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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Vinton County Local School District
Vinton County
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To the Board of Education:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Vinton County Local School District, Vinton County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Vinton County Local School District, Vinton County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 23 to the financial statements, during 2021, the District adopted new accounting guidance in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, obtained a capital asset reappraisal, and updated bond premium and deferred charge on refunding which resulted in a prior period restatement to the June 30, 2020 net position. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter. Also, as discussed in Note 21 to the financial statements, the financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures may impact subsequent periods of the District. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require this presentation to include *Management's Discussion and Analysis*, and Schedules of Net Pension and Other Post-employment Benefit Liabilities/Assets and Pension and Other Post-employment Benefit Contributions listed in the Table of Contents, to supplement the basic financial statements. Although this information is not part of the basic financial statements, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board considers it essential for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, consisting of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, to the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not opine or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to opine or provide any other assurance.

Supplementary and Other Information

Our audit was conducted to opine on the District's 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 Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 16, 2022, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

March 16, 2022

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The discussion and analysis of the Vinton County Local School District's financial performance provides an overview and analysis of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole. Readers should also review our notes to the basic financial statements and the financial statements themselves to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of Vinton County Local School District exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at June 30, 2021 by \$33,198,932. Of this amount, \$34,498,102 represents the net investment in capital assets and \$4,455,367 that is restricted for specific purposes. The remaining (\$5,754,537) represents unrestricted net position.
- In total, net position of governmental activities increased by \$166,361 which represents a 0.5 percent increase from 2020.
- General revenues accounted for \$25,028,877 or 74 percent of total revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and sales, grants and contributions accounted for \$8,744,960 or 26 percent of total revenues of \$33,773,837.
- The District had \$33,607,476 in expenses related to governmental activities; only \$8,744,960 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services and sales, grants or contributions. General revenues (primarily taxes and grants and entitlements) were used to provide for the remainder of these programs.
- The District recognizes one major governmental fund: the General Fund. In terms of dollars received and spent, the General Fund is significantly larger than all the other funds of the District combined. The General Fund had \$26,569,751 in revenues and other financing sources and \$25,072,383 in expenditures and other financing uses in fiscal year 2021.

Using this Annual Report

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are presented following the requirements of GASB Statement No. 34, and are organized so the reader can understand Vinton County Local School District as a financial whole, an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: the government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements and notes to the basic financial statements.

Reporting the District as a Whole

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to private-sector business. The statement of net position and statement of activities provide information about the activities of the whole District, presenting both an aggregate view of the District's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. These statements include all assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows/outflows of resources using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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The statement of net position presents information on all of the District's assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows/outflows of resources with the difference between these reported as net position. Over time, increases and decreases in net position are important because they serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District as a whole is improving or deteriorating. The cause of this change may be the result of several factors, some financial and some not. Nonfinancial factors include the District's property tax base, current property tax laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, facility conditions, required but unfunded educational programs, and other factors. Ultimately, the District's goal is to provide services to our students, not to generate profits as commercial entities do.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the District's net position changed during the fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g. uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

In both of the government-wide financial statements, the District's activities are shown as governmental activities. All of the District's programs and services are reported here including instructional services, support services and operation of non-instructional services. These services are funded primarily by taxes, tuition and fees, and intergovernmental revenues, including federal and state grants and other shared revenues.

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

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

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the District can be classified into one category: governmental funds.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on current inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term requirements. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash.

Because the focus of the governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the District's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

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

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

Recall that the statement of net position provides the perspective of the District as a whole, showing assets, liabilities, deferred inflows/outflows of resources, and the difference between them (net position). Table 1 provides a summary of the District's net position for 2021 compared to fiscal year 2020:

Table 1
Net Position
Governmental Activities

	2021	2020*
<i>Assets</i>		
Current and Other Assets	\$39,588,234	\$36,858,718
Capital Assets, Net	37,816,381	39,473,758
Total Assets	77,404,615	76,332,476
Deferred Outflows of Resources	5,585,978	5,347,409
<i>Liabilities</i>		
Current and Other Liabilities	3,172,007	2,898,404
Long-Term Liabilities	35,136,797	33,838,051
Total Liabilities	38,308,804	36,736,455
Deferred Inflows of Resources	11,482,857	11,910,859
<i>Net Position</i>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	34,498,102	35,159,586
Restricted	4,455,367	3,769,411
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(5,754,537)	(5,896,426)
Total Net Position	\$33,198,932	\$33,032,571

*As restated. See note 23 to the basic financial statements for additional information.

Current and other assets increased \$2,729,516 from fiscal year 2020 due primarily to increases in cash and cash equivalents held by the District and intergovernmental receivables. Revenues were in excess of expenses in part due to an increase in grant funds related to the COVID-19 pandemic. This excess contributed to the previously mentioned increases. Capital assets, net decreased \$1,657,377 as a result of current depreciation and deletions exceeding additions for the fiscal year. Deferred outflows of resources increased \$238,569 due to changes in actuarially determined deferral related to the District's proportionate share of the state-wide net pension and OPEB liabilities, though this increase was partially offset by the amortization of deferred charges on refunded debt.

Current and other liabilities increased \$273,603 between years due to increases in accrued wages and benefits and intergovernmental payables. Long-term liabilities increased by \$1,298,746 due to an increase in net pension liability, which was partially offset by the repayment of outstanding debt balances and a decrease in actuarially determined net OPEB liability estimates. Deferred inflows of resources decreased by \$428,002 due to a decrease in actuarially determined deferrals related to the District's proportionate share of the state-wide net pension and OPEB liabilities.

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Table 2 shows the changes in net position for fiscal year 2021 and provides a comparison to fiscal year 2020.

Table 2
Changes in Net Position
Governmental Activities

	2021	2020
<i>Revenues</i>		
<i>Program Revenue</i>		
Charges for Services and Sales	\$774,006	\$809,758
Operating Grants and Contributions	7,970,954	5,456,057
Total Program Revenue	8,744,960	6,265,815
<i>General Revenue</i>		
Property and Other Taxes	7,442,005	5,877,021
Unrestricted Grants and Entitlements	17,050,862	16,937,529
Unrestricted Gifts and Contributions	12,496	79,166
Investment Earnings	312,576	396,032
Insurance Recoveries	63,105	6,007
Miscellaneous	147,833	142,474
Total General Revenue	25,028,877	23,438,229
Total Revenues	33,773,837	29,704,044
<i>Expenses</i>		
<i>Program Expenses</i>		
<i>Instruction</i>		
Regular	14,012,850	13,689,941
Special	3,338,475	3,339,041
Vocational	364,698	360,360
Other	2,258,711	1,750,519
<i>Support Services</i>		
Pupils	2,385,106	1,833,129
Instructional Staff	1,142,583	1,077,720
Board of Education	396,523	428,169
Administration	2,532,942	2,450,389
Fiscal	590,815	550,987
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	2,334,272	2,424,729
Pupil Transportation	2,314,075	2,429,413
Central	55,809	63,662
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	1,379,771	1,408,053
Extracurricular Activities	416,285	446,624
Debt Service:		
Interest and Fiscal Charges	84,561	160,727
Issuance Costs	0	10,625
Total Expenses	33,607,476	32,424,088
<i>Change in Net Position</i>	166,361	(2,720,044)
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year-Restated</i>	33,032,571	N/A
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>	\$33,198,932	\$33,032,571

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Operating grants and contributions increased significantly between years due to COVID-19 funding recognized for the fiscal year. Property taxes increased between years due to increases in assessed property valuations. Unrestricted grants remained consistent between years. Investment earnings decreased between years due to diminished market conditions between years.

The most significant program expenses for the District are Regular Instruction, Special Instruction, Other Instruction, Pupils Support Services, Instructional Staff, Administration, Operation and Maintenance of Plant, Pupil Transportation and Non-Instructional Services. These programs account for 95 percent of the total governmental activities. Regular Instruction accounts for 42 percent of the total and represents costs associated with providing general educational services. Special Instruction accounts for 10 percent of the total and represents costs associated with providing educational services for handicapped, disadvantaged and other special needs students. Other Instruction accounts for 7 percent of the total and represents costs associated with open enrollment and community school tuition. Pupils, which represent 7 percent of the total cost, represent costs associated with activities designed to assess and improve the well-being of pupils and supplement the teaching process. Instructional Staff accounts for 3 percent of the total and represents costs associated with assisting instructional staff with providing learning experiences for students. Administration accounts for 8 percent of the total and represents costs associated with the overall administrative responsibility for each building and the District as a whole. Operation and Maintenance of Plant accounts for 7 percent of the total and represents costs associated with operating and maintaining the District's facilities. Pupil Transportation accounts for 7 percent of the total and represents costs associated with providing transportation services for students between home and school and to school activities. Non-Instructional Services accounts for 4 percent of the total and primarily represents food service operations.

The majority of the funding for the most significant programs indicated above is from grants and entitlements not restricted for specific programs, property taxes, and operating grants and contributions. Operating grants and contributions, property taxes, and grants and entitlements account for 96 percent of total revenues.

As noted previously, the net position for the governmental activities increased \$166,361 or 0.5 percent. Total revenues increased \$4,069,793 or 14 percent from last year, primarily the result of increases in operating grants and contributions, due to COVID-19 funding, and property taxes. Expenses increased \$1,183,388 or 4 percent from last year, resulting from various fluctuations related to COVID pandemic costs across several expenses functions.

Governmental Activities

Over the past several fiscal years, the District has remained in stable financial condition. This has been accomplished through strong voter support and good fiscal management. The District is heavily dependent on property taxes and intergovernmental revenue and, like most Ohio schools, is hampered by a lack of revenue growth. Property taxes made up 22 percent and intergovernmental revenue made up 74 percent of the total revenue for the governmental activities in fiscal year 2021.

The Ohio Legislature passed H.B. 920 (1976) and changed the way property taxes function in the State. The overall revenue generated by a levy will not increase solely as a result of inflation. As an example, the District would receive from a home valued at \$100,000 and taxed at 1.0 mill, \$35.00 annually. If three years later the home was reappraised and the value increased to \$200,000 (and this increase in value is comparable to other property owners) the effective tax rate would become 0.5 mill and the District would still receive \$35.00 annually. Therefore, the District must regularly return to the voters to maintain a constant level of service.

The District voters approved a bond retirement tax levy for 3.82 mills in November 1997 as part of a \$5,010,000 bond issue for the construction of a new high school. Of the 3.82 mills, 3.32 mills are used for the retirement of the bonds and the remaining 0.5 mills are used for repairs and maintenance of the new facilities. The District voters also approved a bond retirement tax levy for 1.48 mills as part of the construction of the new elementary schools in

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addition to high school and new middle school. In fiscal year 2021, these levies generated \$167,690 in tax revenue for debt service payments.

The District's intergovernmental revenue consists of school foundation basic allowance, homestead and rollback property tax allocation, and federal and state grants. During fiscal year 2021, the District received \$17,528,845, excluding Student Wellness and Success funds, through the State's foundation program, which represents 52 percent of the total revenue for the governmental activities. The District relies heavily on this state funding to operate at the current level of service.

Instruction accounts for 59 percent of governmental activities program expenses. Support services expenses make up 35 percent of governmental activities program expenses. The statement of activities shows the cost of program services and charges for services and grants offsetting those services.

Table 3 shows the total cost of services and the net cost of services for fiscal year 2021 as compared to 2020. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State entitlements.

Table 3
 Net Cost of Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
	2021	2021	2020	2020
<i>Program Expenses</i>				
Instruction	\$19,974,734	\$15,540,520	\$19,139,861	\$15,996,430
Support Services	11,752,125	9,053,485	11,258,198	9,500,268
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	1,379,771	(47,742)	1,408,053	178,430
Extracurricular Activities	416,285	231,692	446,624	311,793
Debt Service	84,561	84,561	171,352	171,352
Total	<u>\$33,607,476</u>	<u>\$24,862,516</u>	<u>\$32,424,088</u>	<u>\$26,158,273</u>

The District's Funds

The District's governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. (See note 2 for discussion of significant accounting policies and procedures). All governmental funds had total revenues and other financing sources of \$33,272,138 and expenditures and other financing uses of \$31,634,915.

