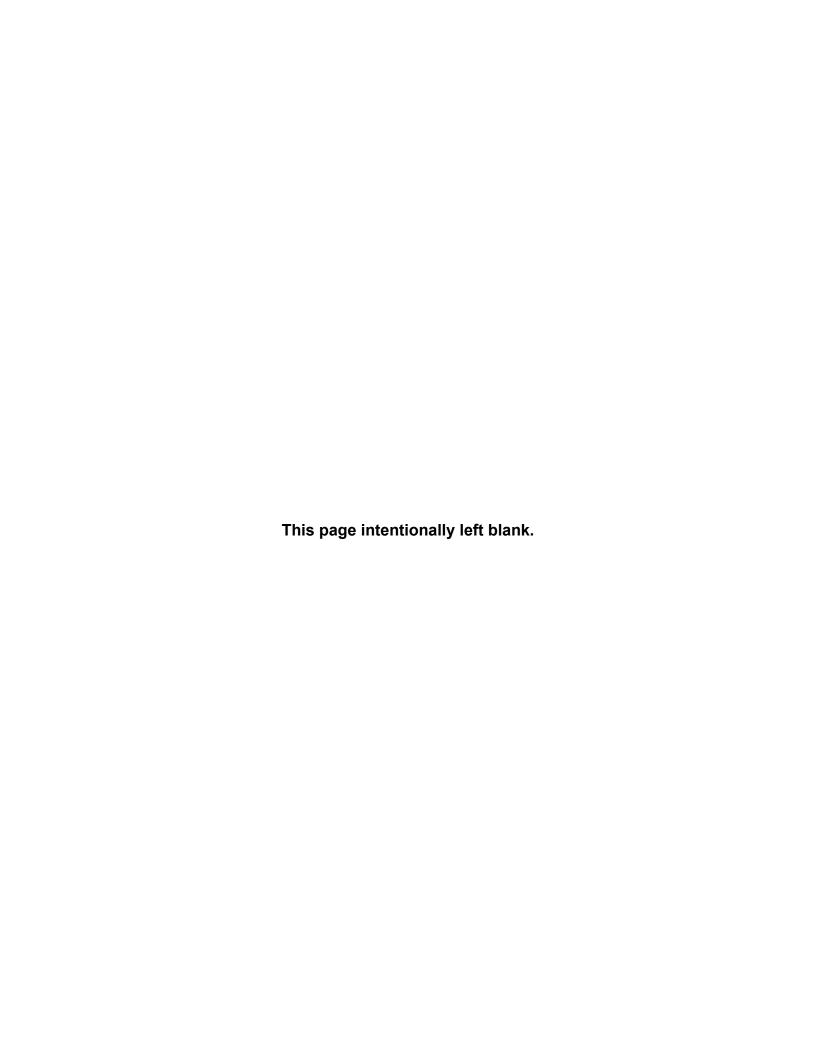




ALLEN EAST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ALLEN COUNTY JUNE 30, 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Allen East Local School District Allen County 9105 Harding Highway Harrod, Ohio 45850

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 Allen East Local School District, Allen County, Ohio (the School District), as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, 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.

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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 Allen East Local School District, Allen County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2021, 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 2M to the financial statements, during fiscal year 2021, the School District adopted new accounting guidance in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

As discussed in Note 19 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 Matters

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted to opine on the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and is not a required part of the financial statements.

The schedule is management's responsibility, and derives from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. We subjected this information to the auditing procedures we applied to the basic financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling this information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, this information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Information

We applied no procedures to management's discussion & analysis for fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 as listed in the table of contents. Accordingly, we express no opinion or any other assurance on it.

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Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 12, 2022, 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

April 12, 2022

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Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)

The discussion and analysis of the Allen East Local School District's (the "School District") financial performance provides an overall review of the School District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School District's performance as a whole; readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School District's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2021 are as follows:

- ☐ In total, net position increased \$1,858,275.
- ☐ In fiscal year 2021 the School District debt decreased from \$5,344,670 to \$4,936,986.

Using this Annual Report

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

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the whole School District. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the School District's most significant funds with all other non-major funds presented in total in one column. For fiscal year 2021, the general fund is by far the School District's most significant fund.

Basis of Accounting

The School District has elected to present its financial statements on the cash basis of accounting. The cash basis of accounting is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. The cash basis of accounting involves the measurement of cash and cash equivalents and changes in cash and cash equivalents resulting from cash receipt and disbursement transactions.

Essentially, the only assets reported on this strictly cash receipt and disbursement basis presentation in a statement of net position will be cash and cash equivalents. The statement of activities reports cash receipts and disbursements, or in other words, the sources and uses of cash and cash equivalents. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this annual report, the reader should keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

Reporting the School District as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

While this document contains the large number of funds used by the School District to provide programs and activities, the view of the School District as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during fiscal year 2021?" The statement of net position and the statement of activities answer this question.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Unaudited) (Continued)

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

In the statement of net position and the statement of activities, governmental activities include the School District's programs and services, including instruction, support services, extracurricular activities, food service operations and debt service.

Reporting the School District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the School District's major funds. The School District uses many funds to account for financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the School District's most significant funds. The School District's major governmental funds are the general fund and capital projects fund.

Governmental Funds - All of the School District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using the cash basis of accounting. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the School District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or less financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs.

Reporting the School District's Fiduciary Responsibilities

The School District acts in a trustee capacity as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units and/or other funds. These activities are reported in custodial funds. These activities are excluded from the School District's other financial statements because the assets cannot be utilized by the School District to finance its operations.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Unaudited) (Continued)

The School District as a Whole

Table 1 provides a summary of the School District's net position for fiscal year 2021 compared to 2020.

(Table 1) Net Position – Cash Basis

	Governmental Activities					
		Restated				
	2021	2020	Change			
Assets						
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 14,948,186	\$ 13,089,911	\$1,858,275			
Total Assets	14,948,186	13,089,911	1,858,275			
Net Position						
Restricted for:						
Capital Outlay	789,310	632,750	156,560			
Debt Service	569,728	607,545	(37,817)			
Permanent Funds						
Expendable	160	145	15			
Non-expendable	2,000	2,000	-			
Other Purposes	1,207,354	952,989	254,365			
Unrestricted	12,379,634	10,894,482	1,485,152			
Total Net Position	\$ 14,948,186	\$ 13,089,911	\$1,858,275			

The net position of the governmental activities increased \$1,858,275, which will be explained after Table 2.

A portion of the School District's net position, \$2,568,552, represents resources subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of the government-wide unrestricted net position of \$12,379,634 may be used to meet the School District's ongoing obligations.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Unaudited) (Continued)

Table 2 shows the changes in net position for fiscal year 2021 as compared to fiscal year 2020. The comparative column was not restated for the implementation of GASB 84.

(Table 2) Changes in Net Position – Cash Basis

Changes in Ne		Sii Dasis Sovernmental Activiti	es
	2021	2020	Change
Receipts			
Program Receipts			
Charges for Services and Sales	\$ 1,618,006	\$ 1,559,595	\$ 58,411
Operating Grants, Contributions and Interest	2,299,901	1,341,736	958,165
Total Program Receipts	3,917,907	2,901,331	1,016,576
General Receipts			
Property Taxes	3,596,160	3,562,016	34,144
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to			
Specific Programs	6,810,436	6,730,656	79,780
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	4,520	420	4,100
Interest	98,080	230,407	(132,327)
Miscellaneous	141,870	79,926	61,944
Total General Receipts	10,651,066	10,603,425	47,641
Total Receipts	14,568,973	13,504,756	1,064,217
Program Disbursements			
Instruction:			
Regular	4,999,369	4,822,627	176,742
Special	1,099,031	1,023,543	75,488
Vocational	134,238	420	133,818
Other	639,962	545,259	94,703
Support Services:			
Pupils	1,051,947	948,618	103,329
Instructional Staff	574,908	439,897	135,011
Board of Education	25,696	28,125	(2,429)
Administration	823,071	831,093	(8,022)
Fiscal	330,790	322,943	7,847
Business	37,035	42,044	(5,009)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	993,802	1,367,550	(373,748)
Pupil Transportation	440,162	595,018	(154,856)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:			
Food Service Operations	525,496	339,608	185,888
Community Services	2,975	93,603	(90,628)
Extracurricular Activities	446,039	386,814	59,225
Capital Outlay	42,238	=	42,238
Debt Service:			
Principal Retirement	415,586	77,056	338,530
Interest and Fiscal Charges	128,353	462,588	(334,235)
Total Program Disbursements	12,710,698	12,326,806	383,892
Change in Net Position	1,858,275	1,177,950	680,325
Net Position Beginning of Year	13,089,911	11,819,083	1,270,828
Restatement (See Note 2)		92,878	
Net Position End of Year	\$ 14,948,186	\$ 13,089,911	\$ 1,951,153

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Unaudited) (Continued)

Operating grants increased due to the School District's allocation from the Student Wellness and Success Funding, the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Fund, the Coronavirus Relief Fund, and school food service grant monies stemming from the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

Governmental Activities

The statement of activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. Table 3 shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State entitlements.

