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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Graham Local School District Champaign County 7790 West US Highway 36 Saint Paris, Ohio 43072

To the Board of Education:

## Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Graham Local School District, Champaign County, (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements.

## Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This responsibility includes the 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 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 that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our adverse audit opinion.

#### Basis for Adverse Opinion

As described in Note 2 of the financial statements, the District prepared these financial statements using cash accounting basis Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit. However, Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(B) requires these statements to follow accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 2 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumably material.

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#### Adverse Opinion

In our opinion, because of the matter described in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* paragraph, the financial statements do not present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the Graham Local School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013 in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Other Matters**

#### Required Supplementary Information

The District also has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

#### Supplementary Information

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

The Schedule of Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures presents additional analysis as required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations and is also 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 financial statements. We subjected this schedule to the auditing procedures we applied to the financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling the schedule directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, this schedule is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the 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 January 8, 2014, 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.

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Columbus, Ohio

January 8, 2014

#### COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CASH BASIS) ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	Governmental Fund Types				
	Comonal	Special	Daht Camilaa	Capital	Total (Memorandum
Revenues:	General	Revenue	Debt Service	Projects	Only)
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$4,088,960	\$80,897	\$1,128,469	\$221,467	\$5,519,793
Intergovernmental	10,981,737	1,181,904	260,136	66,222	12,489,999
0			200,130	3,786	
Interest Tuition and Fees	9,039	1,586		3,700	14,411
	837,176				837,176
Rent	9,297	220 725			9,297
Extracurricular Activities	0	330,735			330,735
Gifts and Donations	8	12,186			12,194
Customer Sales and Services	000.040	364,503		40.000	364,503
Miscellaneous	293,013		4 000 005	48,983	341,996
Total Revenues	16,219,230	1,971,811	1,388,605	340,458	19,920,104
Expenditures:					
Current:					
Instruction:					
Regular	5,576,596	55,219			5,631,815
Special	1,510,547	418,035			1,928,582
Vocational	(209)				(209)
Adult/Continuing	1,255				1,255
Other	1,842,349				1,842,349
Support Services:					
Pupils	537,543	323,343			860,886
Instructional Staff	989,257	38,006			1,027,263
Board of Education	73,258				73,258
Administration	1,180,502	6,859			1,187,361
Fiscal	302,823	2,368	30,992	6,694	342,877
Business	35,005				35,005
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,434,395	271,272		23,839	1,729,506
Pupil Transportation	1,228,753			93,654	1,322,407
Central	110,602				110,602
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:					
Food Service Operations		772,489			772,489
Extracurricular Activities:		,			,
Academic Oriented Activities	20,969	5,005			25,974
Sport Oriented Activities	214,934	181,756			396,690
School and Public Service Co-Curricular Activities	8,180	,			8,180
Capital Outlay:	0,100				0,100
Site Improvement Services				68,135	68,135
Architecture and Engineering Services				15,898	15,898
Building Acquisition and Construction Services				53,052	53,052
Building Improvement Services				693,575	693,575
5				093,375	095,575
Debt Service:	DE 100		500 100	123,215	657 504
Principal	25,128		509,188		657,531
Interest Rend Issuence Costs	15,745		690,615	2,626	708,986
Bond Issuance Costs	15 107 630	2 074 252	237,882	13,415	251,297
Total Expenditures	15,107,632	2,074,352	1,468,677	1,094,103	19,744,764
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,111,598	(102,541)	(80,072)	(753,645)	175,340

#### COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CASH BASIS) ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	Governmental Fund Types				
	Special			Capital	Total (Memorandum
	General	Revenue	Debt Service	Projects	Only)
Other Financing Sources and Uses:					
Transfers In		58,544	150		58,694
Refunding Bond Proceeds			12,455,000		12,455,000
Premium on Bonds			2,093,403		2,093,403
Energy Bond Proceeds				590,000	590,000
Discount on Energy Bonds				(1,435)	(1,435)
Payment to Refunding Bond Escrow Account			(14,373,260)		(14,373,260)
Insurance Recoveries	10,000				10,000
Transfers Out				(55,150)	(55,150)
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	10,000	58,544	175,293	533,415	777,252
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,121,598	(43,997)	95,221	(220,230)	952,592
Fund Cash Balances, July 1	1,141,586	1,231,105	977,319	1,796,873	5,146,883
Fund Cash Balances, June 30	\$2,263,184	\$1,187,108	\$1,072,540	\$1,576,643	\$6,099,475

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

## COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CASH BASIS) ALL FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	Scholarship Private		Total
	Purpose	Agency	(Memorandum
	Trust Funds	Funds	Only)
Operating Cash Receipts:			
Gifts and Contributions		\$145	\$145
Interest	\$448		448
Miscellaneous		477,620	477,620
Total Operating Cash Receipts	448	477,765	478,213
Operating Cash Disbursements:			
Payments in Accordance with Trust Agreements	6,500		6,500
Other Expenditures		488,434	488,434
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	6,500	488,434	494,934
Change in Fund Cash Balances	(6,052)	(10,669)	(16,721)
Fund Cash Balances, July 1	116,015	35,305	151,320
Fund Cash Balances, June 30	\$109,963	\$24,636	\$134,599

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

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

## 1. DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Graham Local School District (the "School District") is a body politic and corporate established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution of the State of Ohio. The School District operates under a locally elected, five-member Board of Education (Board) to provide educational and other services as required and permitted by the laws and regulations of the State of Ohio and United States of America.