Total governmental funds experienced an increase of \$1,637,223 in fund balance. The increase in fund balance for the year was most significant in the General Fund, which experienced a \$1,497,368 increase, the result of revenues in excess of expenditures. Tax revenues increased significantly between years due to increased assessed property valuations. The District was also able to reduce costs by paying for certain allowable expenditures through COVID-related grant funds.

The District should remain stable in fiscal years 2022 through 2023. However, projections beyond fiscal year 2023 show the District may be unable to meet inflationary cost increases in the long-term without additional tax levies or a meaningful change in state funding of public schools as directed by the Ohio Supreme Court.

Budget Highlights - General Fund

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

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During the course of fiscal year 2021, the District amended its General Fund budget. These amendments were primarily adjustments between expenditure functions, not changes to overall budgeted figures. The District uses a modified site-based budget technique that is designed to control site budgets while providing building administrators and supervisors flexibility for site management.

The District prepares and monitors a detailed cash flow plan for the General Fund. Actual cash flow is compared to monthly and year-to-date estimates, and a monthly report is prepared for top management and the Board of Education.

For the General Fund, the final budget basis estimate of revenue was \$25,688,861 which was not amended from the original budget. The final budget basis estimate of expenditures and other financing uses was \$26,898,075, which was not modified in total from the original budget. Ending unobligated fund balance was \$22,860,837, which was \$2,343,409 above the final estimated amount.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2021, the District had \$79 million invested in capital assets, of which all was in governmental activities. That total carries an accumulated depreciation of \$41 million. Table 4 shows fiscal year 2021 balances compared to fiscal year 2020.

Table 4
Capital Assets and Accumulated Depreciation at Year End
Governmental Activities

	2021	2020*
<i>Nondepreciable Capital Assets</i>		
Land	\$1,338,040	\$1,338,040
<i>Depreciable Capital Assets</i>		
Land Improvements	9,907,991	9,589,733
Buildings and Improvements	59,726,005	59,708,314
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	4,359,565	4,324,516
Vehicles	3,259,120	3,259,120
Total Capital Assets	78,590,721	78,219,723
<i>Less Accumulated Depreciation</i>		
Land Improvements	(7,078,278)	(6,663,821)
Buildings and Improvements	(27,951,866)	(26,666,951)
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	(3,213,293)	(3,008,183)
Vehicles	(2,530,903)	(2,407,010)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(40,774,340)	(38,745,965)
Capital Assets, Net	\$37,816,381	\$39,473,758

*As restated. See note 23 to the basic financial statements for additional information.

More detailed information pertaining to the District's capital asset activity can be found in note 9 of the notes to the basic financial statements.

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Debt Administration

At June 30, 2021, the District had bus and energy conservation notes, refunding bonds, and capital leases outstanding with \$444,202 due within one year. Table 5 summarizes bonds, notes, and capital leases outstanding for fiscal year 2021 compared to fiscal year 2020.

Table 5
Outstanding Debt, Governmental Activities at Year End

	2021	2020*
Refunding Bonds	\$2,395,142	\$2,944,431
Energy Note	455,000	600,000
Bus Note	375,400	462,500
Capital Leases	193,140	251,682
Total	\$3,418,682	\$4,258,613

*As restated. See note 23 to the basic financial statements for additional information.

More detailed information pertaining to the District's long-term debt activity can be found in notes 13 and 14 of the notes to the basic financial statements.

Current Issues

Vinton County Local School District is financially stable and has been over the past several years, although the financial future of the District is not without its challenges. The District relies on revenue from local property taxes as well as revenue from unrestricted state funding sources (approximately 73 percent). The last state funding formula in place was based on a district's student enrollment and property tax wealth. The District has been on the guarantee since 2016 due to declining enrollment and an increase in property valuation due to a tax abatement that expired in 2014. The current state budget has the District's state foundation frozen based on FY19 levels; however in late FY20, a statewide reduction was implemented due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the District saw a one-time reduction in state funding of \$354,709, which was partially offset by \$194,537 in restored funds in FY21. Although state funding has been frozen or reduced over the last few years, the District has seen an increase in tax revenue mainly due to public utility property valuation tax increases and the addition of a pipeline that came through Vinton County. The Vinton County Local Board of Education is committed to being financially responsible and with increased expenditures and declining revenues the District will need to continue to implement cost saving and cost containing measures in an attempt to have a balanced budget.

It is important to note that in March 1997, the State of Ohio was found by the Supreme Court to be operating an unconstitutional funding system, one that was neither adequate nor equitable. As long as the State avoids a complete overhaul of the funding system that the Supreme Court has ordered in its ruling, all schools in Ohio will be faced with the same problem in the future, to either increase its revenue by passing levies or decrease expenses by making budget cuts.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information contact Erica Zinn, Treasurer of Vinton County Local School Board of Education, 307 West High Street, McArthur, Ohio 45651.

Vinton County Local School District
Statement of Net Position
As of June 30, 2021

	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$27,144,584
Cash and Cash Equivalents in Segregated Accounts	752
Inventory Held for Resale	21,324
Accrued Interest Receivable	18,158
Intergovernmental Receivable	1,145,363
Prepaid Items	58,342
Property Taxes Receivable	9,691,767
Restricted Assets:	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,978
Net OPEB Asset	1,505,966
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	1,338,040
Depreciable Capital Assets, net	36,478,341
<i>Total Assets</i>	<i>77,404,615</i>
Deferred Outflows of Resources:	
Deferred Charges on Refunding	100,403
Pension	4,669,440
OPEB	816,135
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<i>5,585,978</i>
Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	141,485
Accrued Wages and Benefits	2,580,154
Intergovernmental Payable	447,443
Accrued Interest Payable	2,925
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Due Within One Year	546,511
Due in More Than One Year	4,213,515
Net Pension Liability	27,933,132
Net OPEB Liability	2,443,639
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<i>38,308,804</i>
Deferred Inflows of Resources:	
Property Taxes not Levied to Finance Current Year Operations	7,047,196
Pension	1,062,469
OPEB	3,373,192
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<i>11,482,857</i>
Net Position:	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	34,498,102
Restricted for Debt Service	1,392,956
Restricted for Capital Outlay	11,371
Restricted for Other Purposes	3,051,040
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(5,754,537)
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<i>\$33,198,932</i>

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement

Vinton County Local School District
Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	
Governmental Activities:				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$14,012,850	\$257,563	\$1,373,088	(\$12,382,199)
Special	3,338,475	66,083	2,185,966	(1,086,426)
Vocational	364,698	8,671	97,075	(258,952)
Other	2,258,711	48,086	397,682	(1,812,943)
Support Services:				
Pupils	2,385,106	37,201	1,364,938	(982,967)
Instructional Staff	1,142,583	11,445	725,572	(405,566)
Board of Education	396,523	9,592	0	(386,931)
Administration	2,532,942	58,985	98,344	(2,375,613)
Fiscal	590,815	14,277	0	(576,538)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	2,334,272	48,226	239,628	(2,046,418)
Pupil Transportation	2,314,075	55,415	32,551	(2,226,109)
Central	55,809	2,466	0	(53,343)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	1,379,771	16,924	1,410,589	47,742
Extracurricular Activities	416,285	139,072	45,521	(231,692)
Debt Service:				
Interest and Fiscal Charges	84,561	0	0	(84,561)
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	<u>\$33,607,476</u>	<u>\$774,006</u>	<u>\$7,970,954</u>	(24,862,516)

General Revenues:

Property Taxes Levied for:	
General Purposes	7,111,918
Capital Maintenance	162,397
Debt Service	167,690
Grants and Entitlements not	
Restricted for Specific Programs	17,050,862
Gifts and Contributions not	
Restricted for Specific Programs	12,496
Investment Earnings	312,576
Insurance Recoveries	63,105
Miscellaneous	147,833
<i>Total General Revenues</i>	<u>25,028,877</u>
<i>Change in Net Position</i>	166,361
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year-Restated</i>	<u>33,032,571</u>
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>	<u>\$33,198,932</u>

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement

Vinton County Local School District
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
As of June 30, 2021

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets:			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$23,188,022	\$3,956,562	\$27,144,584
Cash and Cash Equivalents in Segregated Accounts	0	752	752
Inventory Held for Resale	0	21,324	21,324
Accrued Interest Receivable	18,158	0	18,158
Interfund Receivable	226,173	0	226,173
Intergovernmental Receivable	26,522	1,118,841	1,145,363
Prepaid Items	58,342	0	58,342
Property Taxes Receivable	9,198,405	493,362	9,691,767
Restricted Assets:			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,978	0	1,978
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$32,717,600</u>	<u>\$5,590,841</u>	<u>\$38,308,441</u>
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$53,707	\$87,778	\$141,485
Accrued Wages and Benefits	2,118,991	461,163	2,580,154
Interfund Payable	0	226,173	226,173
Intergovernmental Payable	374,512	72,931	447,443
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	2,547,210	848,045	3,395,255
Deferred Inflows of Resources:			
Property Taxes not Levied to Finance Current Year Operations	6,688,457	358,739	7,047,196
Unavailable Revenue	2,348,937	728,425	3,077,362
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	9,037,394	1,087,164	10,124,558
Fund Balances:			
Nonspendable	59,217	0	59,217
Restricted	0	3,826,373	3,826,373
Committed	115,971	0	115,971
Assigned	381,743	0	381,743
Unassigned (Deficit)	20,576,065	(170,741)	20,405,324
<i>Total Fund Balances</i>	<u>21,132,996</u>	<u>3,655,632</u>	<u>24,788,628</u>
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances</i>	<u>\$32,717,600</u>	<u>\$5,590,841</u>	<u>\$38,308,441</u>

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Vinton County Local School District
*Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to
 Net Position of Governmental Activities
 As of June 30, 2021*

Total Governmental Fund Balances \$24,788,628

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. 37,816,381

Some of the District's receivables will be collected after fiscal year-end but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds. Those receivables consist of:

Intergovernmental	630,382	
Taxes	2,446,980	
Total	3,077,362	3,077,362

Deferred outflows of resources represent deferred charges on refundings which do not provide current financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. 100,403

The net pension/OPEB liability (asset) is not due and payable in the current period. Therefore, the liability (asset) and related deferred inflows/outflows are not reported in

Deferred Outflows-Pension	4,669,440	
Deferred Outflows-OPEB	816,135	
Deferred Inflows-Pension	(1,062,469)	
Deferred Inflows-OPEB	(3,373,192)	
Net Pension Liability	(27,933,132)	
Net OPEB Asset	1,505,966	
Net OPEB Liability	(2,443,639)	
Total	(27,820,891)	(27,820,891)

Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. These liabilities consist of:

Refunding Bonds	(2,150,000)	
Premium on Refunding Bonds	(245,142)	
Energy Conservation Notes	(455,000)	
General Obligation Notes	(375,400)	
Accrued Interest on Bonds	(2,925)	
Compensated Absences	(1,341,344)	
Capital Lease Obligations	(193,140)	
Total	(4,762,951)	(4,762,951)

Net Position of Governmental Activities \$33,198,932

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement

Vinton County Local School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:			
Property Taxes	\$6,894,762	\$335,394	\$7,230,156
Intergovernmental	18,459,256	5,975,173	24,434,429
Interest	177,874	932	178,806
Change in Fair Value of Investments	134,701	0	134,701
Tuition and Fees	621,989	0	621,989
Rent	500	0	500
Extracurricular Activities	33,119	100,395	133,514
Gifts and Donations	35,515	22,502	58,017
Customer Sales and Services	1,097	16,906	18,003
Miscellaneous	147,833	0	147,833
<i>Total Revenues</i>	26,506,646	6,451,302	32,957,948
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular	10,161,218	1,211,400	11,372,618
Special	2,593,343	571,357	3,164,700
Vocational	345,831	3,109	348,940
Other	1,921,630	328,360	2,249,990
Support Services:			
Pupils	1,293,903	830,816	2,124,719
Instructional Staff	473,229	655,156	1,128,385
Board of Education	383,332	12,776	396,108
Administration	2,311,937	82,866	2,394,803
Fiscal	569,803	260	570,063
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,920,944	348,598	2,269,542
Pupil Transportation	2,217,294	27,714	2,245,008
Central	54,689	0	54,689
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	0	1,354,931	1,354,931
Extracurricular Activities	264,297	138,639	402,936
Capital Outlay	226,878	176,087	402,965
Debt Service:			
Principal	58,542	732,100	790,642
Interest	24,428	88,363	112,791
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	24,821,298	6,562,532	31,383,830
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	1,685,348	(111,230)	1,574,118
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Transfers In	0	251,085	251,085
Insurance Recoveries	63,105	0	63,105
Transfers Out	(251,085)	0	(251,085)
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	(187,980)	251,085	63,105
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	1,497,368	139,855	1,637,223
<i>Fund Balance at Beginning of Year-Restated</i>	19,635,628	3,515,777	23,151,405
<i>Fund Balance at End of Year</i>	<u>\$21,132,996</u>	<u>\$3,655,632</u>	<u>\$24,788,628</u>

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Vinton County Local School District
*Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021*

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds \$1,637,223

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital asset additions in the current period.

