7.74%
FNMA	199,450	1.23%
FCCB	1,234,829	7.63%
U.S. Treasury Notes	278,272	1.72%
Commercial Paper	2,419,386	14.94%
Negotiable CD's	6,460,310	39.90%
Money Market Mutual Funds	15,523	0.09%
STAR Ohio	4,111,263	25.39%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,192,573</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Note 6 – Taxes**

**Property Taxes**

Property taxes are levied and assessed on a calendar year basis while the School District fiscal year runs from July through June. First half tax collections are received by the School 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 and public utility property located in the School District. Real property tax revenue received in calendar 2020 represents collections of calendar year 2019 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2020 were levied after April 1, 2019, on the assessed value listed as of January 1, 2019, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State law at 35 percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, 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 revenue received in calendar 2020 represents collections of calendar year 2019 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2020 became a lien December 31, 2018, were levied after April 1, 2019 and are collected with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value.

The School District receives property taxes from Van Wert County. The County Auditor periodically advances to the School District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the County by June 30, 2020, are available to finance fiscal year 2021 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.



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The assessed values upon which the fiscal year 2020 taxes were collected are:

	<b>2019 Second- Half Collections</b>		<b>2020 First- Half Collections</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Agricultural/Residential and other Real Estate	\$135,618,570	78%	\$136,161,230	78%
Public Utilities	38,689,870	22%	38,082,120	22%
Total Assessed Value	<u>\$174,308,440</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$174,243,350</u>	<u>100%</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$38.20		\$38.20	

***Income Taxes***

The School District levies a voted tax of 1.00 percent for general operations on the income of residents and of estates. The tax levy was effective on January 1, 2020. Employers of residents are required to withhold income tax on compensation and remit the tax to the State. Taxpayers are required to file an annual return. The State makes quarterly distributions to the School District after withholding amounts for administrative fees and estimated refunds. Income tax revenue is credited to the General Fund and totaled \$1,257,896 for fiscal year 2020.

**Note 7 – Payments in Lieu of Taxes**

According to State law and Senate Bill 232, qualifying energy projects are exempt from real and personal property taxation, instead requiring project owners to make payments in lieu of taxes based on generating capacity and other factors. The effect is to tax personal property used in a renewable or advanced energy project favorably for developers. The Ohio Department of Development certifies qualifying energy projects. Certified project owners make annual service payments in lieu of taxes to the county in which the exempted property is located. These payments in lieu of tax monies are then distributed in the same manner as the tangible personal property tax to localities and school districts. Payments in lieu of taxes, received by the School District, for such qualifying energy projects in fiscal year 2020 were \$858,287.

**Note 8 – Transfers**

During fiscal year 2020, the School District transferred \$3,679,223 from the General Fund to the Capital Project Fund.

Transfers are used to move receipts from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, and to use unrestricted receipts collected in the General Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations. Interfund transfers between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements.

**Note 9 – Risk Management**

The School 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. During fiscal year 2020, the School District carried property and general liability insurance and boiler and machinery insurance. General liability is protected with \$1,000,000 each occurrence, \$2,000,000 in annual aggregate limit. Vehicles are covered by Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. Automobile liability has a \$1,000,000 combined single limit of liability. In addition, there is a \$3,000,000 excess liability policy, which provides additional liability coverage to both the general liability policy and the automobile policy.

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Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years, and there has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage from the prior fiscal year.

***Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan***

For fiscal year 2020 the School District participated in the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (Plan), an insurance purchasing pool. The Plan is intended to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the School District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the Plan. The workers' compensation experience of the participating members is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all members in the Plan. Each member pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the Plan rather than its individual rate. Total savings are then calculated, and each participant's individual performance is compared to the overall Plan. A participant will then either receive money from or be required to contribute to the "Equity Pooling Fund". This "equity pooling" arrangement ensures that each participant shares equally in the overall performance of the Plan. Participation in the Plan is limited to participants that can meet the Plan's selection criteria. The firm of Comp. Management provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the Plan.

***Van Wert Area School Insurance Group***

The School District participates in the Van Wert Area School Insurance Group (VWASIG), a public entity shared risk pool consisting of five members (See Note 15). Each member pays premiums to VWASIG for employee medical, dental, and life insurance benefits to the employees of the participants. VWASIG is responsible for the payment of all the VWASIG liabilities to its employees, dependents, and designated beneficiaries accruing as a result of the withdrawal. Upon termination of VWASIG, all members' claims would be paid without regard to the member's account balance.