(Table 3) Governmental Activities – Cash Basis

	Total Costs	of Services	Net Costs of Services		
	2021	2020	2021	2020	
Program Disbursements					
Instruction:					
Regular	\$ 4,999,369	\$ 4,822,627	\$ 3,656,130	\$ 3,701,552	
Special	1,099,031	1,023,543	403,096	415,927	
Vocational	134,238	420	122,663	(7,333)	
Other	639,962	545,259	639,962	545,259	
Support Services:					
Pupils	1,051,947	948,618	386,689	448,483	
Instructional Staff	574,908	439,897	255,009	439,897	
Board of Education	25,696	28,125	25,696	28,125	
Administration	823,071	831,093	823,071	831,093	
Fiscal	330,790	322,943	330,790	316,657	
Business	37,035	42,044	36,245	41,377	
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	993,802	1,367,550	967,438	1,344,116	
Pupil Transportation	440,162	595,018	437,014	563,952	
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:					
Food Service Operations	525,496	339,608	(85,109)	(4,595)	
Community Services	2,975	93,603	(6,118)	(4,643)	
Extracurricular Activities	446,039	386,814	214,038	225,964	
Capital Outlay	42,238	-	42,238	-	
Debt Service:					
Principal Retirement	415,586	77,056	415,586	77,056	
Interest and Fiscal Charges	128,353	462,588	128,353	462,588	
Total	\$ 12,710,698	\$ 12,326,806	\$ 8,792,791	\$ 9,425,475	

The comparative columns in the table above were not restated for the implementation of GASB 84. Any differences are deemed immaterial for analysis purposes.

The dependence upon tax receipts and general receipts entitlements from the state for governmental activities is apparent. Program receipts only account for 31 percent of all governmental disbursements. The community is the largest area of support for the School District students.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Unaudited) (Continued)

The School District's Funds

The School District's governmental funds are accounted for using the cash basis of accounting.

The general fund's fund balance increased \$14,894 in 2021.

The capital projects' fund balance increased \$1,409,045 in 2021. The increase is due to transfers in made for the purpose of accumulating resources for future projects.

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

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

Original Budget Compared to Final Budget During the course of fiscal year 2021, there were no significant changes between the original budgeted receipts, disbursements, and other financing sources and uses and the final budgeted receipts, disbursements, and other financing sources and uses for the general fund.

Final Budget Compared to Actual Results For fiscal year 2021, there was an increase between the final budgeted receipts and actual receipts due to state foundation revenue. The final budgeted disbursements were higher than the actual disbursements due to conservative spending.

Debt Administration

The School District had the following long-term obligations outstanding at June 30, 2021 and 2020.

(Table 4) Outstanding Debt, at June 30

	Governmen	tal Activities
	2021	2020
2017 Refunding Bonds - Serial and Capital Appreciation Bonds	\$ 4,936,986	\$ 5,344,670

For further information regarding the School District's debt, refer to Note 9 of the basic financial statements.

Current Issues

The School District's major concern is the health and financial struggle that encompasses our state, country and global economy. School districts play a vital role in their communities and we believe it is important to maintain continuity of services to our students and staff. State and local resources are going to be under extreme stress as we continue through and eventually recover from the pandemic. We have reviewed historical data from the Great Recession of 2008, but there is no historic data or situation to compare to what the School District is facing now.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Unaudited) (Continued)

Another major concern is always the State Legislative approval of the biennial budget, which significantly impacts the School District. Two thirds of the school funding for the School District comes from this budget. The 2021-2023 biennial budget has made a significant change to school funding with the implementation of the Fair School Funding Plan. That plan enacts a new formula composed of a variable base cost per pupil; a new state and local share funding mechanism; enhanced categorical funding; and direct funding of choice-based schools and programs. This change eliminates the significant open enrollment revenue, as well as the open enrollment deduction, community school deduction, and Jon Peterson Scholarship deduction. Another significant change is the elimination of the Student Wellness and Success Funds, which has been used to fund three social workers at our school. These funds have been rolled into the total school funding formula, so the General Fund will begin paying for the cost of the social workers after the grant funds have been depleted. Overall the revenue at the School District is expected to be consistent with fiscal year 2021.

During the debt refunding in August of 2017, S&P Global Ratings has affirmed the AA- rating on the School District's unlimited general obligation bonds. The Rating Outlook is Stable. The AA- rating reflects the School District's strong, conservative financial management as evidenced by ample cash reserves, reliance on state aid and sparing use of expiring levies, which has insulated its reserves from the cyclical effects of periodic voter approvals that typify other Ohio school districts. The key rating driver is management's ability to continue current practices and maintain ample fiscal cushion given the economic downturn and fixed revenue streams.

Contacting the School District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to show the School District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Andrea Snyder, Treasurer of Allen East Local School District, 9105 Harding Highway, Harrod, OH 45850 or snydera@alleneastschool.org.

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Statement of Net Position - Cash Basis June 30, 2021

	 overnmental Activities
Assets	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 14,948,186
Total Assets	 14,948,186
Net Position	
Restricted for:	
Capital Outlay	789,310
Debt Service	569,728
Permanent Funds	
Expendable	160
Non-expendable	2,000
Other Purposes	1,207,354
Unrestricted	 12,379,634
Total Net Position	\$ 14,948,186

Statement of Activities - Cash Basis For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021

			Program Cash Receipts					(Disbursements) ipts and Changes Net Position
	D	Cash isbursements		Charges for Services and Sales		Operating Grants, Contributions and Interest		overnmental Activities
Governmental Activities								
Instruction:								
Regular	\$	4,999,369	\$	1,075,907	\$	267,332	\$	(3,656,130)
Special		1,099,031		185,339		510,596		(403,096)
Vocational		134,238		-		11,575		(122,663)
Other		639,962		-		-		(639,962)
Support Services:								
Pupils		1,051,947		26,286		638,972		(386,689)
Instructional Staff		574,908		-		319,899		(255,009)
Board of Education		25,696		-		-		(25,696)
Administration		823,071		-		-		(823,071)
Fiscal		330,790		-		-		(330,790)
Business		37,035		790		-		(36,245)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant		993,802		-		26,364		(967,438)
Pupil Transportation Operation of Non-Instructional Services:		440,162		-		3,148		(437,014)
Food Service Operations		525,496		107,632		502,973		85,109
Community Services		2,975		-		9,093		6,118
Extracurricular Activities		446,039		222,052		9,949		(214,038)
Capital Outlay		42,238		•		ŕ		(42,238)
Debt Service:								, , ,
Principal Retirement		415,586		-		=		(415,586)
Interest and Fiscal Charges		128,353						(128,353)
Totals	\$	12,710,698	\$	1,618,006	\$	2,299,901		(8,792,791)
	Prope Gen Deb Cap Cla: Grant Proce Intere	erral Receipts erry Taxes Levie meral Purposes of Service oital Outlay ssroom Facilitie as and Entitleme meds from Sale of est ellaneous	es Mai	ntenance of Restricted to	Specific	Programs		2,941,937 439,776 167,463 46,984 6,810,436 4,520 98,080 141,870
	Total	General Recei	pts					10,651,066
	Chan	ge in Net Posit	ion					1,858,275
	Net P	Position Beginn	ing of	Year (Restated	, See No	te 2)		13,089,911
	Net F	Position End of	Year				\$	14,948,186

Statement of Assets and Fund Balances - Cash Basis Governmental Funds June 30, 2021