Capital Asset Additions	402,965	
Current Year Depreciation	(2,047,399)	
Total	(1,644,434)	(1,644,434)

Governmental funds only report the disposal of assets to the extent proceeds are received from the sale. In the statement of activities, a gain or loss is reported for each disposal. (12,943)

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.

Intergovernmental	540,935	
Taxes	211,849	
Total	752,784	752,784

Contractually required contributions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. However, the statement of net position reports these amounts as deferred outflows.

Pension	1,925,731	
OPEB	77,105	
Total	2,002,836	2,002,836

Except for amounts reported as deferred inflows/outflows, changes in the net pension/OPEB liability (asset) are reported as pension/OPEB expense in the statement of activities.

Pension	(3,154,749)	
OPEB	151,393	
Total	(3,003,356)	(3,003,356)

Repayments of bond and note principal are expenditures in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces liabilities in the statement of net position and does not result in an expense in the statement of activities. 732,100

Repayments of capital lease obligations are expenditures in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces liabilities in the statement of net position and does not result in an expense in the statement of activities. 58,542

In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental funds an interest expenditure is reported when due. 538

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Compensated Absences	(384,621)	
Amortization of Premium on Bonds	49,289	
Amortization of Deferred Charge on Refunding	(21,597)	
Total	(356,929)	(356,929)

Net Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities \$166,361

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement

Vinton County Local School District
*Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual
General Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021*

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget: Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Property Taxes	\$6,780,064	\$6,780,064	\$6,861,918	\$81,854
Intergovernmental	17,902,797	17,902,797	18,463,057	560,260
Interest	425,000	425,000	185,799	(239,201)
Tuition and Fees	571,000	571,000	621,436	50,436
Rent	0	0	500	500
Gifts and Donations	0	0	12,496	12,496
Miscellaneous	10,000	10,000	147,833	137,833
<i>Total Revenues</i>	25,688,861	25,688,861	26,293,039	604,178
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	10,791,821	10,678,419	10,213,056	465,363
Special	2,784,823	2,784,822	2,577,389	207,433
Vocational	373,835	373,835	337,586	36,249
Other	1,711,513	1,711,513	1,926,661	(215,148)
Support Services:				
Pupils	1,590,539	1,590,539	1,336,116	254,423
Instructional Staff	768,008	737,714	475,437	262,277
Board of Education	409,886	409,886	401,704	8,182
Administration	2,407,596	2,407,096	2,317,991	89,105
Fiscal	590,604	590,604	568,768	21,836
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	2,336,233	2,274,081	2,040,032	234,049
Pupil Transportation	2,539,810	2,536,282	2,275,529	260,753
Central	37,567	37,567	51,611	(14,044)
Extracurricular Activities	244,755	244,754	222,106	22,648
Capital Outlay	60,000	269,878	226,878	43,000
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	26,646,990	26,646,990	24,970,864	1,676,126
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	(958,129)	(958,129)	1,322,175	2,280,304
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Insurance Recoveries	0	0	63,105	63,105
Transfers Out	(251,085)	(251,085)	(251,085)	0
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	(251,085)	(251,085)	(187,980)	63,105
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	(1,209,214)	(1,209,214)	1,134,195	2,343,409
<i>Fund Balance at Beginning of Year</i>	21,222,349	21,222,349	21,222,349	0
<i>Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated</i>	504,293	504,293	504,293	0
<i>Fund Balance at End of Year</i>	\$20,517,428	\$20,517,428	\$22,860,837	\$2,343,409

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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Vinton County Local School District
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Note 1 – Description of the District and Reporting Entity

Description of the District

Vinton County Local School District (the District) is organized under Article VI, Sections 2 and 3 of the Constitution of the State of Ohio. The District provides educational services as authorized by State statute and/or federal guidelines. The District operates under a locally-elected Board form of government consisting of five members elected at-large for staggered four year terms. The Board controls the District's five (5) instructional support facilities staffed by 95 non-certificated, 149 teaching personnel and 18 administrative employees providing education to 1,879 students.

Reporting Entity

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

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

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

- Parent Teacher Organizations
- Booster Clubs

The District is associated with six jointly governed organizations and one insurance purchasing pool. These organizations are META Solutions, the Gallia-Vinton Educational Service Center, the Gallia-Jackson-Vinton Joint Vocational School District, the State Support Team Region 16, the Ohio Coalition of Equity and Adequacy of School funding, the Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools, and the Ohio SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan. These organizations are presented in note 19 to the basic financial statements.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The significant accounting policies followed in the preparation of these financial statements are summarized below. These policies conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for local governmental units prescribed in the statements issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and other recognized authoritative sources.

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

Vinton County Local School District
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Basis of Presentation

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

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government. The statements distinguish between those activities of the District that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities. The District has no business-type activities.

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the District at year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the District, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each business segment or governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the District.

Fund Financial Statements

During the year, the District segregates transactions related to certain District functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the District at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column.

Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column.

Fund Accounting

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of the District fall within a single category: governmental.

Governmental Funds

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

The following is the District's major governmental fund:

General Fund - This fund is the operating fund of the District and is used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The General Fund is available to the District for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

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The other governmental funds of the District account for grants and other resources of the District whose use is restricted to a particular purpose.

Measurement Focus

Government-Wide Financial Statements

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

Fund Financial Statements

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

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and the modified accrual bases of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred inflows/outflows of resources, and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

Revenues - Exchange and Nonexchange Transactions

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

Nonexchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On the accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied (note 6). Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the District on a reimbursement basis.

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

Vinton County Local School District
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Deferred Inflows/Outflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenditure) until then. For the District, deferred outflows of resources include a deferred charge on refunding reported in the government-wide statement of net position and amounts for pensions and other post-employment benefits. A deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter life of the refunded or refunding debt. Information on pensions and other post-employment benefits is presented in notes 10 and 11.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position and balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. For the District, deferred inflows of resources include property taxes, grants, pensions, and other post-employment benefits. Property taxes for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of June 30, 2021, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2022 operations, and other revenues received in advance of the year for which they were intended to finance, have been recorded as deferred inflows of resources on the statement of net position and governmental fund balance sheet. Grants and entitlements not received within the available period and delinquent property taxes due at June 30, 2021, are recorded as deferred inflows of resources in the governmental funds and as revenue on the statement of activities. Information on pensions and other post-employment benefits is presented in notes 10 and 11.

Expenses/Expenditures

On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

During the fiscal year 2021, the District's investments were limited to money market funds, negotiable certificates of deposit, and STAR Ohio. Except for non-participating investment contracts, investments are reported at fair value which is based on quoted market prices.

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

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. Twenty-four hours advanced noticed is appreciated for deposits

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and redemptions of \$100 million or more. STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit the transaction to \$250 million per day. 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 District during fiscal year 2021 amounted to \$177,874 credited to the General Fund and \$932 in Other Governmental Funds. The District also experienced an increase in the fair value of investments in the amount of \$134,701, which was also credited to the General Fund.

Investments of the cash management pool and investments with original maturities of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the District are presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents.

Inventory

On the government-wide financial statements, inventories are presented at the lower of cost or market on a first-in, first-out basis and are expensed when used.

On the fund financial statements, inventories of governmental funds are stated at cost. Cost is determined on a first-in, first-out basis. Inventory in governmental funds consists of expendable supplies held for consumption. The cost of inventory items is recorded as an expenditure in the governmental fund type when consumed or used.

Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2021 are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and an expenditure/expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

Restricted Assets

Assets are reported as restricted when limitations on their use change the normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors or laws of other governments or imposed by enabling legislation. Restricted assets in the General Fund include amounts committed for school bus purchases.

Capital Assets

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

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition values as of the date received. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of one thousand five hundred dollars. The District does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized; the normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized.

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All reported capital assets, except land, are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Land Improvements	20 - 30 years
Buildings and Improvements	25 - 50 years
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	6 - 15 years
Vehicles	15 years

Interfund Balances

On the fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as “Interfund Receivables” and “Interfund Payables”. These amounts are eliminated in the governmental activities column of the statement of net position.

Compensated Absences

Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employee’s rights to receive compensation are attributed to services already rendered and it is probable that the District will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. The District records a liability for accumulated unused vacation time when earned for all employees with more than one year of service.

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the vesting method. The liability includes the employees who are currently eligible to receive termination benefits and those the District has identified as probable of receiving payments in the future. The amount is based on accumulated sick leave and employees’ wage rates at fiscal year-end, taking into consideration any limits specified in the District’s termination policy. The District records a liability for accumulated unused sick leave for classified and certified employees and administrators who have at least 20 years of service with the District.

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

On the governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences are recognized as liabilities and expenditures as payments come due each period upon the occurrence of employee resignations and retirements. These amounts are recorded in the account “matured compensated absences payable” in the fund from which the employees will be paid. The District recognized no matured compensated absences payable as of June 30, 2021.

Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Liabilities

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term liabilities are reported in the government-wide financial statements. In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources, are reported as obligations of the funds. However, claims and judgments, compensated absences, special termination of benefits and contractually required pension and OPEB contributions that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment in the current year. Bonds, notes, and capital leases are recognized as a liability on the fund financial statements when due.

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Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows/outflows of resources. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. Net position restricted for other purposes represents balances in special revenue funds for grants whose use is restricted by grant agreements.

The District applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available. Of the District's restricted net position, none is restricted by enabling legislation.

Fund Balance

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report aggregate amounts for five classifications of fund balances based on the constraints imposed on the use of these resources. Fund balances of the governmental funds are classified as follows:

Nonspendable – amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in a spendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted – amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of either (a) constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions, charter requirements or enabling legislation; or (b) constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

Committed – amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal ordinances or resolutions of the Board of Education, the District's highest level of decision making authority. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Education removes the specified use by taking the same type of action as when imposing the commitment. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned – amounts constrained by the District's "intent" to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The Board of Education, Superintendent and Treasurer have the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. Assigned fund balances include all remaining amounts (except negative balances) that are reported in governmental funds, other than the General Fund, that are not classified as nonspendable and are neither restricted nor committed.

Unassigned – this is the residual classification for the General Fund. It is also used to report negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available, the District considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When expenditures are incurred for which committed, assigned or unassigned fund balances are available, the District considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the Board of Education has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

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Interfund Transactions

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

Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the Board of Education and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. For the fiscal year 2021, the District reported no extraordinary or special items.

Estimates

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

Budgetary Process

All funds are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the appropriation resolution and the certificate of estimated resources, which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amounts that the Board of Education may appropriate. The appropriation resolution is the Board's authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at a level of control selected by the Board. The legal level of control has been established by the Board of Education at the fund level. The District Treasurer has been authorized to allocate Board appropriations to the function and object level within each fund and function.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the District Treasurer. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the certificate when the permanent appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the final amended certificate issued during fiscal year 2021.