**Note 10 – DEFINED PENSION BENEFIT PLANS**

The Statewide retirement systems provide both pension benefits and other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

***Net Pension Liability/Net OPEB Liability***

Pensions and OPEB are a component of exchange transactions—between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions/OPEB 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 net pension/OPEB liability (asset) represent the School District's proportionate share of each pension/OPEB plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension/OPEB plan's fiduciary net position. The net pension/OPEB liability (asset) 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 these estimates annually.

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

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GASB 68/75 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires funding to come from these employers. All pension contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes pension costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits. In addition, health care plan enrollees pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. State statute requires the retirement systems to amortize unfunded pension liabilities within 30 years. If the pension amortization period exceeds 30 years, each retirement system’s board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension/OPEB liability (asset). Resulting adjustments to the net pension/OPEB liability (asset) would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The Ohio revised Code permits but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients.

The remainder of this note includes the required pension disclosures. See Note 11 for the required OPEB disclosures.

Plan Description – School 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, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3309. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about SERS’ fiduciary net position. That report can be obtained by visiting the SERS website at [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

	Eligible to Retire on or before August 1, 2017 *	Eligible to Retire on or 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 years 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.

An individual whose benefit effective date is before April 1, 2018, is eligible for a cost of living adjustment (COLA) on the first anniversary date of the benefit. Beginning April 1, 2018, new benefit recipients must wait until the fourth anniversary of their benefit for COLA eligibility. The COLA is added each year to the base benefit amount on the anniversary date of the benefit. A three-year COLA suspension is in effect for all benefit recipients for the years 2018, 2019, and 2020. Upon resumption of the COLA, it will be indexed to the percentage increase in the CPI-W, not to exceed 2.5 percent and with a floor of 0 percent.

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Funding Policy – Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the School 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, 2020, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 14.0 percent. For fiscal year 2020, the Retirement Board did not allocate any employer contribution to the Health Care Fund.

The School District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$174,308 for fiscal year 2020.

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

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

New members have a choice of three retirement plans; a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan, and a Combined Plan. Benefits are established by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307.

The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service. Effective August 1, 2015, the calculation is 2.2 percent of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. In April 2017, the Retirement Board made the decision to reduce COLA granted on or after July 1, 2017, to 0 percent to preserve the fiscal integrity of the retirement system. Benefit recipients' base benefit and past cost-of living increases are not affected by this change. Eligibility changes will be phased in until August 1, 2026, when retirement eligibility for unreduced benefits will be five year of service credit and age 65, or 35 years of service credit and at least age 60.

Eligibility changes for DB Plan members who retire with actuarially reduced benefits will be phased in until August 1, 2023, when retirement eligibility will be five years of qualifying service credit and age 60, or 30 years of service credit at any age.

The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and 9.53 percent of the 14 percent employer contributions into an investment account. The member determines how to allocate the member and employer money among various investment choices offered by STRS. The remaining 4.47 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, 12 percent of the 14 percent member rate is deposited into the member's DC account and the remaining 2 percent is applied to the DB Plan. Member contributions to the DC Plan are allocated among investment choices by the member, and contributions to the DB Plan from the employer and the member 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 service. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum payment or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age fifty and after termination of employment.

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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. New members 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. Eligible survivors of members who die before service retirement may qualify for monthly benefits. 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. The fiscal year 2020 employer and employee contribution rate of 14 percent was equal to the statutory maximum rates. For fiscal year 2020, the full employer contribution was allocated to pension.

The School District's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$674,046 for fiscal year 2020.

***Net Pension Liability***

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2019, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the School 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	0.03746710%	0.04274830%	
Current Measurement Date	<u>0.03629310%</u>	<u>0.04100901%</u>	
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>-0.00117400%</u>	<u>-0.00173929%</u>	
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$2,171,480	\$9,068,896	\$11,240,376

***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.

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

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

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation, prepared as of June 30, 2019, are presented below:

Inflation	3.00 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.50 percent to 18.20 percent
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	2.5 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.50 percent net of investment expense, including inflation
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal (Level Percent of Payroll)

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age set-back for both males and females. Mortality among service retired members, and beneficiaries were based upon the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection with Scale BB, 120 percent of male rates, and 110 percent of female rates. Mortality among disabled members were based upon the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, 90 percent for male rates and 100 percent for female rates, set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five year period ended June 30, 2015.