	G	eneral Fund	Capital Projects Fund		All Other Governmental Funds		Total Governmental Funds	
Assets Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	7,684,352	\$	4,696,677	\$	2,567,157	\$	14,948,186
Total Assets	\$	7,684,352	\$	4,696,677	\$	2,567,157	\$	14,948,186
Fund Balances								
Nonspendable	\$	1,369	\$	-	\$	2,000	\$	3,369
Restricted		-		-		2,565,183		2,565,183
Committed		240,893		-		-		240,893
Assigned		1,529,637		4,696,677		_		6,226,314
Unassigned		5,912,453				(26)		5,912,427
Total Fund Balances	\$	7,684,352	\$	4,696,677	\$	2,567,157	\$	14,948,186

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances - Cash Basis - Governmental Funds For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Receipts				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 2,941,937	\$ -	\$ 654,223	\$ 3,596,160
Intergovernmental	7,056,163	-	2,039,328	9,095,491
Investment Income	98,065	-	775	98,840
Tuition and Fees	1,261,246	-	-	1,261,246
Rent	4,032	-	4,200	8,232
Extracurricular Activities	27,076	-	213,820	240,896
Gifts and Donations	1,413	-	12,673	14,086
Charges for Services Miscellaneous	120 247	-	107,632	107,632
Miscenaneous	130,347		11,523	141,870
Total Receipts	11,520,279		3,044,174	14,564,453
Disbursements				
Current: Instruction:				
Regular	4,734,294		265,075	4,999,369
Special	4,734,294 960,807	-	138,224	1,099,031
Vocational	131,130	_	3,108	134,238
Other	639,962	_	5,100	639,962
Support Services:	037,702			037,702
Pupils	498,968	_	552,979	1,051,947
Instructional Staff	186,230	69,082	319,596	574,908
Board of Education	25,696	=	-	25,696
Administration	823,071	-	-	823,071
Fiscal	317,820	-	12,970	330,790
Business	37,035	-	=	37,035
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	786,754	169,762	37,286	993,802
Pupil Transportation	440,162	-	-	440,162
Operation of Non-Instructional/Shared Services				
Food Service Operations	-	-	525,496	525,496
Community Services	-	-	2,975	2,975
Extracurricular Activities	227,976	9,873	208,190	446,039
Capital Outlay	=	42,238	=	42,238
Debt Service:			415 506	A15 50C
Principal Interest	-	-	415,586 128,353	415,586 128,353
Total Disbursements	9,809,905	290,955	2,609,838	12,710,698
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	1,710,374	(290,955)	434,336	1,853,755
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	4,520	-	-	4,520
Transfers In	-	1,700,000	-	1,700,000
Transfers Out	(1,700,000)		<u> </u>	(1,700,000)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(1,695,480)	1,700,000		4,520
Net Change in Fund Balances	14,894	1,409,045	434,336	1,858,275
Fund Balances Beginning of Year (Restated, See Note 2)	7,669,458	3,287,632	2,132,821	13,089,911
Fund Balances End of Year	\$ 7,684,352	\$ 4,696,677	\$ 2,567,157	\$ 14,948,186

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis) General Fund For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021

	Budgeted Amounts						
		Original		Final	Actual		riance with nal Budget
Receipts							
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$	2,876,662	\$	2,876,662	\$	2,941,937	\$ 65,275
Intergovernmental		6,435,520		6,435,520		7,032,973	597,453
Investment Income		218,000		218,000		98,065	(119,935)
Tuition and Fees		1,127,219		1,127,219		1,261,246	134,027
Gifts and Donations		1,500		1,500		1,000	(500)
Miscellaneous		25,600		25,600		123,009	 97,409
Total Receipts		10,684,501		10,684,501		11,458,230	 773,729
Disbursements							
Current:							
Instruction:							
Regular		4,940,509		4,878,209		4,663,524	214,685
Special		1,129,735		1,052,535		963,308	89,227
Vocational		153,800		201,800		148,812	52,988
Other		604,300		656,300		639,962	16,338
Support Services:		,		,		,	,
Pupils		570,005		545,505		464,219	81,286
Instructional Staff		344,823		282,223		201,445	80,778
Board of Education		36,505		39,905		26,791	13,114
Administration		864,465		872,515		823,071	49,444
Fiscal		368,280		350,430		317,895	32,535
Business		47,000		47,000		35,990	11,010
Operation and Maintenance of Plant		952,683		894,683		803,105	91,578
Pupil Transportation		557,013		537,013		458,594	78,419
Central		1,000		1,000		430,334	1,000
Extracurricular Activities		242,150		247,150		227,209	19,941
Extracurricular Activities		242,130		247,130		227,209	 19,941
Total Disbursements		10,812,268		10,606,268		9,773,925	832,343
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		(127,767)		78,233		1,684,305	 1,606,072
Other Financing Sources (Uses)							
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets		500		500		4,520	4,020
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures		14,500		14,500		26,581	12,081
Transfers In		6,000		6,000		-	(6,000)
Transfers Out		(1,500,000)		(1,706,000)		(1,700,000)	 6,000
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(1,479,000)		(1,685,000)		(1,668,899)	 16,101
Net Change in Fund Balance		(1,606,767)		(1,606,767)		15,406	1,622,173
Fund Balance Beginning of Year		7,236,139		7,236,139		7,236,139	-
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated		61,939		61,939		61,939	
Fund Balance End of Year	\$	5,691,311	\$	5,691,311	\$	7,313,484	\$ 1,622,173

Statement of Fiduciary Net Position - Cash Basis Fiduciary Funds June 30, 2021

	Custodial
Assets Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ -
Total Assets	\$ -
Net Position	
Held for Organizations	\$ -
Total Net Position	\$ -

Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position - Cash Basis Fuduciary Funds For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021

	Custodial	
Additions		
Extracurricular Amounts Collect for Organizations	\$	2,506
Total Additions		2,506
Deductions Extracurricular Distributions to Organizations		2,506
Total Deductions		2,506
Change in Net Position		-
Net Position Beginning of Year (Restated, See Note 2)		
Net Position End of Year	\$	-

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Notes To The Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY

Allen East 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/or federal guidelines.

The School District consists of three small communities and surrounding rural areas within Allen County. The School District is staffed by non-certificated employees and certificated full-time teaching personnel who provide services to students and other community members.

The reporting entity is comprised of the primary government and other organizations that are included to insure that the financial statements of the School District are not misleading. The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the School District. For Allen East Local School District, this includes general operations, food service, and student related activities of the School District.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the School District is financially accountable. The School District is financially accountable for an organization if the School District appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the School District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the School District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the School District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the School District is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the School District in that the School District approves the budget, the issuance of debt, or the levying of taxes. There are no component units of the Allen East Local School District.

The School District is associated with two organizations which are defined as jointly governed organizations and three group purchasing pools. These organizations include the Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative, the Apollo Career Center, the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan/OASBO, the Council of Allen County Schools Health Benefits Consortium and the Ohio School Plan. These organizations are presented in Notes 12 and 13 to the basic financial statements.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Basis of Accounting

Although required by Ohio Administrative Code Sections 117-2-03(B) to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the School District chooses to prepare its financial statements and notes in accordance with the cash accounting basis. This basis of accounting is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, in accordance with the basis of accounting described in the preceding paragraph.

Notes To The Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Continued)

Budgetary presentations report budgetary disbursements when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved). Differences between disbursements reported in the government-wide and fund financial statements versus budgetary disbursements result from encumbrances outstanding at the end of the fiscal year.

B. Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The statement of net position and statement of activities display information about the School District as a whole. The statements include all funds of the School District except for fiduciary funds.

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the School District at year end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct disbursements and program receipts for each program or function of the School District's governmental activities. Direct disbursements are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department, and therefore, clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Receipts which are not classified as program receipts are presented as general receipts of the School District with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general resources of the School District. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental receipts, and other non-exchange receipts.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

During the 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. The focus of governmental fund financial statement is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.

Fund financial statements of the School District are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitutes its assets or fund equity, receipts and disbursements. Funds are organized into two major categories: governmental and fiduciary. An emphasis is placed on major funds within the governmental category. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the School District or meets the following criteria:

- 1. Total assets, receipts or disbursements of that individual governmental fund is at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type, and
- 2. Total assets, receipts or disbursements of that individual governmental fund is at least 5 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

Notes To The Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Continued)

The funds of the financial reporting entity are described below:

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are those through which all governmental functions of the School District are financed. The following are the School District's major governmental funds:

General Fund The General Fund accounts for all financial resources except

those required to be accounted for 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 laws of Ohio.