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

Bond Premium

Bond discounts and premiums are amortized over the term of the bonds using the straight-line method, which approximates the effective interest method. Bond discounts are presented as a reduction of the face amount of bonds payable. Bond premiums are presented as an addition to the face amount of the bonds. Bond discounts on the capital appreciation bonds are accreted over the term of the bonds.

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On the governmental fund financial statements, bond premiums and bond discounts are recognized in the period in which bonds are issued. The face amount of the debt issue is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources, while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses.

Deferred Charge on Refunding

On the government-wide financial statements, the difference between the reacquisition price (funds required to refund the old debt) and the net carrying amount of the old debt, the gain/loss on the refunding, is being amortized as a component of interest expense. This deferred amount is amortized over the life of the old or new debt, whichever is shorter, using the effective interest method and is presented as deferred outflows of resources on the statement of net position.

Pensions/OPEB

For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB liability (asset), 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.

Note 3 – Accountability

At June 30, 2021, the Public School Preschool, Miscellaneous State Grant, CARES Act, Rural and Small Town Grant, Title VI-B, Title I, Title VI-R, and Miscellaneous Federal Grant Funds had deficit balances of \$48,408, \$1,534, \$16,862, \$481, \$31,913, \$39,938, \$21,972 and \$9,633, respectively. The deficits in these funds are the result of the application of generally accepted accounting principles, the requirement to accrue liabilities when incurred, and the anticipation of state and federal grant funds for reimbursement of expenditures. The General Fund is liable for any deficit in these funds and provides operating transfers when cash is required, not when accruals occur.

Note 4 – Budgetary Basis of Accounting

While the District is reporting financial position, results of operations and changes in fund balance on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the budget basis as provided by law and described above is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance - budget (non-GAAP basis) and actual is presented for the General Fund on the budget basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the budget basis and GAAP basis are that:

1. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis).
2. Expenditures/expenses are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis).
3. Encumbrances are treated as expenditures/expenses for all funds (budget basis) rather than as a restriction, commitment, or assignment of fund balance for governmental funds (GAAP basis).
4. Certain funds that are legally budgeted in separate special revenue funds are considered part of the General Fund on a GAAP basis. Certain custodial funds are also considered part of the General Fund on a GAAP basis. This includes the Uniform School Supplies, Public School Support, Employee Benefits Special Revenue Funds and the Unclaimed Monies Custodial Fund.

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The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP and budgetary basis statements for the General Fund.

Net Change in Fund Balance	
GAAP Basis	\$1,497,368
Revenue Accruals	(155,819)
Expenditure Accruals	16,987
Encumbrances	(208,744)
(Excess) Deficit of Funds Combined with General Fund for Reporting Purposes	(15,597)
Budget Basis	\$1,134,195

Note 5 – Deposits and Investments

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

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet current demands on the treasury. Such monies must be maintained either as cash in the District Treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts. Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Board has identified as not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must be either 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 moneys. Interim moneys are those moneys 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 accounts including passbook accounts.

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

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

1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligation or security issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, and Government National Mortgage Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio, and with certain limitations including a requirement for maturity within ten years from the date of settlement, bonds and other obligations of political subdivisions of the State of Ohio, if training requirements have been met;
5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;

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6. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
7. The State Treasurer’s investment pool (STAR Ohio).
8. Certain bankers’ acceptances for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days) and commercial paper notes (for a period not to exceed two hundred seventy days) in an amount not to exceed 40 percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time if training requirements have been met.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements, and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage, and short selling are also prohibited. Except as noted above, an investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the School District, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity.

Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the Treasurer or qualified trustee or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

Deposits – Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the District will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. As of June 30, 2021, the District’s bank balance of \$2,807,215 was either covered by FDIC or collateralized by the financial institution’s public entity deposit pool in the manner described below.

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

Eligible securities pledged to the 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 requires the total market value of the securities pledged to be 102 percent of the deposits being secured or a rate set by the Treasurer of State.

Investments – As of June 30, 2021, the District had the following investments and maturities:

Investment Type	Fair Value	Maturity			% of Portfolio	Credit Rating
		< 1 Year	1-2 Years	3-5 Years		
Money Markets	\$7,275	\$7,275	\$0	\$0	0%	N/A
STAR Ohio	16,380,038	16,380,038	0	0	65%	AAAm
Negotiable CDs	8,670,144	2,351,274	2,385,719	3,933,151	35%	N/A
Total	\$25,057,457	\$18,738,587	\$2,385,719	\$3,933,151	100%	

Interest Rate Risk – Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. In accordance with the investment policy, the District manages its exposure to declines in fair values by keeping the portfolio sufficiently liquid to enable the District to meet all operating requirements.

Credit Risk – Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The District limits its investments to money market funds, STAR Ohio, and negotiable certificates of deposit as described in Ohio Revised Code Section 135.143A(2).

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Concentration of Credit Risk – Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government’s investment in a single issuer. The District’s investment policy allows investments in eligible securities as described in the Ohio Revised Code.

Custodial Credit Risk – Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk. All of the District’s investments are either insured and registered in the name of the District or at least registered in the name of the District.

Note 6 – Property Taxes

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

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real, public utility and tangible personal property (used in business) located in the 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 thirty-five percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax revenue received in calendar year 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 in 2021 with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at thirty-five percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value.

The District receives property taxes from Vinton, Gallia, Jackson and Hocking Counties. The County Auditors periodically advance to the District their portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by each 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.

Accrued property taxes receivable represents delinquent taxes outstanding and real property and public utility taxes which became measurable as of June 30, 2021. Although total property tax collections for the fiscal year are measurable, only the amount available as an advance at June 30 is intended to finance current year operations. The receivable is therefore offset by a credit to deferred inflows of resources for that portion not intended to finance current year operations.

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

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

	2020 Second- Half Collections		2021 First- Half Collections	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Agricultural/Residential and Other Real Estate	\$186,072,380	47.87%	\$187,401,640	47.49%
Public Utility Personal	202,670,430	52.13%	207,192,940	52.51%
Total Assessed Value	\$388,742,810	100.00%	\$394,594,580	100.00%
 Tax Rate per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation	 \$19.70		 \$19.70	

Note 7 – Receivables

Receivables at June 30, 2021 consisted of taxes, interfund, interest and intergovernmental grants. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of State programs, and the current year guarantee of federal funds. A summary of the principal items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

<i>Major Fund:</i>	
General	\$26,522
 <i>Nonmajor Funds:</i>	
Miscellaneous State Grants	51,596
ESSER	567,974
COVID Relief	1,831
IDEA	214,192
Title I	154,689
21 st Century	69,338
Miscellaneous Federal Grants	59,221
Total Nonmajor Funds	1,118,841
Total	\$1,145,363

Note 8 – Risk Management

Property and Liability

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2021, the District contracted with Reed and Baur Insurance Agency for property and fleet insurance, liability insurance, and inland marine coverage. Public officials bonds are provided by Westfield Insurance, West Bend Insurance Company, and Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America.

Coverages provided are as follows:

Building and Contents - replacement cost (\$2,500 deductible)	\$106,338,323
Commercial Computer Coverage (\$500 deductible)	1,000,000
Musical Instruments (\$500 deductible)	206,235
Automobile Liability:	
Per Person	1,000,000
Per Accident	1,000,000

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Uninsured Motorists:	
Per Person	\$1,000,000
Per Accident	1,000,000
General Liability:	
Per Occurrence	1,000,000
Aggregate Limit	2,000,000
Public Official Bonds:	
Treasurer	100,000
Superintendent	20,000
Board President	50,000

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years. There have been no other significant reductions in coverage from the prior year.

Workers' Compensation

For fiscal year 2021, the District participated in the Ohio SchoolComp (formerly Ohio Association of School Business Officials) Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool (see note 19). 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 workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the GRP rather than its individual rate. Participation in the GRP is limited to school districts that can meet the GRP's selection criteria. The firm of Sedgwick, Inc. provides administrative, cost control, and actuarial services to the GRP.

Note 9 – Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 was as follows:

<u>Asset Category</u>	<u>Balance at</u> 7/1/20*	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance at</u> 6/30/21
<i>Nondepreciable Capital Assets:</i>				
Land	\$1,338,040	\$0	\$0	\$1,338,040
<i>Depreciable Capital Assets:</i>				
Land Improvements	9,589,733	318,258	0	9,907,991
Buildings and Improvements	59,708,314	17,691	0	59,726,005
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	4,324,516	67,016	(31,967)	4,359,565
Vehicles	3,259,120	0	0	3,259,120
Total Depreciable Capital Assets	76,881,683	402,965	(31,967)	77,252,681
<i>Accumulated Depreciation:</i>				
Land Improvements	(6,663,821)	(414,457)	0	(7,078,278)
Buildings and Improvements	(26,666,951)	(1,284,915)	0	(27,951,866)
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	(3,008,183)	(224,134)	19,024	(3,213,293)
Vehicles	(2,407,010)	(123,893)	0	(2,530,903)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(38,745,965)	(2,047,399)	19,024	(40,774,340)
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	38,135,718	(1,644,434)	(12,943)	36,478,341
Total Net Capital Assets	\$39,473,758	(\$1,644,434)	(\$12,943)	\$37,816,381

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* As restated – see note 23 for additional information.

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follow:

<i>Instruction:</i>	
Regular	\$2,034,392
<i>Support Services:</i>	
Instructional Staff	1,117
Operation and Maintenance	10,047
Pupil Transportation	176
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	1,434
Extracurricular Activities	233
Total	\$2,047,399

Note 10 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

Net Pension Liability/Net OPEB Liability

The net pension liability and the net OPEB liability (asset) reported on the statement of net position represent liabilities to employees for pensions and OPEB, respectively. 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 obligation to sacrifice resources for pensions is a present obligation because it was created as a result of employment exchanges that have already occurred.

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

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

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

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

School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

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

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

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

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

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

An individual whose benefit effective date is before April 1, 2018, is eligible for a cost of living adjustment (COLA) on the first anniversary date of the benefit. Beginning April 1, 2018, new benefit recipients must wait until the fourth anniversary of their benefit for COLA eligibility. The COLA is added each year to the base benefit amount on the anniversary date of the benefit. A three-year COLA suspension is in effect for all benefit recipients for the years 2018, 2019, and 2020. Upon resumption of the COLA, it will be indexed to the percentage increase in the CPI-W, not to exceed 2.5 percent and with a floor of 0 percent. In 2020, the Board of Trustees approved a 0.5 percent cost of living adjustment for eligible retirees and beneficiaries in 2021.

Funding Policy – Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS’ Retirement Board up to statutory maximum amounts of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the System’s funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 14.0 percent. For fiscal year 2021, the Retirement Board did not allocate any employer contribution to the Health Care Fund.

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The District's contractually required contributions to SERS were \$534,227 for fiscal year 2021. Of this amount, \$38,261 was reported as an intergovernmental payable.

State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

Plan Description – District licensed teachers and other certified 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 website 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. In April 2017, the Retirement Board made the decision to reduce COLA granted on or after July 1, 2017, to 0 percent to preserve the fiscal integrity of the retirement system. Benefit recipients' base benefit and past cost-of-living increases are not affected by this change. Eligibility changes will be phased in until August 1, 2026, when retirement eligibility for unreduced benefits will be five years of service credit and age 65, or 35 years of service credit and at least age 60.

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

The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and 9.53 percent of the 14 percent employer contributions into an investment account. The member determines how to allocate the member and employer money among various investment choices offered by STRS. The remaining 4.47 percent of the 14 percent employer rate is allocated to the defined benefit unfunded liability. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal.

The Combined Plan offers features of both the DB Plan and the DC Plan. In the Combined Plan, 12 percent of the 14 percent member rate goes to the DC Plan and the remaining 2 percent goes 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.

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.

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Eligible survivors of members who die before service retirement may qualify for monthly benefits. If a member of the DC Plan dies before retirement benefits begin, the member’s designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member’s account balance.