The long-term return expectation for the Pension Plan Investments has been determined by 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 an arithmetic weighted average of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate, and adding the expected return from rebalanced uncorrelated asset classes.

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

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**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 School 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%)
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$3,043,020	\$2,171,480	\$1,440,585

**Actuarial Assumptions - STRS**

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results used in the July 1, 2019, actuarial valuation are presented below:

Inflation	2.50 percent
Projected salary increases	12.50 percent at age 20 to 2.50 percent at age 65
Investment Rate of Return	7.45 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Discount Rate of Return	7.45 percent
Payroll Increases	3.00 percent
Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA)	0.0 percent, effective July 1, 2017

Post-retirement mortality rates for healthy retirees are based on the RP-2014 Annuitant Mortality Table with 50 percent of rates through age 69, 70 percent of rates between ages 70 and 79, 90 percent of rates between ages 80 and 84, and 100 percent of rates thereafter, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on RP-2014 Employee Mortality Table, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. Post-retirement disabled mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Table with 90 percent of rates for males and 100 percent of rates for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016.

Actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2019, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016.

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STRS' investment consultant develops an estimate range for the investment return assumption based on the target allocation adopted by the Retirement Board. The target allocation and long-term expected rate of return for each major asset class are summarized as follows:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation *</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Rate of Return **</u>
Domestic Equity	28.00 %	7.35 %
International Equity	23.00	7.55
Alternatives	17.00	7.09
Fixed Income	21.00	3.00
Real Estate	10.00	6.00
Liquidity Reserves	1.00	2.25
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

\* Target weights will be phased in over a 24-month period concluding on July1, 2019.

\*\* 10 year annualized geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.25 percent and does not include investment expenses. Over a 30-year period, STRS' investment consultant indicates that the above target allocations should generate a return above the actuarial rate of return, without net value added by management.

**Discount Rate** The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.45 percent as of June 30, 2019. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that 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. 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, 2019. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.45 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payment to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2019.

**Sensitivity of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate** The following table presents the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.45 percent, as well as what the School 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 (6.45 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (8.45 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.45%)	Current Discount Rate (7.45%)	1% Increase (8.45%)
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$13,253,181	\$9,068,896	\$5,526,684



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**Social Security System** Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the School Employees Retirement System or the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio have an option to choose Social Security or the School Retirement System. As of June 30, 2020, one Board of Education member had elected Social Security. The Board's liability is 6.2 percent of wages.

**Note 11 – Defined Benefit OPEB Plans**

See Note 10 for a description of the net OPEB Liability.

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

Health Care Plan Description - The School District contributes to the SERS Health Care Fund, administered by SERS for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries. For GASB 75 purposes, this plan is considered a cost-sharing other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan. SERS' Health Care Plan provides healthcare benefits to eligible individuals receiving retirement, disability, and survivor benefits, and to their eligible dependents. Members who retire after June 1, 1986, need 10 years of service credit, exclusive of most types of purchased credit, to qualify to participate in SERS' health care coverage. In addition to age and service retirees, disability benefit recipients and beneficiaries who are receiving monthly benefits due to the death of a member or retiree, are eligible for SERS' health care coverage. Most retirees and dependents choosing SERS' health care coverage are over the age of 65 and therefore enrolled in a fully insured Medicare Advantage plan; however, SERS maintains a traditional, self-insured preferred provider organization for its non-Medicare retiree population. For both groups, SERS offers a self-insured prescription drug program. Health care is a benefit that is permitted, not mandated, by statute. The financial report of the Plan is included in the SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be obtained on SERS' website at [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

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. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. The SERS Retirement Board established the rules for the premiums paid by the retirees for health care coverage for themselves and their dependents or for their surviving beneficiaries. Premiums vary depending on the plan selected, 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 pensions and benefits, the Retirement Board may allocate the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund in accordance with the funding policy. For fiscal year 2020, no allocation was made to health care. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated if less than a full year of service credit was earned. For fiscal year 2020, this amount was \$19,600. 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 2020, the School District's surcharge obligation was \$22,706.

The surcharge added to the allocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. The School District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$22,706 for fiscal year 2020.