The School District was established in 1955 through the consolidation of existing land areas and school districts. The School District serves an area of approximately 189 square miles. It is located in Champaign and Shelby Counties, and includes all of the Villages of Christiansburg, Rosewood, and St. Paris, and portions of Adams, Concord, Harrison, Jackson, Johnson, and Mad River Townships. The School District is staffed by 99 classified employees, 124 certified teaching personnel, and 9 administrative employees who provide services to 2,093 students and other community members. The School District currently operates 3 instructional buildings and an administration building.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Although required by Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(B) to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the District chooses to prepare its financial statements and notes in accordance with standards established by the Auditor of State for governmental entities that are not required to prepare reports in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. This basis of accounting is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e. when an encumbrance is approved).

#### A. The Reporting Entity

A reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units and other organizations that are included to insure that the financial statements are not misleading. The primary government of the School District consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the School District. For Graham Local School District, this includes general operations, food service, student guidance, extracurricular activities, educational media, care and upkeep of grounds and buildings, preschool and student related activities of the School District.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the School District is financially accountable. The School District is financially accountable for an organization if the School District appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the School District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the School District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the School District is legally obligated or has assumed responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to the organization; or the School District is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the School District in that the School District approves the budget, the levying of taxes or the issuance of debt for the organization.

The component units, Graham Digital Academy and A.B. Graham Academy, are reported separately to emphasize that they are legally separate from the School District.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013 (Continued)

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

**Graham Digital Academy:** Graham Digital Academy (Academy) is a legally separate not-forprofit organization served by an appointed seven-member Board of Directors (Board). The Academy was approved for operation under contract with the School District for a period of five years commencing July 1, 2007. The School District is responsible for evaluating the performance of the Academy and has the authority to deny renewal of the contract at its expiration or terminate the contract prior to its expiration. The Board consists of five voting members who are not employed by the School District and two nonvoting members who hold administrative positions with the School District. The Board is responsible for carrying out provisions of the contract, which include, but are not limited to, State-mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards and qualifications of teachers.

On November 19, 2012, the Graham Local School District Board of Education approved a recommendation to close Graham Digital Academy due to a lack of the minimum number of students enrolled in the school. The Ohio Department of Education was notified and performed a student ADM Audit. The Auditor of State's office was notified and is performing a final audit for the school. The district oversaw these activities as well as a public auction for disposal of all assets.

**A.B. Graham Academy:** A.B. Graham Academy (Academy) is a legally separate not-for-profit organization served by an appointed seven-member Board of Directors (Board). The Academy was approved for operation under contract with the School District until superseded by a mutually agreed upon service agreement commencing October 26, 2009. The School District is responsible for evaluating the performance of the Academy and has the right to terminate this agreement with a 90-day notice to the Academy. The Board consists of five voting members who are not employed by the School District and two non-voting members who hold administrative positions with the School District. The Board is responsible for carrying out provisions of the contract, which include, but are not limited to, State-mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards and qualifications of teachers.

The Academies each issue a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and supplementary information. These reports may be obtained by writing to the Administrative Offices, 370 East Main Street, St. Paris, Ohio 43072 or by calling (937) 663-4123.

The School District is associated with four jointly governed organizations, an insurance purchasing pool and a related organization. These organizations are presented in Notes 13, 14 and 15 to the basic financial statements. These organizations are:

#### Jointly Governed Organizations:

Ohio Hi-Point Joint Vocational School Western Ohio Computer Organization Southwestern Ohio Education Purchasing Council Southwestern Ohio Instructional Technology Association

#### **Insurance Purchasing Pool:**

Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council (EPC) Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan and Health Insurance Plan OASBO Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (Effective January 1, 2013)

#### **Related Organization:**

St. Paris Public Library

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013 (Continued)

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### **B.** Fund Accounting

The District uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments which are restricted to use. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain District functions or activities.

For financial statement presentation purposes, the various funds of the District are grouped into the following generic fund types under the broad fund categories governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary.

#### 1. Governmental Fund Types

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions of the District are financed. The following are the District's governmental fund types:

**General Fund** – The General 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 balance is available to the District for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

**Special Revenue Funds** – Special revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditure for specified purposes.

**Debt Service Fund** – This fund is used for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general obligation long-term debt principal and interest.

**Capital Projects Funds** – The capital projects funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds).

#### 2. Fiduciary Fund Types

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the District in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, and/or other funds. The District's fiduciary funds include agency and trust funds.

#### C. Basis of Accounting

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

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

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013 (Continued)

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### **D. Budgetary Process**

All funds, except agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the certificate of estimated resources and the appropriations resolution, both of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount the Board of Education may appropriate. The appropriations resolution is the Board's authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on cash disbursements plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by the Board. The legal level of control has been established by the Board at the fund level for all funds with exception of the General Fund which is at the fund, object code. Budgetary allocations at the function and object level within all funds are made by the Treasurer.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the fiscal year if projected increases or decreases in receipts are identified by the Treasurer.