Funding Policy – Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. The fiscal year 2021 employer and employee contribution rate was 14 percent was equal to the statutory maximum rates. For fiscal year 2021, the full employer contribution was allocated to pension.

The District’s contractually required contributions to STRS were \$1,391,504 for fiscal year 2021. Of this amount, \$296,216 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

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

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

	SERS	STRS	Total
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability			
Current Measurement Date	0.10885150%	0.08568807%	
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability			
Prior Measurement Date	0.10827810%	0.08748809%	
Change in Proportionate Share	0.00057340%	-0.00180002%	
Proportionate Share of the Net			
Pension Liability	\$7,199,668	\$20,733,464	\$27,933,132
Pension Expense	\$786,265	\$2,368,484	\$3,154,749

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At June 30, 2021, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	SERS	STRS	Total
<i>Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$13,986	\$46,520	\$60,506
Changes of assumptions	0	1,112,984	1,112,984
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	457,033	1,008,271	1,465,304
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	37,973	66,942	104,915
Center contributions subsequent to the measurement date	534,227	1,391,504	1,925,731
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$1,043,219	\$3,626,221	\$4,669,440
<i>Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$0	\$132,575	\$132,575
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	24,705	905,189	929,894
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$24,705	\$1,037,764	\$1,062,469

\$1,925,731 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	SERS	STRS	Total
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2022	\$11,974	\$411,472	\$423,446
2023	138,719	2,373	141,092
2024	190,501	432,838	623,339
2025	143,093	350,270	493,363
Total	\$484,287	\$1,196,953	\$1,681,240

Actuarial Assumptions - SERS

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

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

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

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

Wage Inflation	3 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.5 percent to 18.2 percent
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	2.5 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.5 percent net of investments expense, including inflation
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal (Level Percent of Payroll)

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

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

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

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected 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 %	

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

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

	1% Decrease (6.5%)	Current Discount Rate (7.5%)	1% Increase (8.5%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$9,862,665	\$7,199,668	\$4,965,362

Actuarial Assumptions - STRS

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results used in the July 1, 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
Investment Rate of Return	7.45 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Discount Rate of Return	7.45 percent
Payroll Increases	3 percent
Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA)	0.0 percent, effective July 1, 2017

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

Actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2020 valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016.

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:

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Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected 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 %	

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

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.45 percent as of June 30, 2020. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that member and employer contributions will be made at the statutory contribution rates in accordance with rate increases described above. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Based on those assumptions, STRS' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2020. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.45 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payment to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2020.

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

	1% Decrease (6.45%)	Current Discount Rate (7.45%)	1% Increase (8.45%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$29,520,843	\$20,733,464	\$13,286,892

Note 11 – Postemployment Benefits

See note 10 for a description of the net OPEB liability (asset).

School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

Health Care Plan Description - The District contributes to the SERS Health Care Fund, administered by SERS for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries. For GASB 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

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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 fiscal year 2021, no allocation was made to health care. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated if less than a full year of service credit was earned. For fiscal year 2021, this amount was \$23,000. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2021, the District's surcharge obligation was \$77,105.

The surcharge, added to the allocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. The District's contribution to SERS for health care was \$77,105 for fiscal year 2021. Of this amount, \$77,105 was reported as an intergovernmental payable.

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. The Plan is included in the report of STRS which can be obtained by visiting www.strsoh.org or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy – Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307 authorizes STRS to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. All benefit recipients pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care.

Net OPEB Liability (Asset), OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

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 District's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset) was based on the 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:

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	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) Current Measurement Date	0.11243770%	0.08568807%	
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) Prior Measurement Date	<u>0.11121330%</u>	<u>0.08748809%</u>	
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>0.00122440%</u>	<u>-0.00180002%</u>	
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$2,443,639	\$0	\$2,443,639
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Asset	\$0	(\$1,505,966)	(\$1,505,966)
OPEB Expense	(\$32,497)	(\$118,896)	(\$151,393)

At June 30, 2021, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
<i>Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$32,095	\$96,497	\$128,592
Changes of assumptions	416,556	24,859	441,415
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	27,534	52,779	80,313
Changes in proportionate share and difference between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	88,710	0	88,710
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>77,105</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>77,105</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$642,000</u>	<u>\$174,135</u>	<u>\$816,135</u>
<i>Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$1,242,761	\$299,966	\$1,542,727
Changes of assumptions	61,550	1,430,416	1,491,966
Changes in proportionate share and difference between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>218,993</u>	<u>119,506</u>	<u>338,499</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$1,523,304</u>	<u>\$1,849,888</u>	<u>\$3,373,192</u>

\$77,105 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability or increase in the net OPEB asset in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

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Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	SERS	STRS	Total
2022	(\$206,903)	(\$418,239)	(\$625,142)
2023	(204,909)	(382,513)	(587,422)
2024	(205,235)	(369,975)	(575,210)
2025	(176,547)	(362,234)	(538,781)
2026	(121,740)	(69,602)	(191,342)
Thereafter	(43,075)	(73,190)	(116,265)
Total	(\$958,409)	(\$1,675,753)	(\$2,634,162)

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:

Wage 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 investments expense, including inflation
Municipal Bond Index Rate:	
Measurement Date	2.45 percent
Prior Measurement Date	3.13 percent
Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation	
Measurement Date	2.63 percent
Prior Measurement Date	3.22 percent
Medical Trend Assumption	
Medicare	5.25 to 4.75 percent
Pre-Medicare	7.00 to 4.75 percent

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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 were developed by the investment consultant for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return, 7.50 percent, by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and then adding expected inflation. The capital market assumptions developed by the investment consultant are intended for use over a 10-year horizon and may not be useful in setting the long-term rate of return for funding pension plans which covers a longer timeframe. The assumption is intended to be a long-term assumption and is not expected to change absent a significant change in the asset allocation, a change in the inflation assumption, or a fundamental change in the market that alters expected returns in future years.

The SERS health care plan follows the same asset allocation and long-term expected real rate of return for each major asset class as the pension plan discussed in Note 10.

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 System at the state statute contribution rate of 2.00 percent of projected covered employee payroll each year, which includes a 1.50 percent payroll surcharge and 0.50 percent of contributions from the basic benefits plan. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to become insufficient to make future benefit payments during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan assets was used to present value the projected benefit payments through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and the Fidelity General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index rate of 2.45 percent, as of June 30, 2020 (i.e. municipal bond rate), was used to present value the projected benefit payments for the remaining years in the projection. The total present value of projected benefit payments from all years was then used to determine the single rate of return that was used as the discount rate. The projection of future benefit payments for all current plan members was until the benefit payments ran out.

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate and Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rates The net OPEB liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate and the health care cost trend rate. The following table presents the net OPEB liability of SERS, and what SERS' net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (1.63%) and higher (3.63%) than the current discount rate (2.63%). Also shown is what SERS' net OPEB liability would be based on health care cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower (6.00% decreasing to 3.75%) and higher (8.00% decreasing to 5.75%) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (1.63%)	Current Discount Rate (2.63%)	1% Increase (3.63%)
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$2,990,954	\$2,443,639	\$2,008,525

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	1% Decrease (6.00% decreasing to 3.75%)	Current Trend Rate (7.00% decreasing to 4.75%)	1% Increase (8.00% decreasing to 5.75%)
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$1,924,180	\$2,443,639	\$3,138,289

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:

Projected salary increases	12.50 percent at age 20 to 2.50 percent at age 65
Investment Rate of Return	7.45 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Payroll Increases	3 percent
Discount Rate of Return	7.45 percent
Health Care Cost Trends	
Medical	
Pre-Medicare	5 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
Medicare	-6.69 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
Prescription Drug	
Pre-Medicare	6.5 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
Medicare	11.87 initial, 4 percent ultimate

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

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

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2020, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016.

Since the prior measurement date, there was no change to the claims costs process. Claim curves updated to reflect the projected fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 premium based on the 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.

The STRS health care plan follows the same asset allocation and long-term expected real rate of return for each major asset class as the pension plan discussed in note 10.

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 assumes STRS Ohio continues to allocate no employer contributions to the health care fund. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was

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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 health care plan investments of 7.45 percent was used to measure the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2020.

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

	1% Decrease (6.45%)	Current Discount Rate (7.45%)	1% Increase (8.45%)
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	(\$1,310,289)	(\$1,505,966)	(\$1,671,992)
	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	(\$1,661,686)	(\$1,505,966)	(\$1,316,277)

Note 12 – Employee Benefits

Compensated Absences

The criteria for determining vested vacation and sick leave components are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Classified employees earn ten to twenty days of vacation per year, depending upon length of service. Accumulated, unused vacation time is paid to classified employees upon termination of employment. Teachers and administrators do not earn vacation time, with the exception of the Superintendent, Treasurer, Assistant Superintendent, Assistant Treasurers, Account Clerk, Transportation Coordinator, and Maintenance Supervisor. Teachers, administrators and classified employees earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Upon retirement, payment is made for 25 percent of the employee's accumulated sick leave up to a maximum of 51 days for certified employees, 65 days for non-certificated employees, and 51 or 65 days for administrative employees depending on specifications within contracts.

Retirement Incentive

The District Board of Education approved a Retirement Incentive Program. Participation is open to members of the Vinton Local Teachers Association the year in which the member first attains thirty years of service credit with STRS. A teacher who retires with thirty (30) years but less than thirty-one (31) years of service according to STRS rules, is eligible for a severance bonus of \$40,000, payable in four installments of \$10,000, with the first installment to be paid by the time of the second payroll in January following the retirement date, and each subsequent installment by the time of the second payroll in January of the following three years. To be eligible, the teacher must file a letter with the Treasurer stating (1) retirement effective date, and (2) amount of severance bonus applied for by January 1 for a teacher retiring at the end of a school year, and if a teacher is retiring mid-year the letter must be filed 6 months before the retirement date. The retirement incentive program is a part of the negotiated union contract.

In May 2015, the District approved a modification to this plan where beginning with fiscal year 2016, all retirees eligible for the early retirement incentive bonus must defer the \$40,000 based upon the memorandum of understanding. The District will pay this amount as a one-time payment into a 403(b) plan for the retiring teacher in

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the January following the retirement date. The District may not make this payment directly to the retiring/retired teacher.

One District employee was eligible for and received a retirement incentive payment during fiscal year 2021.

Health, Prescription, Dental and Life Insurance

The District provides health and prescription benefits to its employees through a fully funded policy with United Health Care. Dental insurance benefits are provided through a policy with SEOVEC Dental and life insurance is with MEC.

Note 13 – Long-Term Obligations

Changes in the long-term obligations of the District during fiscal year 2021 were as follows:

	Principal Outstanding at 7/1/20*	Additions	Deletions	Principal Outstanding at 6/30/21	Amount Due in One Year
2013 Refunding Bonds:					
Series A Bonds Serial	\$150,000	\$0	(\$150,000)	\$0	\$0
Series A Bonds Term	2,150,000	0	0	2,150,000	155,000
Series A Premium	265,713	0	(20,571)	245,142	0
Series B Bonds Serial	350,000	0	(350,000)	0	0
Series B Premium	28,718	0	(28,718)	0	0
2017 Energy Conservation Notes	600,000	0	(145,000)	455,000	150,000
2019 Bus Notes	462,500	0	(87,100)	375,400	91,200
Total Bonds and Note	4,006,931	0	(781,389)	3,225,542	396,200
Capital Leases	251,682	0	(58,542)	193,140	48,002
Compensated Absences	956,723	1,138,316	(753,695)	1,341,344	102,309
Net Pension Liability	25,825,934	2,107,198	0	27,933,132	0
Net OPEB Liability	2,796,781	0	(353,142)	2,443,639	0
Total Long-Term Obligations	\$33,838,051	\$3,245,514	(\$1,946,768)	\$35,136,797	\$546,511

*As restated. See note 23 for additional information.