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

Plan Description – The State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS) administers a cost-sharing Health Plan administered 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 partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. Medicare Part B premium reimbursements will be discontinued effective January 1, 2021. The Plan is included in the report of STRS which can be obtained by visiting [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org) or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy – Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307 authorizes STRS to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. All benefit recipients pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care.

**Net OPEB Liability (Asset)**

The net OPEB liability (asset) was measured as of June 30, 2019, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability (asset) was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The School District's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset) was based on the School District's share of contributions to the respective retirement systems relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability:			
Prior Measurement Date	0.03803750%	0.04274830%	
Current Measurement Date	<u>0.03719410%</u>	<u>0.04100901%</u>	
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>-0.00084340%</u>	<u>-0.00173929%</u>	
Proportionate Share of the:			
Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$935,353	(\$679,208)	\$256,145

**Actuarial Assumptions - SERS**

The total OPEB liability is determined by SERS’ actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 74, as part of their annual actuarial valuation for each 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 terminations). 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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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 OPEB liability in the latest actuarial valuation date of June 30, 2019, are presented below:

Inflation	3.00 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.50 percent to 18.20 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.50 percent net of investment expense, including inflation
Municipal Bond Index Rate:	
Measurement Date	3.62 percent
Prior Measurement Date	3.56 percent
Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation	
Measurement Date	3.70 percent
Prior Measurement Date	3.63 percent
Medical Trend Assumption	
Medicare	5.375 to 4.75 percent
Pre-Medicare	7.25 to 4.75 percent

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and Scale BB, 120 percent of male rates and 110 percent of female rates. RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table with 90 percent for male rates and 100 percent for female rates set back five years.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five year period ended June 30, 2015.

The long-term expected rate of return on plan assets is reviewed as part of the actuarial five-year experience study. The most recent study covers fiscal years 2010 through 2015 and was adopted by the Board on April 21, 2016. Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return were developed by the investment consultant for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return, 7.50 percent, by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and then adding expected inflation. The capital market assumptions developed by the investment consultant are intended for use over a 10-year horizon and may not be useful in setting the long-term rate of return for funding pension plans which covers a longer timeframe. The assumption is intended to be a long-term assumption and is not expected to change absent a significant change in the asset allocation, a change in the inflation assumption, or a fundamental change in the market that alters expected returns in future years.

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The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class, as used in the June 30, 2015 five-year experience study, are summarized as follows:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Cash	1.00 %	0.50 %
US Stocks	22.50	4.75
Non-US Stocks	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 discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2019 was 3.22 percent. The discount rate used to measure total OPEB liability prior to June 30, 2019, was 3.70 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions will be made from members and the System at the state statute contribution rate of 2.00 percent of projected covered employee payroll each year, which includes a 1.50 percent payroll surcharge and 0.50 percent of contributions from the basic benefits plan. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to become insufficient to make future benefit payments during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan assets was used to present value the projected benefit payments through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and the Fidelity General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index rate of 3.13 percent, as of June 30, 2019 (i.e. municipal bond rate), was used to present value the projected benefit payments for the remaining years in the projection. The total present value of projected benefit payments from all years was then used to determine the single rate of return that was used as the discount rate. The projection of future benefit payments for all current plan members was until the benefit payments ran out.

**Sensitivity of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate and Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rates** The net OPEB liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate and the health care cost trend rate. The following table presents the net OPEB liability of SERS, what SERS' net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (2.22%) and higher (4.22%) than the current discount rate (3.22%). Also shown is what SERS' net OPEB liability would be based on health care cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower (6.00% decreasing to 3.75%) and higher (8.00% decreasing to 5.75%) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (2.22%)	Current Discount Rate (3.22%)	1% Increase (4.22%)
School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$1,135,342	\$935,353	\$776,339

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	1% Decrease (6.00 % decreasing to 3.75%)	Current Trend Rate (7.00 % decreasing to 4.75%)	1% Increase (8.00 % decreasing to 5.75%)
School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$749,408	\$935,353	\$1,182,059

**Actuarial Assumptions – STRS**

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results used in the June 30, 2019, actuarial valuation are presented below:

Projected salary increases	12.50 percent at age 20 to 2.50 percent at age 65
Investment Rate of Return	7.45 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Payroll Increases	3 percent
Discount Rate of Return	7.45 percent
Health Care Cost Trends	
Medical	
Pre-Medicare	5.87 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
Medicare	4.93 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
Prescription Drug	
Pre-Medicare	7.73 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
Medicare	9.62 initial, 4 percent ultimate

Projections of benefits include the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and retired plan members.