Capital Projects Fund The Capital Projects Fund accounts for financial resources

accumulated for the acquisition, construction, or

improvement of fixed assets of the School District.

The other governmental funds of the School District account for grants and other resources in which the School District is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources.

Fiduciary Fund Types

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into the following four classifications: pension (and other employee benefit) trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds and custodial funds. Trust funds are distinguished from custodial funds by the existence of a trust agreement or equivalent arrangements that has certain characteristics. Custodial Funds are used to report fiduciary activities that are not required to be reported in a trust fund.

The School District's fiduciary funds include a custodial fund. The custodial fund is used to account for Ohio High School Athletic Association activity.

C. Budgetary Process

The budgetary process is prescribed by provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and entails the preparation of budgetary documents within an established timetable. The major documents prepared are the Tax Budget, the Certificate of Estimated Resources, and the Appropriation Resolution Report, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting for the original appropriations and at the fund/object level for subsequent modifications. The Certificate of Estimated Resources and the Appropriations Resolution Report are subject to amendment throughout the year with the legal restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources, as certified.

All funds are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The primary level of budgetary control is at the fund level for the original appropriations and at the fund/object level for subsequent modifications. Any budgetary modifications at this level may only be made by resolution of the Board of Education.

Notes To The Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Continued)

Advances in and advances out are not required to be budgeted since they represent a temporary cash flow resource and are intended to be repaid.

Tax Budget

Prior to January 15, the Superintendent and Treasurer submit to the Board of Education a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The budget includes proposed disbursements and the means of financing for all funds. Public hearings are publicized and conducted to obtain taxpayers' comments. The express purpose of this budget document is to reflect the need for existing (or increased) tax rates.

The Allen County Budget Commission has waived the requirement that school districts adopt and submit a tax budget. In lieu of the tax budget, school districts are required to submit the five-year forecast, the current bond estimated fund balance, and bond amortization schedules.

Estimated Resources

Prior to April 1, the Board of Education accepts, by formal resolution, the tax rates as determined by the County Budget Commission and receives the Commission's Certificate of Estimated Resources which states the projected receipt of each fund. Prior to June 30, the School District must revise its budget so that total contemplated disbursements from any fund during the ensuing year will not exceed the amount stated in the Certificate of Estimated Resources. The revised budget then serves as the basis for the appropriation measure. On or about July 1, the certificate is amended to include any unencumbered cash balances from the preceding year. The certificate may be further amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in receipt are identified by the School District Treasurer.

Appropriations

Upon receipt from the County Auditor of an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources based on final assessed values and tax rates or a certificate saying a new certificate is not necessary, the annual Appropriation Resolution Report must be legally enacted by the Board of Education at the fund level of disbursements, which is the legal level of budgetary control for the original appropriations. Subsequent modifications are approved at the fund/object level. Prior to the passage of the annual appropriation measure, the Board may pass a temporary appropriation measure to meet the ordinary disbursements of the School District. The Appropriation Resolution Report, by fund, must be within the estimated resources as certified by the County Budget Commission and the total of disbursements and encumbrances may not exceed the appropriation totals at any level of control. Any revisions that alter the total of fund appropriation must be approved by the Board of Education.

The Board may pass supplemental fund appropriations so long as the total appropriations by fund do not exceed the amounts set forth in the most recent Certificate of Estimated Resources.

Encumbrances

As part of formal budgetary control, purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded as the equivalent of disbursements on the non-GAAP budgetary basis in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation and to determine and maintain

Notes To The Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Continued)

legal compliance. Disbursements plus encumbrances may not legally exceed appropriations. Encumbrances outstanding at fiscal year-end are reported as restricted, committed or assigned fund balance for subsequent year disbursements of governmental funds.

Lapsing of Appropriations

At the close of each fiscal year, the unencumbered balance of each appropriation reverts to the respective fund from which it was appropriated and becomes subject to future appropriation. Encumbered appropriations are carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and are not reappropriated.

D. Cash and Cash Equivalents

To improve cash management, all cash received by the School District is pooled in bank accounts. Monies for all funds are maintained in accounts or temporarily used to purchase short-term investments. Individual fund integrity is maintained through School District records.

During fiscal year 2021, the School District invested in STAR Ohio, certificates of deposit, U.S. treasury bills, and money market funds. 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.

For the fiscal year 2021, there were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates. However, notice must be given 24 hours in advance of all deposits and withdrawals exceeding \$25 million. STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit the transaction to \$100 million, 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 revenue credited to the General Fund during fiscal year 2021 was \$98,065, which includes \$46,155 assigned from other School District funds.

For purposes of financial reporting, investments of the 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 considered to be cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months which were not purchased from the cash management 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.

Notes To The Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Continued)

E. Property, Plant and Equipment

Acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. The financial statements do not report these assets.

F. Compensated Absences

Employees are entitled to cash payments for unused vacation and sick leave in certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment. Unpaid vacation and sick leave are not reflected as liabilities under the cash basis of accounting used by the School District.

G. Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt arising from cash basis transactions of governmental funds is not reported as a liability. The debt proceeds are reported as other financing sources and payment of principal and interest reported as disbursements.

H. Intergovernmental Receipts

Unrestricted intergovernmental receipts received on the basis of entitlement are recorded as receipts when the entitlement is received. Federal and State reimbursement type grants for the acquisition or construction of capital assets are recorded as receipts when the grant money is received.

I. Interfund Transactions

During the course of normal operations, the School District may have numerous transactions between funds. The most common include:

- 1. Transfers of resources from one fund to another fund through which resources to be expended are recorded as transfers.
- 2. Reimbursements from one fund to another are treated as disbursements in the reimbursing fund and a reduction in disbursements in the reimbursed fund

J. Equity Classifications

GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS

Equity is classified as net position and is displayed in separate components:

1. Restricted net position – Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation adopted by the school district. Net position restricted for other purposes include resources restricted for food service operations, music and athletic programs, and federal and state grants restricted to expenditure for specified purposes. At June 30, 2021, there was no amount restricted by enabling legislation.

Notes To The Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Continued)

2. Unrestricted net position – All other net position that do not meet the definition of "restricted."

The School District first applies restricted resources when a disbursement is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is divided into five classifications 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 classifications are as follows:

- 1. Nonspendable The nonspendable classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form, or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Committed The committed classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by a formal action (resolution) of the Board of Education. The committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the 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.
- 4. Assigned Amounts in the assigned 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. In the General Fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by the Board of Education. The Board of Education has by resolution authorized the Treasurer to assign fund balance. The Board of Education may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget.
- 5. Unassigned Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed, or assigned.

Notes To The Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Continued)

The School District first applies restricted resources when a disbursement is 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 disbursements are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications can be used.

K. Pensions and Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB asset/liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions/OPEB, and pension/OPEB expense, 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.

L. General Fund Reserve

By resolution the School District shall attempt to maintain a general fund budget stabilization reserve in an amount equal to minimum of thirty days equivalent operating expenditures but not to exceed five percent of the previous fiscal year's general fund revenues. The balance in the reserve fund at June 30, 2021, was \$568,351.

This budget stabilization reserve will be funded annually provided there is growth in the fiscal year end general operating balance. At the close of each fiscal year, the obligation of the reserve fund shall be met with a transfer from the general operating fund.

These reserve funds are set aside to provide a contingency available to address unexpected (and thus unbudgeted) and capital expenditures, any interruption or delay in the receipt of revenue, situations in which revenues are less than those that were forecasted and for extraordinary conditions beyond the control of the School District.

M. Implementation of New Accounting Principles

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the School District has to the extent it applies to the cash basis of accounting implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 84, Fiduciary Activities, GASB No. 90, Majority Equity Interests an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 61, and certain provisions of GASB Statement No. Statement No. 93, Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates.

GASB Statement No. 84 establishes specific criteria for identifying activities that should be reported as fiduciary activities and clarifies whether and how business type activities should report their fiduciary activities. Due to the implementation of GASB Statement No. 84, the School District reviewed its funds for proper classification, and any fund reclassifications resulted in the restatement of the School District's financial statements (see below).