2013 Refunding Bonds - In May 2013, the District issued \$2,840,000 of voted general obligation bonds (Series A) and \$1,805,000 of voted general obligation bonds (Series B) for the advance refunding of \$4,645,000 of the 2005 series bonds. The \$411,424 premium on the issuance of the Series A refunding bonds is netted against this new debt and will be amortized over the life of this new debt, which has a remaining life of 20 years. The \$250,603 premium on the issuance of the Series B refunding bonds is netted against this new debt and was amortized over the life of this new debt, which has a remaining life of 8 years. The Series B refunding bonds premium was amortized in full as of June 30, 2021. The refunding was undertaken to reduce total future debt service payments. The refunding resulted in a difference between the net carrying value of the refunded debt and the reacquisition price of \$287,550, with \$167,339 allocated to Series A and \$105,833 allocated to Series B. The difference is reported on the statement of net position as a deferred outflow of resources and is being amortized to interest expense over the life of the new bonds using the straight line method. The amortization for fiscal year 2021 was \$49,289. The District incurred an economic gain (difference between the present values of the old and new debt service payments) of \$134,905 and a reduction of \$200,462 in future debt service payments as a result of the refunding. \$565,000 of the Series A bonds and \$1,760,000 of the Series B bonds were issued as serial bonds with interest rates of 2.0% and ranging from 0.6% to 2.15%, respectively. \$2,150,000 of the Series A bonds were issued as term bonds with interest rates ranging from 2.0% to 3.2%. \$125,000 of the Series A bonds and \$45,000 of the Series B bonds were issued as capital appreciation

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bonds. The refunding bonds will be repaid by the Bond Retirement Fund. \$125,000 of the capital appreciation bonds matured as of December 1, 2018 and the remaining bond matured on December 1, 2019. The final payment on the Series B serial bonds was made during fiscal year 2021. At the date of refunding, \$5,307,027 (including underwriter fees and other issuance costs) was deposited into an irrevocable trust to provide for future debt service requirements on the 2005 refunding bonds.

The term bonds maturing on December 1, 2022 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption, on December 1, 2021, in the principal amount of \$155,000. The remaining principal amount of these bonds (\$155,000) will be repaid at stated maturity on December 1, 2022.

The term bonds maturing on December 1, 2024 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption, on December 1, 2023, in the principal amount of \$160,000. The remaining principal amount of these bonds (\$165,000) will be repaid at stated maturity on December 1, 2024.

The term bonds maturing on December 1, 2026 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption, on December 1, 2025, in the principal amount of \$170,000. The remaining principal amount of these bonds (\$175,000) will be repaid at stated maturity on December 1, 2026.

The term bonds maturing on December 1, 2028 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption, on December 1, 2027, in the principal amount of \$180,000. The remaining principal amount of these bonds (\$185,000) will be repaid at stated maturity on December 1, 2028.

The term bonds maturing on December 1, 2030 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption, on December 1, 2029, in the principal amount of \$190,000. The remaining principal amount of these bonds (\$195,000) will be repaid at stated maturity on December 1, 2030.

The term bonds maturing on December 1, 2032 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption, on December 1, 2031, in the principal amount of \$205,000. The remaining principal amount of these bonds (\$215,000) will be repaid at stated maturity on December 1, 2032.

The Series A bonds maturing on or after December 1, 2022 are subject to redemption at the option of the District, either in whole or in part, in such order of maturity as the District shall determine, on any date on or after December 1, 2021, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount redeemed plus, in each case, accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

The serial bonds are not subject to a mandatory sinking fund or optional redemption prior to stated maturity.

2017 Energy Conversion Notes – The District issued energy conservation notes on May 3, 2017 for \$960,000 for the purpose of purchasing and installing energy conservation measures. This note carries a 2.09 percent interest rate. Semi-annual interest payments and annual principal payments are required beginning December 1, 2017 until the maturity date of December 1, 2023. This note will be repaid from the Bond Retirement Fund.

2019 Bus Notes – The District issued general obligation notes on August 22, 2019 for \$462,500 for the purpose of purchasing buses. This note carries a 1.9 percent interest rate. Semi-annual interest payments and annual principal payments are required beginning December 1, 2020 until the maturity date of December 1, 2024. This note will be repaid from the Bond Retirement Fund.

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Principal and interest requirements to retire the refunding bonds outstanding at June 30, 2021 are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	2013 Refunding Series A Bonds		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	\$155,000	\$62,565	\$217,565
2023	155,000	59,465	214,465
2024	160,000	55,515	215,515
2025	165,000	50,639	215,639
2026	170,000	45,615	215,615
2027-2031	925,000	143,763	1,068,763
2032-2033	420,000	13,600	433,600
Totals	\$2,150,000	\$431,162	\$2,581,162

The annual requirements to retire notes outstanding at June 30, 2021 are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Energy Conservation Notes			Bus Notes		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	\$150,000	\$7,942	\$157,942	\$91,200	\$6,266	\$97,466
2023	150,000	4,807	154,807	93,000	4,516	97,516
2024	155,000	1,620	156,620	94,700	2,733	97,433
2025	0	0	0	96,500	917	97,417
Totals	\$455,000	\$14,369	\$469,369	\$375,400	\$14,432	\$389,832

Capital leases are paid from the General Fund. Compensated absences and retirement incentives are paid from the General Fund. The District pays obligations related to employee compensation from the fund benefitting from their service.

The District's voted legal debt margin was \$34,308,902 with an unvoted debt margin of \$394,595 at June 30, 2021.

Note 14 – Capital Leases – Lessee Disclosure

In fiscal year 2020, the District into a capital lease for copier equipment. This lease provided funds to buy out the previous lease in addition to the provision of new copiers. This lease meets the criteria of a capital lease as defined by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 13, “Accounting for Leases,” which defines a capital lease generally as one which transfers benefits and risks of ownership to the lessee. Capital lease payments have been reclassified and are reflected as debt service expenditures in the basic financial statements for the governmental funds. However, these expenditures are reported as current expenditures on the budgetary statement.

Capital assets acquired by lease were initially capitalized in the statement of net position for governmental activities in the amount of \$256,015 which is equal to the present value of the minimum lease payments at the time of acquisition. A corresponding liability was recorded on the statement of net position for governmental activities. Principal payments in fiscal year 2021 totaled \$58,542. Lease payments were made from the General Fund.

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Principal and interest requirements to retire the capital leases at June 30, 2021 are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Capital Leases
2022	\$66,480
2023	66,480
2024	66,480
2025	33,240
Total Debt Payments	232,680
Less: Interest	(39,540)
Total Principal	\$193,140

Note 15 – Interfund Activity

Transfers

	Transfers In	Transfers Out
<i>Major Fund:</i>		
General	\$0	\$251,085
<i>Nonmajor Fund:</i>		
Bond Retirement	251,085	0
Total	\$251,085	\$251,085

Transfers were made from the General Fund to the Bond Retirement Fund for debt payments.

Interfund Receivables/Payables

As of June 30, 2021, receivables and payables that resulted from various interfund transactions were as follows:

	Interfund Receivable	Interfund Payable
<i>Major Fund:</i>		
General	\$226,173	\$0
<i>Nonmajor Funds:</i>		
ESSER	0	212,193
21 st Century	0	1,028
COVID Relief Funds	0	1,405
IDEA	0	877
Title I	0	1,401
Miscellaneous Federal Grants	0	9,269
Total Other Governmental Funds	0	226,173
Total	\$226,173	\$226,173

All interfund balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, or (3) payments between funds are made.

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Note 16 – Fund Balances

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

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<i>Nonspendable</i>			
Prepays	\$58,342	\$0	\$58,342
Unclaimed Monies	875	0	875
Total Nonspendable	59,217	0	59,217
<i>Restricted</i>			
Athletics	0	31,799	31,799
Facilities Maintenance	0	532,829	532,829
Food Service	0	548,152	548,152
Student Activity	0	167,956	167,956
State Grants	0	58,600	58,600
Student Wellness and Success	0	1,154,876	1,154,876
Debt Service	0	1,320,790	1,320,790
Capital Projects	0	11,371	11,371
Total Restricted	0	3,826,373	3,826,373
<i>Committed</i>			
Bus Purchase	1,978	0	1,978
Employee Benefits	113,993	0	113,993
Total Assigned	115,971	0	115,971
<i>Assigned</i>			
Services and Supplies	155,190	0	155,190
Public School Support	84,832	0	84,832
FY22 Appropriations in Excess of Estimated Receipts	141,721	0	141,751
Total Assigned	381,743	0	381,743
<i>Unassigned (Deficit)</i>	20,576,065	(170,741)	20,405,324
Total Fund Balances	\$21,132,996	\$3,655,632	\$24,788,628

Note 17 – Commitments

Contractual Commitment

During fiscal year 2021, the District awarded the District-wide HVAC improvement project to Dynamix Energy Services, Inc., for a total contract amount of \$1,980,899. No payments were made on this contract during the fiscal year.

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Encumbrances

At June 30, 2021, the District had encumbrance commitments in governmental funds as follows:

<i>Major Fund</i>	
General	\$209,217
 <i>Nonmajor Funds</i>	
Food Service	27,282
Other Grants	13,201
Classroom Facilities Maintenance	120,080
Student Activities	2,632
Athletics	11,978
Student Wellness and Success	500
Miscellaneous State Grants	47,994
ESSER	36,301
21 st Century	5,426
IDEA	39
Title I	5,819
Miscellaneous Federal Grants	<u>49,952</u>
Total Nonmajor Funds	<u>321,204</u>
Total Encumbrances	<u>\$530,421</u>

Note 18 – Statutory Set-Asides

The District is required by State statute to annually set aside, in the General Fund, an amount based on a statutory formula for the acquisition and construction of capital improvements. Amounts not spent by fiscal year-end or offset by similarly restricted resources received during the fiscal year must be held in cash at fiscal year-end and carried forward to be used for the same purposes in future fiscal years.

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

	<u>Capital</u>
	<u>Acquisition</u>
Set-Aside Balance as of June 30, 2020	\$0
Current Year Set-Aside Requirement	337,670
Current Year Offsets	(253,055)
Qualifying Disbursements	<u>(275,034)</u>
Totals	<u>(\$190,419)</u>
Set-Aside Balance as of June 30, 2021	<u>\$0</u>
Total Restricted Assets	<u>\$0</u>

The District had qualifying disbursements during the year that reduced the set-aside amount to zero in the capital acquisition set-aside.

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Note 19 – Jointly Governed Organizations and Insurance Purchasing Pool

Jointly Governed Organizations

Metropolitan Educational Technology Association (META) Solutions

META Solutions is an educational solutions partner providing services across Ohio. META Solutions provides cost-effective fiscal, network, technology and student services, a purchasing cooperative, and other individual services based on each client's needs.

The governing board of META Solutions consists of a president, vice president and six board members who represent the members of META Solutions. The board works with META Solutions' Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, an Chief Financial Officer to manage operations and ensure the continued progress of the organization's mission, vision, and values. The Board exercises total control over the operations of the Council including budgeting, appropriating, contracting and designating management. Each member's degree of control is limited to its representation on the Board. The District paid META Solutions \$171,046 for services provided during the fiscal year. Financial information can be obtained from Ashley Widby, Chief Financial Officer, at 100 Executive Drive, Marion, Ohio 43302.

Gallia-Vinton Educational Service Center

The Gallia-Vinton Educational Service Center is a jointly governed organization providing educational services to its two participating school districts. The Educational Service Center is governed by a board of education comprised of eight members appointed by the participating schools. The board controls the financial activity of the Educational Service Center and reports to the Ohio Department of Education and the Auditor of State. The continued existence of the Educational Service Center is not dependent on the District's continued participation and no equity interest exists. During fiscal year 2021, the District paid the Educational Service Center \$133,075 for Occupational Therapy, aide, and other services. To obtain financial information, write to the Gallia-Vinton Educational Service Center, P.O. Box 178, Rio Grande, Ohio 45674.