For healthy retirees the mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Annuitant Mortality Table with 50 percent of rates through age 69, 70 percent of rates between ages 70 and 79, 90 percent of rates between ages 80 and 84, and 100 percent of rates thereafter, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. For disabled retirees, mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Table with 90 percent of rates for males and 100 percent of rates for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016.

Since the Prior Measurement Date, the discount rate was increased from the blended rate of 4.13 percent to the long-term expected rate of return of 7.45 percent based on the methodology defined under GASB Statement No. 74, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans (OPEB). Valuation year per capita health care costs were updated.

Since the prior measurement date, there was no change to the claims costs process. Claim curves were trended to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 to reflect the current price renewals. The non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2020 from 1.944 percent to 1.984 percent per year of service. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2020. The Medicare subsidy percentages were adjusted effective January 1, 2021 to 2.1 percent for the Medicare plan. The Medicare Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed to January 1, 2021.

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STRS' investment consultant develops an estimate range for the investment return assumption based on the target allocation adopted by the Retirement Board. The target allocation and long-term expected rate of return for each major asset class are summarized as follows:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation *</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Rate of Return **</u>
Domestic Equity	28.00 %	7.35 %
International Equity	23.00	7.55
Alternatives	17.00	7.09
Fixed Income	21.00	3.00
Real Estate	10.00	6.00
Liquidity Reserves	1.00	2.25
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

\* Target weights will be phased in over a 24-month period concluding on July 1, 2019.

\*\* 10 year annualized geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.25 percent and does not include investment expenses. Over a 30-year period, STRS' investment consultant indicates that the above target allocations should generate a return above the actual rate of return, without net value added by management.

**Discount Rate** - The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 7.45 percent as of June 30, 2019. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes STRS continues to allocate no employer contributions to the health care fund. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2019. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on health care plan investments of 7.45 percent was used to measure the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2019.

**Sensitivity of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Asset to Changes in the Discount and Health Care Cost Trend Rate** The following table represents the net OPEB asset as of June 30, 2019, calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.45 percent, as well as what the net OPEB asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.45 percent) or one percentage point higher (8.45 percent) than the current assumption. Also shown is the net OPEB asset as if it were calculated using health care cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current health care cost trend rates.

	<u>1% Decrease (6.45%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (7.45%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (8.45%)</u>
School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	\$579,568	\$679,208	\$762,981

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	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Trend Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	\$770,190	\$679,208	\$567,776

**Note 12 – Debt**

The changes in the School District's debt obligations during the year consist of the following:

	<u>Balance at 6/30/2019</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance at 6/30/2020</u>	<u>Due within One Year</u>
Governmental Activities:					
2018 School Improvement Refunding Bonds:					
Serial	\$1,820,000		\$175,000	\$1,645,000	\$180,000
Term	2,330,000			2,330,000	
Premium	184,528		2,683	181,845	3,443
Capital Lease – ECC Renovation		\$3,694,000	384,000	3,310,000	337,000
Capital Lease – Classroom Addition	2,855,000		260,000	2,595,000	260,000
Total General Long-Term Debt	<u>\$7,189,528</u>	<u>\$3,694,000</u>	<u>\$821,683</u>	<u>\$10,061,845</u>	<u>\$780,443</u>

**Long Term Obligations**

**School Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2018:** On February 21, 2018, the School District issued \$4,375,000 in current interest bonds to refund the 2008 school improvement bond issue. The bonds consisted of \$2,045,000 in serial bonds and \$2,330,000 in term bonds. The serial bonds had an interest rate of 2.0 to 4.0% and the term bonds had an interest rate of 3.5 to 4.0%. The bonds will be retired from the Bond Retirement Fund.

The Serial Bonds are issued in fully registered form in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. Annual principal, and any premium, on all Current Interest Bonds are payable upon presentation and surrender by the registered owner thereof at the principal office of the Registrar. Semiannual interest on the Current Interest Bonds is payable each June 1 and December 1, commencing December 1, 2018, by check or draft to be mailed by the Paying Agent and Registrar to the registered owner as shown in the registration records maintained by the Paying Agent and Registrar as bond registrar on the 15th day of the month preceding such interest payment date.