Notes To The Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Continued)

GASB Statement No. 90 improves the consistency and comparability of reporting a government's majority equity interest in a legally separate organization and improves the relevance of financial statement information for certain component units. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 90 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the School District.

GASB Statement No. 93 addresses accounting and financial reporting effects that result from the replacement of interbank offered rates (IBORs) with other reference rates in order to preserve the reliability, relevance, consistency, and comparability of reported information. The implementation of certain provisions (all except for paragraphs 13 and 14, which are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2021), of GASB Statement No. 93 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the School District.

Restatement of Net Position/Fund Balances

The implementation of GASB 84 had the following effect on net position as reported June 30, 2020:

	Go	Governmental	
	<u></u>	Activities	
Net Position, June 30, 2020	\$	12,997,033	
GASB Statement No. 84		92,878	
Restated Net Position, June 30, 2020	\$	13,089,911	

The implementation of GASB 84 had the following effect on fund balance as reported June 30, 2020:

	Other	
	Governmental	
	Funds	
Fund Balance, June 30, 2020	\$	2,039,943
GASB Statement No. 84		92,878
Restated Fund Balance, June 30, 2020	\$	2,132,821

The implementation of GASB 84 had the following effect on fiduciary net position as reported June 30, 2020:

	Fiduciary Funds			
	Private Purpose			
	Trust		Agency	
Net Position, June 30, 2020	\$	71,346	\$	21,532
GASB Statement No. 84		(71,346)		(21,532)
Restated Net Position, June 30, 2020	\$	-	\$	

Due to the implementation of GASB Statement No. 84, the new classification of custodial funds is reporting a beginning net cash position of \$0.

Notes To The Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Continued)

NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

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

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet the current demands on the treasury. Such 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 School District has identified as not required for use within the current two-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), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, 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 may be deposited or invested in the following securities.

- 1. United States treasury notes, bills, bonds, or other obligations or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
- 2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
- 3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above, provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
- 4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio, 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. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) of this section and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;

Notes To The Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Continued)

- 6. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio);
- 7. Certain bankers' acceptances for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days and commercial paper notes is not to exceed two hundred seventy days in an amount not to exceed 40 percent of the interim moneys available for investment at any one time if training requirements have been met;
- 8. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

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 qualified trustee or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

Deposits

At year-end, the School District's bank balance of \$244,076 was fully insured by FDIC.

Investments

As of June 30, 2021, the School District had the following investments:

		Ma	turity	%
	Measurement	(in months)		Total
Investment	Amount	0 - 12	13-36	Investments
NAV:				
STAR Ohio	\$ 7,464,931	\$ 7,464,931	\$ -	49.95%
Money Market	6,834	6,834	-	0.05%
Cost:				
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	4,327,000	2,590,000	1,737,000	28.95%
US Treasury Bill	3,146,829	3,146,829		21.05%
Totals	\$ 14,945,594	\$ 13,208,594	\$ 1,737,000	100.00%

Interest Rate Risk

The Ohio Revised Code generally limits security purchases to those that mature within five years of the settlement date. The School District's policy indicates that the investments must mature within five years, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the School District.

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the School District will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party.

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 protected by:

Notes To The Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Continued)

- 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
- 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 required 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.

Credit Risk

The School District has no investment policy dealing with credit risk beyond the requirements in state statutes. Ohio law requires that Government & Agency Mutual Funds and STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service and that the mutual funds be rated in the highest category at the time of purchase by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service. The US Treasury Bill carries a rating of Aaa by Moody's Investors Service at June 30, 2021. The money market account and STAR Ohio carry a credit rating of AAAm by S&P Global Ratings at June 30, 2021. The weighted average of maturity of the portfolio held by STAR Ohio as of June 30, 2021, is 54 days.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The School District places no limit on the amount the district may invest in any one issuer, however State statute limits investments in commercial to 270 days and bankers' acceptance should still be 180 days. The table above includes the percentage of total of each investment type held by the School District at June 30, 2021.

NOTE 4 - 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 year 2021 represents collections of calendar year 2020 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2021 were levied after April 1, 2020, on the assessed value listed as of January 1, 2020, 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 semiannually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax revenue received in calendar 2021 represents collections of calendar year 2020 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2021 became a lien December 31, 2019, were levied after April 1, 2020 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.

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The School District receives property taxes from Allen 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, 2021, 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.

The assessed values upon which the fiscal year 2021 taxes were collected are:

	2020 First- Half Collections			2021 First- Half Collections					
	Amount		Amount Pe		Percent	Amount		Percent	
Real Estate	\$ 132	2,733,400	92%	\$ 134	,445,580	92%			
Public Utility Personal Property	10	0,838,500	8%	11	,268,960	8%			
Total	\$ 142	3,571,900	100%	\$ 145	,714,540	100%			
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed									
valuation	\$	36.06		\$	36.03				

NOTE 5 - RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Property and Liability

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. For fiscal year 2021, the School District contracted with Ohio School Plan/Hylant Group (Note 13) for property, general liability, professional liability, and automobile insurance. Settled claims have not exceeded the commercial coverage in any of the past three years. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from last year.

B. Workers' Compensation

For fiscal year 2021, the School District participated in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program/OASBO ("GRP"), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 13). The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the School District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRP. The workers' compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the GRP. Each participant pays its worker's compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the GRP rather than its individual rate. Total savings are then calculated and each participant's individual performance is compared to the overall savings of the GRP. 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 share equally in the overall performance of the GRP. Participation in the GRP is limited to school districts that can meet the GRP's selection criteria. The firm of Comp Management provides administrative, cost control, and actuarial services to the GRP.

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C. Health Care Benefits

The School District participates in the Council of Allen County Schools Health Benefits Consortium (the "Consortium"), a public entity shared risk pool consisting of the school districts within Allen County. The School District pays monthly premiums to the Consortium for employee medical, dental, vision, and life insurance benefits. The Consortium is responsible for the management and operations of the program. Upon withdrawal from the Consortium, a participant is responsible for the payment of all Consortium liabilities to its employees, dependents, and designated beneficiaries accruing as a result of withdrawal. This consortium is administered by Medical Mutual. In addition to the health benefits provided to employees under the Council of Allen County Schools Health Benefits Consortium disclosed in Note 13, the School District offers a cafeteria 125 flexible spending plan to all eligible employees as an option under this consortium. The cafeteria 125 plan is administered by American Fidelity.

NOTE 6 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

The net pension liability is disclosed as a commitment and not reported on the face of the financial statements as a liability because of the use of the cash basis framework.

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

Net Pension Liability/Net OPEB Liability (Asset)

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) represents the School District's proportionate share of each pension plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension plan's fiduciary net position. The net pension/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 this estimate 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.

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 all funding to come from these employers. All contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). State statute requires the pension plans to amortize unfunded liabilities (assets) within 30 years. If the amortization period exceeds 30 years, each pension plan's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension/OPEB liability (asset). Resulting adjustments to the net pension/OPEB liability (asset) would be

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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 7 for the required OPEB disclosures.

Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

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

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

	Eligible to	Eligible to
	Retire on or before	Retire on or after
	August 1, 2017 *	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	Age 60 with 5 years of service credit	Age 62 with 10 years of service credit; or
Benefits	Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age 60 with 25 years of service credit

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

Annual retirement benefits are calculated based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on year of service; 2.2 percent for the first 30 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.

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, 2021, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 14.0 percent. SERS did not allocate employer contributions to the Health Care Fund for fiscal year 2021.

The School District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$192,480 for fiscal year 2021.

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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 retirement system administered by STRS. STRS provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about STRS' fiduciary net position. That report can be obtained by writing to STRS, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Web site at www.strsoh.org.

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. Effective August 1, 2017 – July 1, 2019, any member could retire with reduced benefits who had (1) five years of service credit and age 60; (2) 27 years of service credit and age 55; or (3) 30 years of service credit regardless of age. Effective August 1, 2019 – July 1, 2021, any member may retire with reduced benefits who has (1) five years of service credit and age 60; (2) 28 years of service credit and age 55; or (3) 30 years of service credit regardless of age. Eligibility changes will continue to be phased through August 1, 2026, when retirement eligibility for unreduced benefits will be five years of service credit and age 65, or 35 years of service credit and at least age 60. Eligibility changes for 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. Investment allocation decisions are determined by the member. The remaining 4.47 percent of the 14 percent employer rate is allocated to the defined benefit plan unfunded liability. A member is eligible to receive a monthly retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive 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 50 and after termination of employment.