Gallia-Jackson-Vinton Joint Vocational School District

The Gallia-Jackson-Vinton Joint Vocational School is a jointly governed organization providing vocational services to its six participating school districts. The Joint Vocational School is governed by a board of education comprised of nine members appointed by the participating schools. The board controls the financial activity of the Joint Vocational School and reports to the Ohio Department of Education and the Auditor of State. The continued existence of the Joint Vocational School is not dependent on the District's continued participation and no equity interest exists. During fiscal year 2021, the District paid the Joint Vocational School \$0 for excess costs for special education services. To obtain financial information, write to the Gallia-Jackson-Vinton Joint Vocational School, P.O. Box 157, Rio Grande, Ohio 45674.

State Support Team - Region 16

The State Support Team - Region 16 (SST) is a special education service center which selects its own board, adopts its own budget and receives direct Federal and State grants for its operation. The jointly governed organization was formed for the purpose of initiating, expanding and improving special education programs and services for children with disabilities and their parents.

The SST is governed by a board composed of superintendents of participating schools, parents of children with disabilities, representatives of chartered nonpublic schools, representatives of county boards of DD, Ohio University and the Southeast Regional Professional Development Center whose terms rotate every year. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the Board. The Superintendent of the

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District is on the SST Board and the District also has a local representative that serves as an alternate for the SST Board. Financial information can be obtained by contacting Teresa McGinnis, Treasurer, at the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center, PO Box 40, Chauncey, Ohio 45719.

The Ohio Coalition of Equity and Adequacy of School Funding

The Ohio Coalition of Equity and Adequacy of School Funding is organized as a council of governments pursuant to Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Coalition was organized in 1990 to challenge the constitutionality of the Ohio school funding system. The Coalition is governed by a Steering Committee of 90 school district representatives. Though most of the members are superintendents, some treasurers, board members, and administrators also serve. Several persons serve as ex officio members. The membership of the Coalition includes over 500 school districts throughout the State of Ohio. The Committee exercises total control over budgeting, appropriating, contracting, and the designation of management. Member school districts and joint vocational schools pay dues to \$0.05 per pupil. School districts and joint vocational schools may also pay supplemental dues in the amount of \$0.50 per pupil for K-12 districts and educational service centers pay dues of \$0.05 per pupil. The Coalition is not dependent on the continued participation of the District and the District does not maintain an equity interest or financial responsibility for the Coalition. During fiscal year 2021, the District paid \$979 to the Coalition. To obtain financial information, write to the Ohio Coalition of Equity and Adequacy of School Funding at 100 South Third Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools

The Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools (CORAS) is a jointly governed organization composed of over 130 school districts and other educational institutions in the 35-county region of Ohio designated as Appalachia. The Coalition is operated by a board which is composed of seventeen members; one elected and one appointed from each of the seven regions into which the 35 Appalachian counties are divided, and three from Ohio University College of Education. The board exercises total control over the operations of CORAS including budgeting, appropriating, contracting, and designating management. Each participant's control is limited to its representation on the board. The Coalition provides various in-service training programs for school district administrative personnel; gathers data regarding the level of education provided to children in the region; cooperates with other professional groups to assess and develop programs designed to meet the needs of member districts; and provides staff development programs for school district personnel. The Coalition is not dependent on the continued participation of the District and the District does not maintain an equity interest in or financial responsibility for the Coalition. During fiscal year 2021, the District made a payment of \$325 for a membership fee. Financial information may be obtained from the Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools at Lindley Hall Room 200, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio 45701.

Insurance Purchasing Pool

Ohio SchoolComp (formerly Ohio Association of School Business Officials) Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan

The District participates in a group rating plan for workers' compensation as established under Section 4123.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Ohio SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (GRP) was established as a group insurance purchasing pool. The GRP's business and affairs are conducted by a five member Board of Directors. Each fiscal year, the participants pay an enrollment fee to the GRP to cover the costs of administering the program.

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Note 20 – Contingencies

Grants

The 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 are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the District at June 30, 2021.

State Foundation Funding

School District Foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of each student. The funding formula the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is legislatively required to follow will continue to adjust as enrollment information is updated by the District, which can extend past the fiscal year end. ODE has finalized the impact of enrollment adjustments to the June 30, 2021 foundation funding for the District and does not anticipate any further FTE adjustments for fiscal year 2021. Those adjustments did not have a significant impact on the School District's funding.

Litigation

The District is not currently party to legal proceedings.

Note 21 – COVID-19

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.

During fiscal year 2021, the School District received Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding in the amount of \$1,339,198. Of the amounts received, \$20,000 was received from the Village of McArthur, which the District used for various eligible materials and supplies. None of the amounts received were subgranted to other governments or organizations, returned to the granting agency, or spent on-behalf of other governments. Additionally, the School District did not receive a significant amount of donated personal protective equipment as an on-behalf of grant from another government.

Note 22 – 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, STEM 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 District were funded to the District who, in turn, made the payment to the educating school. For fiscal year 2021, the District reported \$1,466,400 in expenditures/expenses related to these programs. Also during fiscal year 2021, the District reported \$423,182 in tuition and fees from the resident school districts which will be direct funded to the District as the educating entity in fiscal year 2022. This new funding system calculates a unique base cost and a unique "per-pupil local capacity amount" for each school district. The 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.

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In September 2021, the District issued \$1,995,000 in unlimited tax general obligation refunding bonds to currently refund \$1,995,000 of the 2013 Series A refunding bonds.

Note 23 – New Accounting Principles and Restatement of Balances

For fiscal year 2021, the District implemented GASB Statement No. 84, “Fiduciary Activities” and related guidance from (GASB) Implementation Guide No. 2019-2, “Fiduciary Activities.” GASB Statement No. 84 established 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 District will no longer be reporting agency funds. The District reviewed its agency funds and determined that certain funds should be reclassified as governmental funds. These fund reclassifications resulted in the restatement of the District’s financial statements.

Additionally, the District had a reappraisal of its capital assets performed as of June 30, 2020. The reappraisal resulted in various adjustments to previously reported capital asset balances. The District also discovered errors in previously reported bond premiums and deferred charges related to those bonds. Adjustments were recorded to correct previously reported debt balances.

Restatement of Fund Balances and Net Position

The implementation of GASB Statement No. 84 had the following effect on fund balance as of June 30, 2020:

	Other Governmental Funds
Fund Balance, As Reported, June 30, 2020	\$3,345,222
<i>Adjustments:</i>	
GASB 84	170,555
Fund Balance, As Restated, July 1, 2020	\$3,515,777

The implementation of GASB Statement No. 84 and correction of previously reported capital asset and debt-related balances had the following effects on net position as of June 30, 2020:

	Governmental Activities
Net Position, As Reported, June 30, 2020	\$33,427,770
<i>Adjustments:</i>	
GASB 84	170,555
Capital Asset Reappraisal	(643,326)
Correction of Bond Premium	133,131
Correction of Deferred Charge on Refunding	(55,559)
Net Position, As Restated, July 1, 2020	\$33,032,571

Vinton County Local School District
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Last Eight Fiscal Years

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<i>State Teachers Retirement System</i>								
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.09471736%	0.09471736%	0.09112315%	0.09167998%	0.09282075%	0.08799962%	0.08748809%	0.08568807%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$27,443,359	\$23,038,540	\$25,183,764	\$30,688,053	\$22,049,768	\$19,349,141	\$19,347,465	\$20,733,464
District's covered-employee payroll	\$9,731,354	\$9,679,500	\$9,629,029	\$9,743,657	\$10,067,714	\$10,037,971	\$10,271,007	\$9,482,400
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	282.0%	238.0%	261.5%	315.0%	219.0%	192.8%	188.4%	218.7%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	69.3%	74.7%	72.1%	72.1%	75.3%	77.3%	77.4%	75.5%
<i>School Employees Retirement System</i>								
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.11196399%	0.11196399%	0.11476650%	0.11331640%	0.11495700%	0.10667430%	0.10827810%	0.10885150%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$6,658,139	\$5,666,434	\$6,548,688	\$8,293,715	\$6,868,427	\$6,109,435	\$6,478,469	\$7,199,668
District's covered-employee payroll	\$4,198,115	\$4,192,115	\$4,142,056	\$4,286,743	\$4,060,800	\$3,351,844	\$3,498,267	\$3,605,186
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	158.6%	135.2%	158.1%	193.5%	169.1%	182.3%	185.2%	199.7%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	65.5%	71.7%	69.2%	69.2%	69.5%	71.4%	70.9%	68.6%

The amounts presented are as of the District's measurement date, which is the prior fiscal year end.
Information not available prior to 2014.
See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

Vinton County Local School District
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)
Last Five Fiscal Years

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<i>State Teachers Retirement System</i>					
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset)	0.09167998%	0.09282080%	0.08799962%	0.08748809%	0.08568807%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$4,964,078	\$3,621,523	(\$1,414,064)	(\$1,449,013)	(\$1,505,966)
District's covered-employee payroll	\$9,743,657	\$10,067,714	\$10,037,971	\$10,271,007	\$9,482,400
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	50.9%	36.0%	-14.1%	-14.1%	-15.9%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability (asset)	37.3%	47.1%	176.0%	174.7%	182.1%
<i>School Employees Retirement System</i>					
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.11331640%	0.11691710%	0.10840910%	0.11121330%	0.11243770%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$3,332,570	\$3,137,748	\$3,007,561	\$2,796,781	\$2,443,639
District's covered-employee payroll	\$4,286,743	\$4,060,800	\$3,351,844	\$3,498,267	\$3,605,186
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	77.7%	77.3%	89.7%	79.9%	67.8%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	11.5%	12.5%	13.6%	15.6%	18.2%

The amounts presented are as of the District's measurement date, which is the prior fiscal year end.
Information not available prior to 2017.
See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

Vinton County Local School District
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of District Contributions
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<i>State Teachers Retirement System</i>										
Contractually required contribution - pension	\$1,317,541	\$1,265,076	\$1,258,335	\$1,348,064	\$1,364,112	\$1,409,480	\$1,405,316	\$1,437,941	\$1,327,536	\$1,391,504
Contractually required contribution - OPEB	101,349	97,314	96,795	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contractually required contribution - total	1,418,890	1,362,390	1,355,130	1,348,064	1,364,112	1,409,480	1,405,316	1,437,941	1,327,536	1,391,504
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	1,418,890	1,362,390	1,355,130	1,348,064	1,364,112	1,409,480	1,405,316	1,437,941	1,327,536	1,391,504
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
District's covered-employee payroll	\$10,134,931	\$9,731,354	\$9,679,500	\$9,629,029	\$9,743,657	\$10,067,714	\$10,037,971	\$10,271,007	\$9,482,400	\$9,939,314
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll - pension	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll - OPEB	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll - total	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%
<i>School Employees Retirement System</i>										
Contractually required contribution - pension	\$539,257	\$549,953	\$549,167	\$545,923	\$600,144	\$568,512	\$452,499	\$472,266	\$504,726	\$534,227
Contractually required contribution - OPEB (1)	22,051	6,358	5,547	33,965	0	0	16,759	17,491	0	0
Contractually required contribution - total	561,308	556,311	554,714	579,888	600,144	568,512	469,258	489,757	504,726	534,227
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	561,308	556,311	554,714	579,888	600,144	568,512	469,258	489,757	504,726	534,227
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
District's covered-employee payroll	\$4,009,346	\$3,973,649	\$3,962,244	\$4,142,056	\$4,286,743	\$4,060,800	\$3,351,844	\$3,498,267	\$3,605,186	\$3,815,907
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll - pension	13.45%	13.84%	13.86%	13.18%	14.00%	14.00%	13.50%	13.50%	14.00%	14.00%
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll - OPEB	0.55%	0.16%	0.14%	0.82%	0.00%	0.00%	0.50%	0.50%	0.00%	0.00%
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll - total	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%

(1) Excludes surcharge.

See the accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

Vinton County Local School District
Notes to the Required Supplementary Information
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

State Teachers Retirement System

Pension

Changes in benefit terms

There were no changes to benefit terms for fiscal years 2015 through 2017. For fiscal year 2018, the cost of living adjustment (COLA) was reduced to 0 percent effective July 1, 2017. There were no changes to benefit terms for fiscal years 2019 through 2021.

Changes in assumptions

There were no changes in assumptions for fiscal years 2015 through 2017.