The appropriation resolution is subject to amendment throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources.

#### E. Cash and Investments

To improve cash management, cash received by the District is pooled and invested. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through District records. Interest in the pool is included in the cash balances reported by fund type.

#### F. Capital Assets

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets.

#### G. Accumulated Leave

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

#### H. Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans

The District recognizes the disbursement for employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 8 and 9, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for postretirement health care benefits.

## I. Long-Term Obligations

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

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013 (Continued)

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### J. Interfund Transactions

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as receipts in the seller funds and as disbursements in the purchaser funds. Subsidies from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds and included in "Other Expenditures" in the fiduciary funds (see Note 16 for further explanation). Repayments from funds responsible for particular cash disbursements to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented in the financial statements.

#### K. Total Columns on Financial Statements

Total columns on the financial statements are captioned "Total- (Memorandum Only)" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. This data is not comparable to a consolidation. Interfund –type eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

## 3. COMPLIANCE

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

#### 4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

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

Active monies are public monies determined to be necessary to meet current demands upon the District treasury. Active 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 either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts including passbook accounts.

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

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013 (Continued)

## 4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

- 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, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
- 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 2 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 or Ohio local governments;
- 5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
- 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).

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

#### A. Deposits

Custodial credit risk 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. At June 30, 2013, \$6,020,391 of the District's bank balance of \$6,665,393 was exposed to custodial credit risk because those deposits were uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent, but not in the District's name.

The District has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits be either insured or be protected by eligible securities pledged to and deposited either with the District or a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value at all times shall be at least one hundred five percent of the deposits being secured.

## **B.** Investments

As of June 30, 2013, the district had no investments other than CD's, checking and payroll accounts at local banks.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013 (Continued)

## 5. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the year ending June 30, 2013:

2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts				
	Budgeted	Actual		
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance	
General	\$16,173,734	\$16,229,230	\$ 55,496	
Special Revenue	1,993,840	2,030,355	36,515	
Debt Service	15,788,139	15,937,158	149,019	
Capital Projects	901,631	930,458	28,827	
Private-Purpose Trust	456	448	(8)	
Agency	477,767	477,765	(2)	
Total	\$35,335,567	\$35,605,414	\$269,847	
2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures				
2013 Budgeted vs. /	Actual Budgetary	Basis Expenditu	res	
2013 Budgeted vs.	Actual Budgetary Appropriation	Basis Expenditu Budgetary	res	
2013 Budgeted vs. / Fund Type			variance	
	Appropriation	Budgetary		
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance	
Fund Type General	Appropriation Authority \$16,504,000	Budgetary Expenditures \$15,107,632	Variance \$1,396,368	
Fund Type General Special Revenue	Appropriation Authority \$16,504,000 2,525,208	Budgetary Expenditures \$15,107,632 2,074,352	<b>Variance</b> \$1,396,368 450,856	
Fund Type General Special Revenue Debt Service	Appropriation Authority \$16,504,000 2,525,208 16,705,573	Budgetary Expenditures \$15,107,632 2,074,352 15,841,937	Variance \$1,396,368 450,856 863,636	
Fund Type General Special Revenue Debt Service Capital Projects	Appropriation Authority \$16,504,000 2,525,208 16,705,573 2,131,063	Budgetary Expenditures \$15,107,632 2,074,352 15,841,937 1,150,688	Variance \$1,396,368 450,856 863,636 980,375	

#### 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 distributions are received by the District in the second half of the fiscal year. Second-half tax distributions are received in the first half of the following fiscal year.

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real property and public utility property located in the District. Real property tax receipts received in calendar years 2013 and 2012 represent the collection of calendar years 2012 and 2011 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar years 2013 and 2012 were levied after April 1, 2012 and 2011, on the assessed values as of January 1, 2012 and 2011, respectively, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State statute at 35 percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semiannually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax receipts received in calendar years 2013 and 2012 represent the collection of calendar years 2012 and 2011 taxes, respectively. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar years 2013 and 2012 became a lien on December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively, were levied after April 1, 2012 and 2011, and are collected with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property is currently assessed at varying percentages of true value.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013 (Continued)

## 6. **PROPERTY TAXES (Continued)**

The District receives property taxes from Champaign and Shelby Counties. The County Auditor periodically advances to the District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the counties by June 30, 2013 and 2012 are available to finance fiscal years 2013 and 2012 operations, respectively. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent. The assessed values upon which fiscal year 2013 taxes were collected are:

	2012 Second- Half Collections		2013 Fir Half Collec	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Real Property:				
Agricultural/Residential	\$209,697,570	88.39%	\$210,035,850	89.45%
Industrial/Commercial	21,419,780	9.03%	18,892,710	8.05%
Public Utility Real Land	75,620	0.03%		0.00%
Public Utility Property	6,041,340	2.55%	5,862,140	2.50%
Total Assessed Value	\$237,234,310	100.00%	\$234,790,700	100.00%
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$34.675		\$34.675	

## 7. RISK MANAGEMENT

#### A. Property and Liability

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2013, the School District contracted with the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council for property and fleet insurance, liability insurance, crime, terrorism and automobile coverage.