The Serial bonds shall bear interest at the rates per year and will mature in the principal amounts and on the following dates:

<u>Maturity Date (December 1)</u>	<u>Principal Amount Maturing</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2020	\$180,000	2.5%
2021	190,000	2.5%
2022	190,000	2.5%
2023	200,000	2.5%
2024	205,000	2.5%
2025	215,000	4.0%
2026	225,000	4.0%
2027	240,000	4.0%

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The Term Bonds due December 1, 2029 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption. The mandatory sinking fund redemption is to occur on December 1, 2028, at 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemption according to the following schedule:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Principal Amount to be Redeemed</b>
2028	\$250,000

Unless otherwise called for redemption, the remaining \$255,000 principal amount of the Bonds due December 1, 2029 is to be paid at stated maturity.

The Term Bonds due December 1, 2031 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption. The mandatory sinking fund redemption is to occur on December 1, 2030, at 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemption according to the following schedule:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Principal Amount to be Redeemed</b>
2030	\$275,000

Unless otherwise called for redemption, the remaining \$285,000 principal amount of the Bonds due December 1, 2031 is to be paid at stated maturity.

The Term Bonds due December 1, 2033 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption. The mandatory sinking fund redemption is to occur on December 1, 2032, and on each December 1 thereafter at 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemption according to the following schedule:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Principal Amount to be Redeemed</b>
2032	\$295,000

Unless otherwise called for redemption, the remaining \$315,000 principal amount of the Bonds due December 1, 2033 is to be paid at stated maturity.

The Term Bonds due December 1, 2035 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption. The mandatory sinking fund redemption is to occur on December 1, 2034, at 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemption according to the following schedule:



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Year	Principal Amount to Be Redeemed
2034	\$320,000

Unless otherwise called for redemption, the remaining \$335,000 principal amount of the Bonds due December 1, 2035 is to be paid at stated maturity.

The serial bonds maturing after December 1, 2019, are subject to optional redemption, in whole or in part on any interest payment date, in any order of maturity as determined by the School District on or after December 1, 2019, at the redemption prices of 100% plus accrued interest to the redemption date.

Principal and interest requirements to retire general obligation debt outstanding at June 30, 2020 are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	\$180,000	\$136,425	\$316,425
2022	190,000	131,800	321,800
2023	190,000	127,050	317,050
2024	200,000	122,175	322,175
2025	205,000	117,113	322,113
2026 – 2030	1,185,000	458,450	1,643,450
2031 – 2035	1,490,000	208,775	1,698,775
2036	335,000	6,700	341,700
Total	\$3,975,000	\$1,308,488	\$5,283,488

The Ohio Revised Code provides that voted net general obligation debt of the School District shall never exceed 9% of the total assessed valuation of the School District. The code further provides that unvoted indebtedness shall not exceed 1/10 of 1% of the property valuation of the School District.

The effects of the debt limitations at June 30, 2020 were a voted debt margin of \$11,525,057 and an unvoted debt margin of \$174,243.

**Leases**

On February 13, 2019, the School District entered into a \$2,855,000 capital lease agreement with the Andover Bank for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, equipping, and furnishing additional classrooms located at the School District's High School Building.

On August 14, 2019, the School District entered into a \$3,694,000 capital lease agreement with Chase Bank for purpose of the ECC Renovation.

This would be the first of 10 renewal periods, with each being one year in length, commencing on July 1 of each subsequent year, and ending on June 30 of each year.

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The School District did not make any payments on the lease during the initial lease period. For each renewal period the lease agreement is in place, the School District will make annual principal payments on December 1 and semiannual interest payments on December 1 and June 1, commencing on December 1, 2028. Rent payments will be made from the Locally Funded Initiatives Fund as follows for each year which the lease is renewed:

<b>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</b>	<b>Capital</b>		
	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>
2021	\$597,000	\$131,785	\$728,785
2022	615,000	118,318	733,318
2023	627,000	104,379	731,379
2024	640,000	89,981	729,981
2025	652,000	75,088	727,088
2025-2029	2,774,000	138,661	2,912,661
Total	<u>\$5,905,000</u>	<u>\$658,212</u>	<u>\$6,563,212</u>

**Note 13 – Contingent Liabilities**

**Grants**

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the School District are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. Grantors may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

**Litigation**

There are currently no matters in litigation with the School District as defendant.