For fiscal year 2018, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date:

- Inflation assumptions were lowered from 2.75 percent to 2.50 percent.
- Investment return assumptions were lowered from 7.75 percent to 7.45 percent.
- Total salary increases rates were lowered by decreasing merit component of the individual salary increases, as well as by 0.25 percent due to lower inflation.
- Payroll growth assumptions were lowered from 3.50 percent to 3.00 percent.
- Updated the health and disability mortality assumption to the RP-2014 mortality tables with generational improvement scale MP-2016.
- Rates of retirement, termination and disability were modified to better reflect anticipated future experience.

There were no changes in assumptions for fiscal years 2019 through 2021.

OPEB

Changes in benefit terms

There were no changes to benefit terms for fiscal year 2017.

For fiscal year 2018, STRS has the following changes in benefit terms since the previous measurement date:

- The HealthSpan HMO plans were eliminated.
- The subsidy multiplier for non-Medicare benefit recipients was reduced to 1.9 percent per year of service from 2.1 percent.
- Medicare Part B premium reimbursements were discontinued for survivors and beneficiaries who were age 65 by 2008 and either receiving a benefit or named as a beneficiary as of January 1, 2008.
- The remaining Medicare Part B premium reimbursements will be phased out over a three-year period.

For fiscal year 2019, the following was the most significant change in benefit terms that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date:

- The subsidy multiplier for non-Medicare benefit recipients increased from 1.9 percent to 1.944 percent per year of service effective January 1, 2019. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium increased effective January 1, 2019 and all remaining Medicare Part B premium reimbursements were scheduled to be discontinued beginning January 1, 2020, though the STRS Board voted in June 2019 to extend the current Medicare Part B partial reimbursement for one year.

Vinton County Local School District
Notes to the Required Supplementary Information
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

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

For fiscal year 2021, 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.

Changes in assumptions

There were no changes in assumptions for fiscal year 2017.

For fiscal year 2018, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date:

- The discount rate was increased from 3.26 percent to 4.13 percent based on the methodology defined under GASB 74.
- The long-term rate of return was reduced to 7.45 percent.
- Valuation-year per capita health costs were updated.
- The percentage of future retirees electing each option was updated based on current data.
- The assumed future trend rates were modified.
- Decrement rates including mortality, disability, retirement, and withdrawal were modified.
- The assumed percentage of future disabled retirees assumed to elect health coverage was decreased from 84 percent to 65 percent, and the assumed percentage of terminated vested participants assumed to elect health coverage at retirement was decreased from 47 percent to 30 percent.
- The assumed salary scale was modified.

For fiscal year 2019, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date:

- The discount rate increased from a 4.13 percent blended discount rate to 7.45 percent.
- The health care trend assumption rate changed from 6 to 11 percent initial, 4.5 percent ultimate to:
 - Medical Medicare – 6 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
 - Medical Pre-Medicare – 5 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
 - Prescription Drug Medicare – 8 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
 - Prescription Drug Pre-Medicare – -5.23 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate

For fiscal year 2020, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date:

- The health care trend assumption rate changed as follows:
 - Medical Medicare – from 6 percent to 5.87 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
 - Medical Pre-Medicare – from 5 percent to 4.93 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
 - Prescription Drug Medicare – from 8 percent to 7.73 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
 - Prescription Drug Pre-Medicare – from -5.23 percent to 9.62 initial, 4 percent ultimate

Vinton County Local School District
Notes to the Required Supplementary Information
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

For fiscal year 2021, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date:

- The health care trend assumption rate changed as follows:
 - Medical Medicare – from 4.93 percent to -6.69 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
 - Medical Pre-Medicare – from 5.87 percent to 5 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
 - Prescription Drug Medicare – from 7.73 percent to 6.5 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
 - Prescription Drug Pre-Medicare – from 9.62 percent to 11.87 initial, 4 percent ultimate

School Employees Retirement System

Pension

Changes in benefit terms

There were no changes to benefit terms for fiscal years 2015 through 2017.

For fiscal year 2018, the following were the most significant changes in benefit that affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date:

- The cost-of-living adjustment was changed from a fixed 3.00 percent to a cost-of-living adjustment that is indexed to CPI-W not greater than 2.5 percent with a floor of 0 percent beginning January 1, 2018. In addition, with the authority granted the Board under HB 49, the Board has enacted a three-year COLA suspension for benefit recipients in calendars 2018, 2019, and 2020.

There were no changes to benefit terms for fiscal years 2019 through 2021.

Changes in assumptions

There were no changes in assumptions for fiscal years 2015 through 2017.

For fiscal year 2018, the following changes were made to the actuarial assumptions as identified. These new assumptions compared with those used in fiscal year 2016 and prior are presented below:

- Assumed rate of inflation was reduced from 3.25 percent to 3.00 percent
- Payroll Growth Assumption was reduced from 4.00-22.00 percent to 3.50-18.20 percent
- Assumed real wage growth was reduced from 0.75 percent to 0.50 percent
- Rates of withdrawal, retirement and disability were updated to reflect recent experience.
- Mortality among active members was updated to the following:
 - RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age set-back for both males and females. The above rates represent the base rates used.
- Mortality among service retired members, and beneficiaries was updated to the following:
 - RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection with Scale BB, 120 percent of male rates, and 110 percent of female rates.
- Mortality among disable member was updated to the following:
 - RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, 90 percent for male rates and 100 percent for female rates, set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement.

There were no changes in assumptions for fiscal years 2019 through 2021.

Vinton County Local School District
Notes to the Required Supplementary Information
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

OPEB

Changes in benefit terms

There were no changes to benefit terms for fiscal years 2017 through 2021.

Changes in assumptions

For fiscal year 2017, the following was the most significant change of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date:

- Assumed rate of inflation was reduced from 3.25 percent to 3.00 percent
- Payroll Growth Assumption was reduced from 4.00-22.00 percent to 3.50-18.2 percent
- Assumed real wage growth was reduced from 0.75 percent to 0.50 percent
- Rates of withdrawal, retirement and disability were updated to reflect recent experience.
- Mortality among active members was updated to the following:
 - RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age set-back for both males and females.
- Mortality among service retired members, and beneficiaries was updated to the following:
 - RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection with Scale BB, 120 percent of male rates, and 110 percent of female rates.
- Mortality among disabled members was updated to the following:
 - RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, 90 percent for male rates and 100 percent for female rates, set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement.

For fiscal year 2018, the following was the most significant change of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date:

- The discount rate was increased from 2.98 percent to 3.63.
- The municipal bond index rate increased from 2.95 percent to 3.56 percent.

For fiscal year 2019, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date:

- The discount rate was changed from 3.63 percent to 3.70 percent.
- The municipal bond index rate increased from 3.56 percent to 3.62 percent.
- The single equivalent interest rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation increased from 3.63 percent to 3.70 percent.
- The medical trend assumption rate changed as follows:
 - Medicare – 2018 – 5.50 to 5.00 percent, 2019 – 5.375 to 4.75 percent
 - Pre-Medicare – 2018 – 7.50 to 5.00 percent, 2019 – 7.25 to 4.75

For fiscal year 2020, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date:

- The municipal bond index rate decreased from 3.62 percent to 3.13 percent.
- The single equivalent interest rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation decreased from 3.70 percent to 3.22 percent.
- The medical trend assumption rate changed as follows:
 - Medicare – 2019 – 5.375 to 4.75 percent, 2020 – 5.25 to 4.75 percent
 - Pre-Medicare – 2019 – 7.25 to 4.75, 2020 – 7 to 4.75 percent

Vinton County Local School District
Notes to the Required Supplementary Information
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

For fiscal year 2021, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date:

- The municipal bond index rate decreased from 3.13 percent to 2.45 percent.
- The single equivalent interest rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation decreased from 3.22 percent to 2.63 percent.

VINTON COUNTY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
VINTON COUNTY

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

<i>Pass Through Grantor Program / Cluster Title</i>	AL Number	Entity Identifying Number	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education</i>			
Child Nutrition Cluster			
Non-Cash Assistance (Food Distribution):			
National School Lunch Program	10.555	2021	\$63,542
Cash Assistance:			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	2021	251,345
COVID-19 School Breakfast Program	10.553	2021	47,912
National School Lunch Program	10.555	2021	578,585
COVID-19 National School Lunch Program	10.555	2021	197,637
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			<u>1,139,021</u>
Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Program	10.582	2021	<u>84,938</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			1,223,959
U.S DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education</i>			
COVID-19: Coronavirus Relief Fund CRF (Rural and Small Town)	21.019	2021	169,320
COVID-19: Coronavirus Relief Fund (BroadbandOhio Connectivity)	21.019	2021	151,040
<i>Passed Through Village of McArthur</i>			
COVID-19: Coronavirus Relief Fund	21.019	2021	<u>20,000</u>
Total Coronavirs Relief Funds			<u>340,360</u>
Total U.S. Department of Treasury			340,360
NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR HUMANITIES			
<i>Passed Through State Library of Ohio</i>			
COVID-19: Grants to States	45.310	2021	<u>3,000</u>
Total National Endowment for the Humanities			3,000
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education</i>			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	2020	101,697
	84.010A	2021	<u>723,427</u>
Total Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies			825,124
Special Education Cluster			
Special Education- Grants to States	84.027	2020	59,519
	84.027A	2021	<u>418,446</u>
Total Special Education- Grants to States			477,965
Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173A	2021	<u>12,884</u>
Total Special Education Cluster			490,849
Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	84.287A	2021	170,117
Rural Education	84.358	2020	5,302
	84.358B	2021	<u>35,861</u>
Total Rural Education			41,163
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367A	2021	111,059
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424A	2020	7,920
		2021	<u>41,325</u>
Total Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program			49,245
COVID-19: Education Stabilization Fund	84.425D	2021	811,874
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>2,499,431</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$4,066,750</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this Schedule.

**VINTON COUNTY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
VINTON COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
2 CFR 200.510(b)(6)
FOR THE 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 the Vinton County Local School District (the District’s) under programs of the federal government for the 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 Government, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the 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 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 District commingles cash receipts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture with similar State grants. When reporting expenditures on this Schedule, the District assumes it expends federal monies first.

NOTE E – FOOD DONATION PROGRAM

The District reports commodities consumed on the Schedule at the entitlement value. The District allocated donated food commodities to the respective program that benefitted from the use of those donated food commodities.

NOTE F - TRANSFERS BETWEEN PROGRAM YEARS

Federal regulations require schools to obligate certain federal awards by June 30. However, with ODE’s consent, schools can transfer unobligated amounts to the subsequent fiscal year’s program. The District transferred the following amounts from 2021 to 2022 programs:

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>AL</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Amount Transferred</u>
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	\$50,442
Expanding Opportunities for Each Child	84.010A	17,556
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	148,954
21st Century	84.287	65,523
Education Stabilization Fund	84.425D	27,339

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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

Vinton County Local School District
Vinton County
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To the Board of Education:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Vinton County Local School District, Vinton County, Ohio (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 16, 2022 wherein we noted the District adopted new accounting guidance in Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, obtained a capital asset reappraisal, and updated bond premium and deferred charge on refunding which resulted in a prior period restatement to the June 30, 2020 net position. We also noted the financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures which may impact subsequent periods of the District.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

March 16, 2022



**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**

Vinton County Local School District
Vinton County
307 West High Street
McArthur, Ohio 45651

To the Board of Education:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Vinton County Local School District, Vinton County, Ohio (the 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 the Vinton County Local School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2021. The *Summary of Auditor's Results* in the accompanying Schedule of Findings identifies the District's major federal programs.

Management's Responsibility

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on the District's compliance for the 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 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 District's major programs. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

The 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 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 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

March 16, 2022

**VINTON COUNTY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
VINTON 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)?	No
(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): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coronavirus Relief Fund- Assistance Listing #21.019 • Education Stabilization Fund- Assistance Listing #84.425D 	
(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?	Yes

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

None.

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None.

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



VINTON COUNTY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

VINTON COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

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



Certified for Release 4/5/2022

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