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

## B. Workers' Compensation

For the first half of fiscal year 2013, the School District participated in the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council (EPC) Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool. The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013 (Continued)

premium for the School District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRP. The workers' compensation experience of the participants is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all participants 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. Total savings are then calculated and each participant's individual performance is compared to the overall savings percentage of the GRP. A participant will then either receive money from or be required to contribute to the "Equity Pooling Fund". This "equity pooling" arrangement insures that each participant shares equally in the overall performance of the GRP. Participation in the GRP is limited to participants that can meet the GRP's selection criteria. The firm of Gates McDonald & Co. provides administrative, cost control, and actuarial services to the GRP.

Effective January 1, 2013, the District participates in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (the "Program"), an insurance purchasing pool. The Program's business and affairs are conducted by a three member Board of Directors consisting of the President, the President-Elect and the Immediate Past President of the OSBA. The Executive Director of the OSBA, or his designee, serves as coordinator of the Program. Each year, the participating Districts pay an enrollment fee to the Program to cover the costs of administering the Program. The intent of the Program is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the Program. 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 Program. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the Program rather than its individual rate. CompManagement provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the Program.

## 8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

## A. School Employees Retirement System

The School contributes to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS), a costsharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits; annual cost-of-living adjustments; and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by state statute per Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report can be obtained by contacting SERS, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746 or by calling toll free (800) 878-5853. It is also posted on SERS' website at www.ohsers.org under Forms and Publications.

Plan members are required to contribute 10% of their annual covered salary and the School District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current School District rate is 14% of annual covered payroll. A portion of the District's contribution is used to fund pension obligations with the remainder being used to fund health care benefits. For fiscal year 2013, 13.05% and 0.05% of annual covered salary was the portion used to fund pension obligations and death benefits, respectively. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS's Retirement Board up to a statutory maximum amount of 10% for plan members and 14% for employers. Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. The District's required contributions for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2013, 2012, and 2011 were \$284,742, 287,889, and \$271,061, respectively; 79.27 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2013 and 100 percent for 2012 and 2011.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013 (Continued)

## 8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

#### B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

**Plan Description** - The School District participates in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement system. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3371, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Ohio web site at <u>www.strsoh.org</u>., under "Publications".

New members have a choice of three retirement plans, a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary times a percentage that varies based on years of service, or an allowance based on member contributions and earned interest matched by STRS Ohio funds divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor. The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5 percent of earned compensation into an investment account. Investment decisions are made by the member. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The Combined Plan offers features of both the DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are invested by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The DB portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60; the DC portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code.

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years of credited service who becomes disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible spouses and dependents of these active members who die before retirement may qualify for survivor benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

**Funding Policy** - For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, plan members were required to contribute 10% of their annual covered salaries. The School District was required to contribute 14%; 13% was the portion used to fund pension obligations. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendations of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10% for members and 14% for employers. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

The School District's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2013, 2012, and 2011, were \$892,237, \$955,158, and \$1,078,434; 84.98 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2013 and 100 percent for 2012 and 2011.

## C. Social Security System

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the School Employees Retirement System or the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio have an option to choose Social Security or the School Employees Retirement System. As of June 30, 2013, four members of the Board of Education have elected Social Security. The Board's liability is 6.2 percent of wages paid.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013 (Continued)

#### 9. POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The School District provides comprehensive health care benefits to retired teachers and their dependents through the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) and to retired non-certified employees and their dependents through the School Employees Retirement System (SERS).

#### A. School Employees Retirement System

The School Employees Retirement System (SERS) administers two postemployment benefit plans, Medicare Part B and Health Care Plans. The SERS Retirement Board establishes 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. The financial reports of SERS' Health Care and Medicare B plans are included in its *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*. The report can be obtained by contacting SERS, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746 or by calling toll free (800) 878-5853. It is also posted on SERS' website at www.ohsers.org under *Employer/Auditor Resources*.

State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer contributions of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 401h. For 2013, 0.55 percent of covered payroll was allocated to health care. In addition, employers pay a surcharge for employees earning less than an actuarially determined amount; for 2013, this amount was \$31,696.

Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. Retirees and their beneficiaries are required to pay a health care premium that varies depending on the plan selected, the number of qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

The amount of the School District's contributions to SERS allocated to the Health Care Plan for the years ended June 30, 2013, 2012, and 2011 were \$12,331, \$12,468, and \$32,868, respectively; 93.82 percent has been contributed fiscal year 2013 and 100 percent for 2012 and 2011.

The Retirement Board, acting with advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the employer contribution to the Medicare B Fund. For 2013, this actuarially required allocation was 0.75 percent of covered payroll.

The School District's contributions for Medicare Part B for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2013, 2012, and 2011 were \$16,815, \$17,001, and \$17,468, respectively; 79.27 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2013 and 100 percent for 2012 and 2011.

#### B. State Teachers Retirement System

STRS Ohio administers a pension plan that is comprised of: a defined benefit plan; a selfdirected defined contribution plan and a combined plan which is a hybrid of the defined benefit and defined contribution plan. Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer a cost-sharing, multipleemployer health care plan. STRS Ohio provides access to health care coverage to eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined plans. Coverage under the current program includes hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report. Interested parties can view the most recent *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report* by visiting www.strsoh.org or by requesting a copy by calling toll-free 1-888-227-7877.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013 (Continued)

## 9. POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. Active employee members do not contribute to the Plan. All benefit recipients pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For 2013, STRS Ohio allocated employer contributions equal to one percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The School District's contributions for health care for the years ended June 30, 2013, 2012 and 2011 were \$68,634, \$73,474, and \$82,956, respectively; 84.98 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2013 and 100 percent for 2012 and 2011.