**School Foundation**

School District foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of each student. The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is legislatively required to adjust/reconcile funding as enrollment information is updated by schools throughout the State, which can extend past the fiscal year end. As of the date of this report, ODE has finalized the impact of enrollment adjustments to the June 30, 2020 Foundation funding for the School District. As a result of the adjustments, the District owe an additional \$1,063 to ODE. This amount has not been included in the financial statements.

**Note 14 – Jointly Governed Organizations**

**Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative**

The School District is a participant in the Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative (NOACSC) which is a computer consortium. NOACSC is an association of public school districts within the boundaries of Allen, Auglaize, Hancock, Hardin, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Seneca, Van Wert, Wood, and Wyandot Counties, and the cities of St. Marys and Wapakoneta. The organization was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology (with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment) to administrative and instructional functions among member school districts.

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The governing board of NOACSC consists of two representatives from each county elected by majority vote of all charter member school districts within each county plus one representative from the fiscal agent school district. Financial information can be obtained from Ray Burden, who serves as Director, at 4277 East Road, Elida, Ohio 45807.

***Vantage Career Center***

The Vantage Career Center is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio which provides vocational education to students. The Vantage Career Center is operated under the direction of a Board consisting of one representative from each of the participating school districts' elected boards. The degree of control exercised by the School District is limited to its representation on the Board. The Board is its own budgeting and taxing authority. Financial information can be obtained from Laura Peters, Treasurer, 818 North Franklin Street, Van Wert, Ohio 45891-1304.

**Note 15 – Public Entity Risk Pools**

***Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan***

The School District participates in a group rating plan for workers' compensation as established under Section 4123.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (Plan) was established through the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) as an insurance purchasing pool.

The Plan's business and affairs are conducted by a three member Board of Directors consisting of the President, the President-Elect, and the Immediate Past President of the OSBA. The Executive Director of the OSBA, or his designee, serves as coordinator of the Plan. Each year, the participants pay an enrollment fee to the Plan to cover the costs of administering the program.

***Van Wert Area School Insurance Group***

The Van Wert Area School Insurance Group (VWASIG) is a public entity shared risk pool consisting of five members. VWASIG is a Voluntary Employee Benefit Association under Section 501(c)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code to provide life insurance and pay medical/surgical, prescription drug, and dental benefits of employees and their covered dependents. The medical insurance program operates under the control of a Board of Trustees representing the member schools and is administered by Aetna through a Third Party Administrator, Huntington Insurance. Each member appoints a representative to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees is the legislative and managerial body of VWASIG. The Van Wert City School District served as the fiscal agent for the VWASIG up until November 1, 2019. Effective November 1, 2019, Lincolnview Local School District was appointed fiscal agent for the VWASIG. Financial information from November 1, 2019 and after can be obtained from Lincolnview Local School District, 15945 Middle Point Road, Van Wert, Ohio 45891.

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**Note 16 – Fund Balance**

Fund balance is classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and/or unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the School District is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in governmental funds. The constraints placed on fund balance for the major governmental funds and all other governmental funds are presented below:

<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Local Share Fund</b>	<b>Capital Projects Fund</b>	<b>Other Governmental Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
Non-spendable for:					
Unclaimed Monies	\$3,626				3,626
Total Non-spendable	3,626				3,626
Restricted for					
Regular Instruction				\$66,526	\$66,526
Special Instruction				1,839	1,839
Extracurricular				163,884	163,884
Food Service Operations				133,445	133,445
Facilities Maintenance				30,425	30,425
Debt Retirement				223,174	223,174
Building Construction		\$3,306,816	\$2,884,219	812,777	7,003,812
Student Wellness				163,734	163,734
Total Restricted		3,306,816	2,884,219	1,595,804	7,786,839
Committed for:					
Retirement Obligations	350,378				350,378
Total Committed	350,378				350,378
Assigned to:					
Educational Activities	56,022				56,022
Unpaid Obligations\	610				610
Appropriations					
Total Assigned	56,632				56,632
Unassigned (Deficit)	9,506,909				9,506,909
Total Fund Balance	\$9,917,545	\$3,306,816	\$2,884,219	\$1,595,804	\$17,704,384

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**Note 17 – Set-Aside Requirements**

The School District is required by State statute to annually set aside, in the General Fund, an amount based on a 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 fiscal year must be held in cash at fiscal year-end. These amounts must be carried forward and used for the same purposes in future years.