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

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A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years of credited service who is determined to be disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. New members must have at least ten years of qualifying service credit to 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 statutory employer rate is 14 percent and the statutory member rate is 14 percent of covered payroll effective July 1, 2016. The School District was required to contribute 14 percent; the entire 14 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The 2021 contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates.

The School District's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$673,512 for fiscal year 2021.

Net Pension Liability

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an independent actuarial valuation as of that date. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the employer's share of employer contributions in the pension plan relative to the total employer contributions of all participating employers. Following is information related to the proportionate share:

	SERS		 STRS		Total
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability:					
Current Measurement Date		0.03499910%	0.03904085%		
Prior Measurement Date		0.03541150%	 0.03786996%		
Change in Proportionate Share		-0.00041240%	0.00117089%		
Proportionate Share of the Net					
Pension Liability	\$	2,314,914	\$ 9,446,497	\$	11,761,411

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 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. Future benefits for all current plan members were projected through 2130.

Notes To The Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Continued)

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

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation, prepared as of June 30, 2020, are presented below:

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal (Level Percent of Payroll)
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
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	2.50 percent, on and after April 1, 2018, COLA's for future retirees will be delayed for three years following
	commencement

For post-retirement mortality, the table used in evaluating allowances to be paid is the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and Scale BB, with 120 percent of male rates and 110 percent of female rates used. The RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table with 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 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 rebalancing uncorrelated asset classes. The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

	Target	Long-Term Expected
Asset Class	Allocation	Real Rate of Return
Cash	2.00 %	1.85 %
US Stocks	22.50	5.75
Non-US Stocks	22.50	6.50
Fixed Income	19.00	2.85
Private Equity	12.00	7.60
Real Assets	17.00	6.60
Multi-Asset Strategies	5.00	6.65
Total	100.00 %	

Notes To The Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Continued)

Discount Rate Total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 percent. The discount rate determination does not use a municipal bond rate. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employers would contribute the actuarially determined contribution rate of projected compensation over the remaining 24-year amortization period of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. Projected inflows from investment earnings 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 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 School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 percent, as well as what the School District'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.

	Current					
	19	6 Decrease	Discount Rate		1% Increase	
School District's Proportionate Share						
of the Net Pension Liability	\$	3,171,150	\$	2,314,914	\$	1,596,516

Actuarial Assumptions - STRS

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results used in the June 30, 2020, actuarial valuation, are presented below:

Inflation 2.50 percent
Acturial Cost Method Entry Age Normal (Level Percent of Payroll)
Projected Salary Increases 12.50 percent at age 20 to 2.50 percent at age 65
Investment Rate of Return Payroll Increases 3.00 percent

Cost-of-Living Adjustments 0.00 percent 0.00 percent

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 Tables, 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.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2020 valuation, were based on the results of the latest available actuarial experience study, which is 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:

	Target	Long-Term Expected
Asset Class	Allocation	Rate of Return*
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	100.00 %	

^{*}Ten 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, 2020. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that employer and member contributions will be made at statutory contribution rates of 14 percent each. 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, 2020. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on investments of 7.45 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2020.

Sensitivity of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate The following table represents the County's proportionate share of the net pension liability as of June 30, 2020, calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.45 percent, as well as what the County'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 assumption:

	Current						
	1% Decrease			Discount Rate		1% Increase	
School District's Proportionate Share							
of the Net Pension Liability	\$	13,450,167	\$	9,446,497	\$	6,053,720	

NOTE 7 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS

The net OPEB liability (asset) is disclosed as a commitment and not reported on the face of the financial statements as a liability because of the use of the cash basis framework.

See Note 6 for a description of the net OPEB liability (asset).

Notes To The Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Continued)

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 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 the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, SERS did not allocate any employer contributions 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 2021, this amount was \$23,000. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2.0 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 2021, the School District's surcharge obligation was \$18,630.

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 were discontinued effective January 1, 2021. The Plan is included in the report of STRS which can be obtained by visiting www.strsoh.org or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Notes To The Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Continued)

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. Nearly all health care plan enrollees, for the most recent year, 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 the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, 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, 2020, 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>	STRS
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset):		
Current Measurement Date	0.03645700%	0.03904100%
Prior Measurement Date	 0.03634600%	0.03787000%
Change in Proportionate Share	0.00011100%	0.00117100%
Proportionate Share of the Net		
OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$ 792,328	\$ (686, 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.

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, 2020, are presented below:

Notes To The Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Continued)

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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 (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation) 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 time frame. 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.

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:

	Target	Long-Term Expected
Asset Class	Allocation	Real Rate of Return
Cash	2.00 %	1.85 %
US Stocks	22.50	5.75
Non-US Stocks	22.50	6.50
Fixed Income	19.00	2.85
Private Equity	12.00	7.60
Real Assets	17.00	6.60
Multi-Asset Strategies	5.00	6.65
Total	100.00 %	

Notes To The Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Continued)

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2020 was 2.63 percent. The discount rate used to measure total OPEB liability prior to June 30, 2020 was 3.22 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions will be made from members and the plan at the contribution rate of 2.00 percent of projected covered payroll each year, which includes a 1.50 percent payroll surcharge and no 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, 2034. However, since SERS' actuaries indicate the fiduciary net position is projected to be depleted at a future measurement date, the single equivalent interest rate is determined as the single rate that will generate a present value of benefit payments equal to the sum of the present value determined by the long-term expected rate of return, and the present value determined by discounting those benefits after the date of depletion by the Fidelity General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index rate of 2.45 percent, as of June 30, 2020 (i.e., municipal bond rate).

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 and what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (1.63 percent) and higher (3.63 percent) than the current discount rate (2.63 percent). Also shown is what the net OPEB liability would be based on health care cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower (6.00 percent decreasing to 3.75 percent) and higher (8.00 percent decreasing to 5.75 percent) than the current rate.

	Current 1% Decrease Discount Rate 1% Increase					
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$	969,792	\$	792,328	\$	651,248
	1%	Decrease		Current rend Rate	19	√₀ Increase
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$	623,900	\$	792,328	\$	1,017,564

Actuarial Assumptions – STRS

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results used in the June 30, 2020, 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		
Payroll Increases	3.00 percent			
Investment Rate of Return	7.45 percent, net of i	investment expenses, including inflation		
Discount Rate of Return	7.45 percent			
Health Care Cost Trend Rates				
Medical	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Ultimate</u>		
Pre-Medicare	5.00 percent	4.00 percent		
Medicare	-6.69 percent	4.00 percent		
Prescription Drug				
Pre-Medicare	6.50 percent	4.00 percent		
Medicare	11.87 percent	4.00 percent		

Notes To The Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Continued)

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.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2020 valuation were adopted by the board from the results of an actuarial experience study for July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016.

Since the prior measurement date, there was no change to the claims costs process. Claim curves were updated to reflect the projected fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 premium based on June 30, 2020 enrollment distribution. The non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2021 from 1.984 percent to 2.055 percent per year of service. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2021. The Medicare subsidy percentages were adjusted effective January 1, 2021 to 2.1 percent for the AMA Medicare plan. The Medicare Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed indefinitely. 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:

A	Target	Long-Term Expected
Asset Class	Allocation	Rate of Return*
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	100.00 %	

^{*}Ten 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 OPEB liability was 7.45 percent as of June 30, 2020. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed STRS continues to allocate no employer contributions to the health care fund. Based on those assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on health care plan investments of 7.45 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2020.

Notes To The Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Continued)

Sensitivity of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Asset to Changes in the Discount Rate and Health Care Cost Trend Rate The following table represents the net OPEB asset as of June 30, 2020, 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 of June 30, 2020, calculated using health care cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower and one percentage point higher than the current health care cost trend rates.

	1%	Decrease	Dis	Current scount Rate	19	% Increase
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$	(596,991)	\$	(686,145)	\$	(761,789)
	19⁄	6 Decrease	T	Current rend Rate	19	% Increase
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$	(757,094)	\$	(686,145)	\$	(599,719)

NOTE 8 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave components are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Administrators and certain classified employees earn ten to twenty-two days of vacation per fiscal year, depending upon length of service. Accumulated, unused vacation time is paid to classified employees and administrators upon termination of employment. Teachers do not earn vacation time. Teachers, administrators, and classified employees earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Sick leave may be accumulated up to a maximum of 240 days for 12-month employees and certified personnel, up to 210 days for ten-month classified personnel, and up to 190 days for 9-month classified personnel. Upon retirement, payment is made for one-fourth of accrued but unused sick leave credit up to a maximum of 46 days.