## 10. DEBT

The changes in the District's long-term obligations during fiscal year 2013 were as follows:

	Amount Outstanding 6/30/2012	Increases	Decreases	Amount Outstanding 6/30/2013	Due in One Year
General Obligation Bonds:					
Capital Appreciation Bonds	\$ 114,188		(\$ 114,188)		
Serial and Term Bonds - 2005	16,460,000		(12,720,000)	\$ 3,740,000	\$625,000
Capital Appreciation Bonds	315,000		. ,	315,000	
Energy Conservation Limited Tax					
Bonds-2012 (1%-2.25%)		\$ 590,000		590,000	40,000
Energy Conservation LTB - 2012					
Discount		(1,435)		(1,435)	197
School Improvement Unlimited Tax					
General Obligation Refunding Bonds:					
Current Interest Bonds (CIB) - 2012					
(1%-2.35%)		7,500,000	(195,000)	7,305,000	195,000
Premium Capital Appreciation Bonds					
(CAB) - 2012 (2.17%-2.50%)		490,000		490,000	
Current Interest Bonds (CIB) - 2013					
(1%-3.5%)		4,125,000		4,125,000	105,000
Premium Capital Appreciation Bonds					
(CAB) - 2013 (3.54%-3.6%)		340,000		340,000	
CIB - 2012 Premium		48,915		48,915	129
CAB - 2012 Premium		1,315,685		1,315,685	
CIB - 2013 Premium		148,091		148,091	522
CAB - 2013 Premium		580,712		580,712	
Capital Lease Debt	355,000		(148,000)	207,000	26,000
Total	\$17,244,188	\$15,136,968	(\$13,177,188)	\$19,203,968	\$991,848

On May 1, 1998, the School District issued \$7,735,000 in voted general obligation bonds for construction, improvement, and renovation of school facilities. The bond issue included serial, term, and capital appreciation bonds in the amount of \$3,840,000, \$3,660,000, and \$235,000, respectively. The bonds were issued for a twenty-three year period, with final maturity during fiscal year 2021. The bonds are being retired from the Bond Retirement debt service fund. The capital appreciation bonds will mature in fiscal years 2012 and 2013. The maturity amount of the capital appreciation bonds is \$800,000.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013 (Continued)

## 10. DEBT (Continued)

During fiscal year 2006, the School District issued \$17,235,000 of general obligation bonds to refinance \$13,575,000 in bond anticipation notes and to advance refund \$3,660,000 of the 1998 school facilities issue. These bonds include serial and term bonds and capital appreciation bonds. The capital appreciation bonds will mature in fiscal years 2015 and 2016. The maturity amount of the capital appreciation bonds is \$775,000.

On October 24, 2012, the School District issued \$7,990,000 in School Improvement Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds, which consisted of Current Interest Bonds and Premium Capital Appreciation Bonds in the amounts of \$7,500,000 and \$490,000, respectively and \$590,000 in Energy Conservation Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds. The bonds were issued for the purpose of advance refunding currently outstanding Serial and Term Bonds and to fund various energy conservation improvement projects. The Current Interest Bonds, Capital Appreciation Bonds, and Energy Conservation Bonds will mature in fiscal years 2029, 2027, and 2023, respectively. The maturity amount of the capital appreciation bonds is \$2,240,000.

On January 31, 2013, the School District issued \$4,465,000 in School Improvement Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds, which consisted of Current Interest Bonds and Premium Capital Appreciation Bonds in the amounts of \$4,125,000 and \$340,000, respectively. The bonds were issued for the purpose of advance refunding a portion of the currently outstanding 2005 Serial and Term Bonds. The Current Interest Bonds and Capital Appreciation Bonds will mature in fiscal years 2034 and 2030/2031, respectively. The maturity amount of the capital appreciation bonds is \$1,700,000.

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

Future Obligations					
Fiscal Year	Principal	Premium	Discount	Interest	Total
2014	\$ 965,000	\$ 651	\$ 197	\$ 422,982	\$ 1,388,830
2015	775,000	1,612	208	594,520	1,371,340
2016	725,000	2,193	183	646,618	1,373,994
2017	995,000	1,991		359,845	1,356,836
2018	1,050,000	10,917	257	329,626	1,390,800
2019 - 2023	3,555,000	1,398,595	(127)	3,001,560	7,955,028
2024-2028	4,910,000	(44,740)	(2,153)	845,171	5,708,278
2029-2033	3,085,000	679,106		1,762,581	5,526,687
2034	845,000	43,078		14,788	902,866
Total	\$16,905,000	\$2,093,403	(\$1,435)	\$7,977,691	\$26,974,659

The total district assessed valuation of the FY13 fiscal year was \$234,790,700 as shown at the end of Note 6. The voted debt margin was \$3,707,827 and an un-voted debt margin was \$240,358.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013 (Continued)

## 10. DEBT (Continued)

## Capital Lease Schedule:

Fiscal Year	Principal
2014	\$ 26,000
2015	27,000
2016	28,000
2017	30,000
2018	31,000
2019 - 20	65,000
Total	\$207,000

## 11. SET ASIDE REQUIREMENTS

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 the end of the fiscal year or offset by similarly restricted resources received during the fiscal year must be held in cash at fiscal year end. These amounts must be carried forward and used for the same purposes in future years. In prior years, the District was also required to set aside money for budget stabilization.