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

	<u>Capital Improvement</u>
Balance as of June 30, 2019	
Current Year Set-aside Requirement	\$148,805
Current Year Offsets	<u>(148,805)</u>
Balance June 30, 2020	<u><u>                    </u></u>

Although the School District had qualifying offsets and disbursements during the fiscal year that reduced the set-aside amount below zero for the capital improvements set aside, this amount may not be used to reduce the set aside requirements of future years. This negative balance is therefore not presented as being carried forward to future fiscal years.

**Note 18 – COVID-19 Pandemic**

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March 2020 due to the COVID19 pandemic. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures may impact subsequent periods of the School District. The School District's investment portfolio and the investments of the pension and other employee benefit plan in which the School District participates have incurred a significant decline in fair value, consistent with the general decline in financial markets. However, because the values of individual investments fluctuate with market conditions, and due to market volatility, the amount of losses that will be recognized in subsequent periods, if any, cannot be determined. In addition, the impact on the School District's future operating costs, revenues, and any recovery from emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.

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

Crestview Local School District  
Van Wert County  
531 East Tully Street  
Convoy, Ohio 45832

To the Board of Education:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Crestview Local School District, Van Wert County, (the School District) as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 25, 2021, wherein we noted the School District uses a special purpose framework other than generally accepted accounting principles. We also noted the financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures which may impact subsequent periods of the School District.

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

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the School District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinion on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the School 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 School District's financial statements. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

### ***Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of reasonably assuring whether the School 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 financial statement. 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 an instance of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2020-001.

***School District's Response to Findings***

The School District's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings. We did not subject the School District's response to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

***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 School District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

March 25, 2021



**CRESTVIEW LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
VAN WERT COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
JUNE 30, 2020**

<b>FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS</b>
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**FINDING NUMBER 2020-001**

**Noncompliance**

**Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38(A)** provides that each public office “shall file a financial report for each fiscal year. The Auditor of State may prescribe forms by rule or may issue guidelines, or both, for such reports. If the Auditor of State has not prescribed a rule regarding the form for the report, the public office shall submit its report on the form utilized by the public office.”

**Ohio Admin. Code § 117-2-03(B)**, which further clarifies the requirements of Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38, requires the School District to file annual financial reports which are prepared using generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

The School District prepared financial statements that, although formatted similar to financial statements prescribed by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, report on the basis of cash receipts and cash disbursements, rather than GAAP. The accompanying financial statements and notes omit certain assets, liabilities, deferred inflows/outflows of resources, fund equities/net position, and disclosures that, while presumed material, cannot be determined at this time.

Pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 the School District may be fined and subject to various other administrative remedies for its failure to file the required financial report. Failure to report on a GAAP basis compromises the School District's ability to evaluate and monitor the overall financial condition of the School District. To help provide the users with more meaningful financial statements, the School District should prepare its annual financial statements according to generally accepted accounting principles.

**Official's Response:**

The School District plans to continue preparing the GASB type cash basis reports because of the cost involved with preparing GAAP statements and the lack of benefit they provide to the School District due to the fact that school districts operate on a cash basis.

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**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS**  
**June 30, 2020**

<b>Finding Number</b>	<b>Finding Summary</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Additional Information</b>
2019-001	This finding was first reported in 2003. Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 and Ohio Admin. Code 117-2-03(B) for reporting on a basis other than generally accepted accounting principles.	Not corrected and reissued as Finding 2020-001 in this report.	At this time, the Crestview Board of Education feels it is more cost effective and reasonable to file the OCBOA statement in lieu of the GAAP statement.
2019-002	The following errors were identified in the accompanying financial statements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debt issuance costs and lease transaction were understated by \$38,557 in the Local Share Fund on the Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances – Cash Basis and the Statement of Activities – Cash Basis.</li> <li>• General Fund balance was incorrectly classified as unassigned instead of assigned by \$2,720,702 on the Statement of Assets and Fund Balances – Cash Basis.</li> </ul>	Partially corrected, repeated as Management Letter	The district is aware of the error. Typically, like with state foundation payments, the district posts all receipts and expenditures associated with those receipts separately. This situation was an oversight.

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**CRESTVIEW LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**VAN WERT COUNTY**

**AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION**

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



**Certified for Release 4/20/2021**

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