NOTE 9 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The changes in the School District's long-term obligations during fiscal year 2021 were as follows:

	Balance Outstanding 6/30/2020	Addition	ns R	eductions	Balance Outstanding 6/30/2021	Due Within One Year
General Obligation Bonds						
2017 Bond Issue						
Current Interest	\$ 3,265,000	\$	- \$	-	\$ 3,265,000	\$ -
Capital Appreciation	2,029,986		-	415,586	1,614,400	411,209
Accretion of Interest	49,684	22	,316	14,414	57,586	18,791
Total General Obligation Bonds	\$ 5,344,670	\$ 22	,316 \$	430,000	\$ 4,936,986	\$ 430,000

2017 Various Purpose General Obligation Refunding Bonds - In August 2017, the School District issued \$5,404,986 in voted general obligation bonds to refund the 2007 various purpose general obligation refunding bonds at a premium of \$222,053. Current interest serial bonds in the amount of \$3,375,000 were issued.

Notes To The Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Continued)

Capital appreciation bonds were issued in the amount of \$2,029,986. The bonds are being retired from the Bond Retirement debt service fund.

The current interest serial bonds matured, and will mature, in fiscal years 2020 and 2026-2032 on each December 1 with an interest rate of 2.00 - 4.00 percent.

The capital appreciation bonds will mature in fiscal years 2021 through 2025 and are not subject to redemption prior to maturity. Interest rates are 1.062 percent. The maturity amount of the bonds is \$2,145,000. Future principal and interest requirements as of June 30, 2021 are as follows:

	2017	Bond]	Interest/	
Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Iss	ue	Α	ccretion	Total
2022	\$ 41	11,209	\$	132,735	\$ 543,944
2023	4	06,879		137,065	543,944
2024	4	02,592		141,352	543,944
2025	3	93,720		145,224	538,944
2026	4	25,000		109,694	534,694
2027-2031	2,3	15,000		339,222	2,654,222
2032	5	25,000		10,500	 535,500
Total	\$ 4,8	79,400	\$	1,015,792	\$ 5,895,192

NOTE 10 - STATUTORY RESERVES

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

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the set-aside activity was as follows:

	_	pital vement
Set Aside Reserve Balance June 30, 2020	\$	0
Current Year Set Aside Requirement Current Year Disbursements		99,050 00,346)
Total	\$ (1	01,296)
Balance Carried Forward to Fiscal Year 2022	\$	0
Set Aside Reserve Balance June 30, 2021	\$	0

Although the School District had qualifying disbursements during the fiscal year that reduced the set-aside amount below zero, 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.

Notes To The Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Continued)

NOTE 11 – FUND BALANCE

Fund balance is classified as non-spendable, 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:

			Capi	tal		Other		Total
	Ge	neral	Proje	ects	Gov	vernmental	Go	vernmental
Nonspendable:								
Unclaimed Money	\$	1,369	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,369
Library Endowment						2,000		2,000
Total Nonspendable		1,369				2,000		3,369
Restricted for:								
Permanent Improvements		-		-		789,311		789,311
Debt Service		-		-		569,728		569,728
Extracurricular Activities		-		-		200,614		200,614
Food Service Operations		-		-		120,505		120,505
Classroom Maintenance		-		-		686,753		686,753
Other Purposes						198,272		198,272
Total Restricted		_		-		2,565,183		2,565,183
Committed:								_
Severance		240,893		-		-		240,893
Total Committed		240,893		-		-		240,893
Assigned for:								
Encumbrances								
Instruction		20,230		-		-		20,230
Support Services		51,168		-		-		51,168
Extracurricular Activities		41,159		-		-		41,159
Capital Outlay		-	4,6	96,677		-		4,696,677
Subsequent Year Appropriations	1	,417,080						1,417,080
Total Assigned	1	,529,637	4,6	96,677		<u> </u>		6,226,314
Unassigned	5	,912,453		-		(26)		5,912,427
Total Fund Balance	\$ 7,	684,352	\$ 4,69	06,677	\$	2,567,157	\$	14,948,186

At June 30, 2021, the ESSER fund and Title I fund had deficit fund balances of \$19 and \$7, respectively.

NOTE 12 - JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative - The Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative ("NOACSC") is a jointly governed organization among fifty-four school districts. The jointly governed 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. Each of the governments of these schools supports NOACSC based on a per pupil charge dependent on the software package utilized.

Notes To The Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Continued)

The NOACSC Assembly consists of a representative from each participating school district and the superintendent from the fiscal agent. The Board of Directors consists of the superintendent from the fiscal agent and two Assembly members from each county in which participating school districts are located. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the Board. Financial information can be obtained by contacting Ray Burden, Executive Director, 4277 East Road, Elida, Ohio 45807.

Apollo Career Center - The Apollo Career Center is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a Board consisting of one representative from each of the participating school district's elected boards, and it possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. To obtain financial information write to the Apollo Career Center, Maria Rellinger, Treasurer, 3325 Shawnee Road, Lima, Ohio 45806.

NOTE 13 - GROUP PURCHASING POOLS

Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan/OASBO - The School District participates in a group rating plan ("GRP") for workers' compensation as established under Ohio Revised Code Section 4123.29. The Group Rating Plan was established through the Ohio School Boards Association/OASBO as a group insurance purchasing pool. The GRP's business and affairs are conducted by a twenty-five member Board of Directors consisting of two representatives from each county elected by a majority vote of all charter member schools within each county plus one representative from the fiscal agency A-site. Each year, the participating districts pay an enrollment fee to cover the costs of administering the program.

Council of Allen County Schools Health Benefits Consortium - The School District participates in the Council of Allen County Schools Health Benefits Consortium (the "Consortium"), a public entity shared risk pool consisting of the school districts within Allen County and the Allen County Educational Service Center. The Consortium is organized as a Voluntary Employee Benefit Association under Section 501(c) (9) of the Internal Receipt Code and provides medical, dental, vision, & life insurance benefits to the employees of the participating school districts. Each participating school district's superintendent is appointed to a Board of Directors which advises the Trustee, Allen County Educational Service Center, concerning aspects of the administration of the Consortium.

Each school district decides which plans offered by the Board of Directors will be extended to its employees. Participation in the Consortium is by written application subject to acceptance by the Board of Directors and payment of the monthly premiums. Financial information can be obtained from Craig Kupferberg, Chairman, 1920 Slabtown Rd., Lima, Ohio 45801.

Ohio School Plan - The School District participates in the Ohio School Plan (the "Plan"), an insurance purchasing pool established under Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Plan is an unincorporated, nonprofit association of its members which enables the participants to provide for a formalized joint insurance purchasing program for maintaining adequate insurance protection and provides risk management programs and other administrative services. The Plan's business and affairs are conducted by a fifteen member board consisting of superintendents, treasurers, a member of the Stolly Insurance Group, and a member of the Hylant Group, Inc. The Hylant Group, Inc., is the Plan's administrator and is responsible for processing claims. Stolly Insurance Group serves as the sales and marketing representative which establishes agreements between the Plan and its members. Financial information can be obtained from the Stolly Insurance Group, 1730 Allentown Road, Lima, OH 45805.

Notes To The Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Continued)

NOTE 14 - LEASE

The School District is obligated under an operating lease agreement with Vantage Financial for Chromebook laptops. This agreement does not give rise to property rights. The lease is on an annual lease basis and began in February 2019. Annual payments of \$74,375 are made from the general fund.

The School District is obligated under an operating lease agreement with Perry ProTech for copiers. This agreement does not give rise to property rights. The lease is on a monthly lease basis and began in July 2017. There were lease payments of \$24,190 made to Perry ProTech during fiscal year 2021. Monthly payments are made from the general fund.

The School District is obligated under an operating lease agreement with Quadient Leasing for postage machines. This agreement does not give rise to property rights. The lease is on a monthly lease basis and began in July 2020. There were lease payments of \$2,486 made to Quadient Leasing during fiscal year 2021. Monthly payments are made from the general fund.