The following cash basis information identifies the changes in the fund balance reserves for capital improvements during fiscal year 2013.

	Capital Improvements
Balance June 30, 2012	(\$12,273,222)
Current Year Set Aside Requirement Current Year Offsets	349,784
Qualifying Cash Disbursements	(845,068)
Set Aside Reserve Balance June 30, 2013	(\$12,768,506)

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013 (Continued)

## 12. CONTINGENCIES

## A. 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 is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds. 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, 2013.

## **B.** Litigation

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

## 13. JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

**Ohio Hi-Point Joint Vocational School** – The Ohio Hi-Point Joint Vocational School (JVS) is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio which provides vocational education. The JVS operates under the direction of a Board consisting of one representative from each participating School Districts elected board. The Board possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. The degree of control exercised by the School District is limited to its representation on the Board. Financial information can be obtained from Eric Adelsberger, who serves as Treasurer, 2280 State Route 540, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311.

**Western Ohio Computer Organization** – The District is a participant in the Western Ohio Computer Organization (WOCO). WOCO is an association of public Districts within the boundaries of Hardin, Auglaize, Shelby, Logan, Miami and Champaign Counties. The organization was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to administrative and instructional functions among member Districts. This organization is governed by a board of directors consisting of 14 members: the superintendent of the fiscal agent Shelby County Educational Service Center, two superintendents from each county that is represented, one treasurer representative from the school districts, student services representative from the school districts and a non-voting independent district representative. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the board. Financial information can be obtained from Donn Walls, who serves as director, at 129 East Court Street, Sidney, Ohio 45365.

**Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council** – The Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council (SOEPC) is a purchasing council made up of nearly 100 school districts in 12 counties. The purpose of the council is to obtain reduced prices for quality merchandise and services commonly used by schools. All member districts are obligated to pay all fees, charges, or other assessments as established by the SOEPC.

Each member district has one voting representative. Title to any and all equipment, furniture and supplies purchased by the SOEPC is held in trust for the member districts. Any district withdrawing from the SOEPC shall forfeit its claim to any and all SOEPC assets. One year prior notice is necessary for withdrawal from the group. During this time, the withdrawing member is liable for all member obligations. Payments to SOEPC are made from the general fund. To obtain financial information, write to the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council, Ken Swink, who serves as Director, 303Corporate Center Dr, Suite 208, Vandalia, Ohio 45377.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013 (Continued)

## 13. JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS (Continued)

**Southwestern Ohio Instructional Technology Association** – The Southwestern Ohio Instructional Technology Association (SOITA) is a not-for-profit corporation. The purpose of the corporation is to serve the educational needs of the area through television programming for the advancement of educational programs.

The Board of Trustees is comprised of twenty-one representatives of SOITA member schools or institutions. Nineteen representatives are elected from within the counties by the qualified members within the counties, i.e., Auglaize, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Clinton, Darke, Fayette, Greene, Hamilton, Logan, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, Shelby, and Warren. Montgomery, Greene and Butler Counties elect two representatives per area. All others elect one representative per area. One at-large non-public representative is elected by the non-public school SOITA members from within the State assigned SOITA service area. One at-large higher education representative is elected by higher education SOITA members from within the State assigned SOITA service area.

All member districts are obligated to pay all fees, charges, or other assessments as established by the SOITA. Upon dissolution, the net assets shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Payments to SOITA are made from the general fund. To obtain financial information, write to the Southwestern Ohio Instructional Technology Association, Frank DePalma, who serves as Interim Director, at 150 East Sixth Street, Franklin, Ohio 45005.

## 14. INSURANCE POOL

**Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan** – For the first half of the fiscal year the School District participated in the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council Workers' Compensation Group Rating-Plan (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool. The GRP's business and affairs are conducted by a nine member committee consisting of the Chairman, Co-Chairman, and seven member school representatives. The Executive Director of the SOEPC and his designee, serves as chairman and co-chairman of the GRP. Each year, the participating school districts pay an enrollment fee to the GRP to cover the costs of administering the program. Financial information can be obtained from the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council, Ken Swink, who serves as Director, 303Corporate Center Dr, Suite 208, Vandalia, Ohio 45377.

The intent of the Program is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the Program. 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 Program.

Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the Program rather than its individual rate. Total savings are then calculated and each participant's individual performance is compared to the overall savings percentage of the Program. A participant will then either receive money from or be required to contribute to the "Equity Pooling Fund".

This "equity pooling" arrangement insures that each participant shares equally in the overall performance of the program. Participation in the Program is limited to school districts that can meet the Program's selection criteria. The firm of CorVel provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the Program.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013 (Continued)

## 14. INSURANCE POOL (Continued)

Effective January 1, 2013, the District participates in the **Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program** (the "Program"), an insurance purchasing pool. The Program's business and affairs are conducted by a three member Board of Directors consisting of the President, the President-Elect and the Immediate Past President of the OSBA. The Executive Director of the OSBA, or his designee, serves as coordinator of the Program. Each year, the participating Districts pay an enrollment fee to the Program to cover the costs of administering the Program. The intent of the Program is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the Program. 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 Program. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the Program rather than its individual rate. CompManagement provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the Program.

#### 15. RELATED ORGANIZATION

**St. Paris Public Library** – The St. Paris Public Library is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio created under Chapter 3375 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Library is governed by a Board of Trustees appointed by the Graham Board of Education. The Board of Trustees possesses its own contracting and budgeting authority, hires and fires personnel, and does not depend on the School District for operational subsidies. Although the School District serves as the taxing authority and the School District issued tax related debt on behalf of the Library, its role is limited to a ministerial function. The determination to request approval of a tax, the rate, and the purpose are discretionary decisions made solely by the Board of Trustees. Financial information can be obtained from the St. Paris Public Library, Diane Kremer, Clerk/Treasurer, P.O. Box 740, St. Paris, Ohio 43072.

## 16. INTERFUND ASSETS/LIABILITIES AND TRANSFERS

Interfund transactions at June 30, 2012, consisted of transfers in and transfers out:

	Transfers In	Transfers Out
Permanent Improvement Fund OSFC Maintenance Fund	\$55,000	\$55,000
Principal's Activity Fund Student Activity Fund Permanent Improvement Fund	3,544	3,544 150
Bond Retirement Fund	<u> </u>	\$58.694

During fiscal year 2013, the School District transferred \$55,000 from the Permanent Improvement fund to the Classroom Facilities Maintenance Fund to meet the requirements of the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) for the 0.5 mill tax levy for facilities maintenance per Board Resolution 11-103. The OSFC and the Auditor of State approved an alternative funding arrangement for the potential "shortfall" when the current 0.5 mill tax levy expires in 2019 (last collected in FY2020). The School District must make annual deposits through 2020 in the event that the 0.5 tax levy for building maintenance is not renewed by voters in 2019 since the useful life of the new building extends through 2031, or 23 years from the project agreement date of 2008.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013 (Continued)

## 16. INTERFUND ASSETS/LIABILITIES AND TRANSFERS (Continued)

Other transfers included a transfer between the Principal's Activity Fund and the Student Activity Fund to close student activity funds that were no longer active due to a graduating class; and a transfer of excess funds from the sale of bonds for a HB264 Energy Conservation Project to the bond retirement fund.

The transfer from the Student Activity fund was not listed as a transfer in the Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances (Cash Basis); rather it was included in "Other Expenditures".

## SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

Federal Grantor/ Pass Through Grantor	Federal CFDA		Non-Cash		Non-Cash
Program Title	Number	Receipts	Receipts	Expenditures	Disbursements
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE					
(Passed through Ohio Department of Education)					
Child Nutrition Cluster:					
School Breakfast Program	10.553	\$63,291		\$63,291	
National School Lunch Program	10.555	331,384	\$30,352	331,384	\$25,296
Total Child Nutrition Cluster		394,675	30,352	394,675	25,296
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture		394,675	30,352	394,675	25,296
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (Passed through Ohio Department of Education)					
Title I, Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	234,611		224,559	
Special Education Cluster:					
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	408,246		408,246	
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	14,680		14,680	
Total Special Education Cluster		422,926		422,926	
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	54,809		54,809	
Total U.S. Department of Education		712,346		702,294	
Total Federal Assistance		\$1,107,021	\$30,352	\$1,096,969	\$25,296

See accompanying notes to the schedule of federal awards receipts and expenditures.

## NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

## **NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accompanying Schedule of Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures (the Schedule) reports the Graham Local School District's (the District's) federal award programs' receipts and disbursements. The Schedule has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting.

## **NOTE B - 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 C – FOOD DONATION PROGRAM

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



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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

Graham Local School District Champaign County 7790 West US Highway 36 Saint Paris, Ohio 43072

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 Graham Local School District (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 8, 2014, wherein we issued an adverse opinion as the District prepared its financial statements using the cash accounting basis rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our 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.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Therefore, unidentified material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting, that we consider a material weakness.

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 a 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. We consider finding 2013-002 described in the accompanying schedule of findings to be a material weakness.

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

As part of reasonably assuring whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*, which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2013-001.

#### Entity's Response to Findings

The District's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings. We did not audit the District's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

#### Purpose of this Report

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

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Dave Yost Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

January 8, 2014



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Graham Local School District Champaign County 7790 West US Highway 36 Saint Paris, Ohio 43072

To the Board of Education:

#### Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Graham Local School District's (the District) compliance with the applicable requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133, Compliance Supplement* that could directly and materially affect each of the Graham Local School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2013. The *Summary of Audit 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 the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on the District's compliance for each of 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 OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. These standards and OMB Circular A-133 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, the Graham 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, 2013.