NOTE 15 – CONTINGENCIES AND SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENTS

A. Grants

The School District received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds. In the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the School District at June 30, 2021.

B. Litigation

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

C. School District Funding

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, 2021 Foundation Funding for the School District. As a result of the fiscal year 2021 reviews, the School District received an additional \$2,913 from ODE. This amount has not been included in the financial statements.

D. Encumbrance Commitments

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

Notes To The Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Continued)

Fund	Amount
General	\$ 71,848
Capital Projects	492,749
Nonmajor Governmental	25,460
	\$590,057

E. Contractual Commitments

As a result of projects that were in progress at June 30, 2021, the School District had the following outstanding contractual commitments at fiscal year-end:

	Contractual		Remaining
	Commitment	Expended	Commitment
Middle School Expansion Design Project	\$ 337,500	\$ 35,438	\$ 302,062

NOTE 16 – 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. For fiscal year 2021, the School District prepared it financial report on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This financial report omits assets and deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows, fund equities and disclosures that, while material, cannot be determined at this time.

NOTE 17 – BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

- (a) In order to determine compliance with Ohio law, and to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, total outstanding encumbrances (budget basis) are recorded as the equivalent of a disbursement rather than as assigned fund balance (cash basis); and,
- (b) Some funds are included in the general fund (cash basis), but have separate legally adopted budgets (budget basis).

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

Notes To The Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Continued)

Net Change in Fund Balance

	Gen	eral Fund
Cash basis	\$	14,894
Funds budgeted elsewhere **		71,911
Adjustment for encumbrances		(71,399)
Budget basis	\$	15,406

^{**} As part of GASB Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, certain funds that are legally budgeted in separate special revenue funds are considered part of the general fund on a cash basis. This includes the uniform school supplies, band uniform rental, choir robe rental, severance, unclaimed monies and public student support funds.

NOTE 18 – INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

During the fiscal year, the general fund transferred \$1,700,000 to the capital projects fund for the purpose of accumulating resources for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of capital assets over the next ten years.

NOTE 19 – COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio's state of emergency ended in June of 2021 while the national state of emergency continues. During fiscal year 2021, the school district received Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding. Additional funding has been made available through the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, passed by Congress on December 21, 2020 and/or the American Rescue Plan Act, passed by Congress on March 11, 2021.

NOTE 20 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

For fiscal year 2022, School District foundation funding received from the state of Ohio will be funded using a direct funding model. Under this new model, community school, scholarship, and open enrollment funding will be directly funded by the State of Ohio to the respective educating schools. For fiscal year 2021 and prior, the amounts related to students who were residents of the School District were funded to the School District who, in turn, made the payment to the educating school. For fiscal year 2021, the School District reported \$310,707 in revenues and expenditures/expenses related to these programs. This new funding system calculates a unique base cost and a unique "per-pupil local capacity amount" for each School District. The School District's state core foundation funding is then calculated. Any change in funding will be subject to a phase in percentage of 16.67 percent for fiscal year 2022 and 33.33 percent for fiscal year 2023.

ALLEN EAST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ALLEN COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

FEDERAL GRANTOR Pass Through Grantor Program / Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE		
Passed Through Ohio Department of Education		
Child Nutrition Cluster:		
Non-Cash Assistance (Food Distribution) School Breakfast Program	10.553	3,991
National School Lunch Program	10.555	15,064
Cash Assistance:	10.000	10,004
School Breakfast Program	10.553	95,991
COVID - 19 School Breakfast Program	10.553	6,766
National School Lunch Program	10.555	340,598
COVID-19 National School Lunch Program	10.555	47,234
Total Child Nutrition Cluster:		509,644
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture		509,644
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION		
Passed Through Ohio Department of Education		
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	127,109
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	25,132
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	10,035
Special Education Cluster (IDEA)		
Special Education_Grants to States	84.027	222,792
Special Education_Preschool Grants	84.173	11,116
Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA)		233,908
COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund		
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER 1 and 2 Fund)	84.425D	409,635
Total U.S. Department of Education		805,819
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY		
Passed Through Ohio Department of Education		
COVID-19 Coronavirus Relief Fund		
COVID-19 Coronavirus Relief Fund – Broadband Ohio Connectivity	21.019	151,466
COVID-19 Coronavirus Relief Fund	21.019	55,138
Total COVID-19 Coronavirus Relief Fund		206,604
Total U.S. Department of Treasury		206,604
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards		\$1,522,067

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

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NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS 2 CFR 200.510(b)(6) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

NOTE A - BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Allen East Local School District (the School District) under programs of the federal government for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The information on this Schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the School District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the School District.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be allowable or may be limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE C - INDIRECT COST RATE

The School District has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE D - CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER

The School District commingles cash receipts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture with similar State grants. When reporting expenditures on this Schedule, the School District assumes it expends federal monies first.

NOTE E - FOOD DONATION PROGRAM

The School District reports commodities consumed on the Schedule at the fair market value. The School District allocated donated food commodities to the respective programs that benefitted from the use of those donated food commodities.

NOTE F - MATCHING REQUIREMENTS

Certain Federal programs require the School District to contribute non-Federal funds (matching funds) to support the Federally-funded programs. The School District has met its matching requirements. The Schedule does not include the expenditure of non-Federal matching funds.



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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

Allen East Local School District Allen County 9105 Harding Highway Harrod, Ohio 45850

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 cash-basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Allen East Local School District, Allen County, Ohio (the School District) as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, 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 April 12, 2022 wherein we noted the School District uses a special purpose framework other than generally accepted accounting principles and that the School District adopted new accounting guidance in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities* for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. 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 opinions 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.

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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 2021-001.

School District's Response to Finding

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

April 12, 2022



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Allen East Local School District Allen County 9105 Harding Highway Harrod, Ohio 45850

To the Board of Education:

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Programs

We have audited Allen East Local School District's (the School District) compliance with the applicable requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could directly and materially affect Allen East Local School District's major federal programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The *Summary of Auditor's Results* in the accompanying schedule of findings identifies the School District's major federal programs.

Management's Responsibility

The School District's Management is responsible for complying with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on the School District's compliance for the School District's major federal programs based on our audit of the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. Our compliance audit followed auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards for financial audits included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). These standards and the Uniform Guidance require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether noncompliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the School District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our compliance opinion on the School District's major programs. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the School District's compliance.

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Opinion on the Major Federal Programs

In our opinion, the Allen East Local School District complied, in all material respects with the compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect its major federal programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

The School District's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our compliance audit, we considered the School District's internal control over compliance with the applicable requirements that could directly and materially affect a major federal program, to determine our auditing procedures appropriate for opining on each major federal program's compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or to timely detect and correct, noncompliance with a federal program's applicable compliance requirement. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a federal program compliance requirement will not be prevented, or timely detected and corrected. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with federal program's applicable compliance requirement that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

This report only describes the scope of our internal control over compliance tests and the results of this testing based on Uniform Guidance requirements. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Keith Faber Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

April 12, 2022

ALLEN EAST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ALLEN COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS 2 CFR § 200.515 JUNE 30, 2021

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	Yes
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	Child Nutrition Cluster COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs	Type A: > \$ 750,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR § 200.520?	No

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2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS

FINDING NUMBER 2021-001

Noncompliance Citation

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 cash basis of accounting 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 financial statements according to generally accepted accounting principles.

OFFICIALS' RESPONSE: The School District has made the decision to report on the cash basis of accounting for financial purposes and plans to continue reporting on the cash basis of accounting for future financial statements.

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None

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SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS JUNE 30, 2021

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Status	Additional Information
2020-001	Ohio Rev. Code §117.38 and Ohio Admin. Code §117-2-03 (B) – Failure to file financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.	Not Corrected	The School District acknowledges this requirement but will continue to report on the modified cash basis in order to save resources for the District. This comment was first reported in the audit for fiscal year ended June 30, 2004.

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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN 2 CFR § 200.511(c) June 30, 2021

Finding Number: 2021-001

Planned Corrective Action: The School District acknowledges this requirement but will continue

to report on the modified cash basis in order to save resources for the

District.

Anticipated Completion Date: N/A

Responsible Contact Person: Andrea Snyder, Treasurer



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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 5/10/2022

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