Graham Local School District Champaign County Independent Auditor's Report On Compliance With Requirements Applicable To Each Major Federal Program And On Internal Control Over Compliance Required By OMB Circular A-133 Page 2

#### **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 OMB Circular A-133, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of 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 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 is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with federal program's applicable 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 compliance tests and the results of this testing based on OMB Circular A-133 requirements. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Dave Yost Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

January 8, 2014

#### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .505 JUNE 30, 2013

## 1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Adverse
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	Yes
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	Yes
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material internal control weaknesses 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 § .510(a)?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	<ul> <li>Child Nutrition Cluster:</li> <li>School Breakfast Program - CFDA 10.553</li> <li>National School Lunch Program - CFDA 10.555</li> <li>Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies CFDA 84.010</li> </ul>
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs	Type A: > \$ 300,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee?	No

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

## FINDING NUMBER 2013-001

## **Material Noncompliance - GAAP Reporting**

**Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38** provides that each public office shall file a financial report for each fiscal year. The Auditor of State may prescribe forms by rule or may issue guidelines, or both, for such reports. If the Auditor of State has not prescribed a rule regarding the form for the report, the public office shall submit its report on the form utilized by the public office. Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 further clarifies the requirements of Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38.

**Ohio Adm. Code Section 117-2-03(B)** requires the School District to file annual financial reports which are prepared using generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). For fiscal year 2013, the School District prepared financial statements in accordance with standards established by the Auditor of State for governmental entities that are not required to prepare reports in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. This basis of accounting is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. The accompanying financial statements and notes omit certain assets, liabilities, fund equities, and disclosures that, while material, cannot be determined at this time. In addition, the School District did not file the annual report with the Auditor of State. Pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38, the School District may be fined and subject to various other administrative remedies for its failure to file the required financial report.

To help provide the users with more meaningful financial statements, the School District should prepare their annual financial statements according to generally accepted accounting principles. Additionally, the School District should implement procedures to ensure the annual report is filed with the Auditor of State.

#### Official's Response:

The Board of Education and management of the District are knowledgeable concerning the required reporting format (GASB 34 / Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) and the similarities and differences from the required reporting format and the method currently incorporated by the District (Cash Basis of Accounting). District personnel considered the cost-benefit of the two reporting formats and determined reporting on the Cash Basis of Accounting format to be the more fiscally responsible format at this time.

#### FINDING NUMBER 2013-002

#### Material Weakness – Financial Reporting of Debt Issuances

The District issued new debt in fiscal year 2013 that consisted of two refundings of bonds and an energy conservation bond. The District's financial statements reported the net effect of the bond issuances rather than the gross impact on all affected accounts. This resulted in adjustments to the financial statements as follows:

Debt Service Fund Revenue increased by \$14,496,105 Expenditures increased by \$14,495,573 Cash increased by \$532 Capital Projects Fund Revenue decreased by \$60,469 Expenditures decreased by \$59,937 Cash decreased by \$532 Graham Local School District Champaign County Schedule of Findings Page 3

#### FINDING NUMBER 2013-002 (Continued)

By posting the entries at net, the District inadvertently posted an additional \$532 in the incorrect fund. The improper cash balance has been adjusted on the financial statements as well as by the District.

The District reported \$285,812 in interest and fiscal charges as principal payments in the Debt Service Fund. This resulted in an audit reclassification on the financial statements.

The District incorrectly reported its long-term debt information in the notes as it did not include all of the components of the refundings. The notes have been adjusted to properly reflect the activity of the refundings as well as future obligations.

The District should implement procedures to ensure refundings of debt are properly reported in the statements and notes at the gross amounts. Proper accounting of debt financing arrangements is pertinent information for financial statement users to comprehend the impact of debt issuances. It also allows the District to analyze the future obligations of refundings.

#### Official's Response:

We did not receive a response from officials regarding this finding.

## 3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None

## SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .315 (b) JUNE 30, 2013

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2012-01	Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Admin. Code Section 117-2- 03(B) – Failure to report on GAAP basis	No	Repeated as Finding Number 2013-001
2012-02	Ohio Rev. Code Sections 9.38, 117.01 and 9.39 – Finding for Recovery/ Shortage in Athletic Event Deposit	Yes	The finding was "repaid while under audit" during the prior audit on September 27, 2012.
2012-03	Material Weakness—Accuracy of Financial Statement Presentation	No	Partially Corrected; Repeated as Finding Number 2013-002



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## Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedure

Graham Local School District Champaign County 7790 West US Highway 36 Saint Paris, OH 43072

To the Board of Education:

Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.53 states "the auditor of state shall identify whether the school district or community school has adopted an anti-harassment policy in accordance with Section 3313.666 of the Revised Code. This determination shall be recorded in the audit report. The auditor of state shall not prescribe the content or operation of any anti-harassment policy adopted by a school district or community school."

Accordingly, we have performed the procedure enumerated below, which was agreed to by the Board, solely to assist the Board in evaluating whether Graham Local School District, (the District) has updated its anti-harassment policy in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code Section 3313.666. Management is responsible for complying with this requirement. This agreed-upon procedure engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of this procedure is solely the responsibility of the Board. Consequently; we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedure described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

1. We noted the Board amended its anti-harassment policy on May 29, 2012 to include prohibiting harassment, intimidation, or bullying of any student "on a school bus" or by an "electronic act"

We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on compliance with the anti-harassment policy. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Dave Yost Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

January 8, 2014

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

Susan Babbett

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

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