



**LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
LICKING COUNTY**

SINGLE AUDIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Licking Heights Local School District
Licking County
6539 Summit Road SW
Pataskala, Ohio 43062

To the Board of Education:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Licking Heights Local School District, Licking County, Ohio, (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, 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 that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about the 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 considered internal control relevant to the District's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design appropriate audit procedures, 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Licking Heights Local School District, Licking County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2014, 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.

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*, 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 inquiring to management about the methods of preparing the information, and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries and 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 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 basic financial statements. We subjected this schedule to the auditing procedures we applied to the basic 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 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 schedule 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 23, 2015 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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Dave Yost
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

March 23, 2015

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LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014 (UNAUDITED)

This discussion and analysis of the Licking Heights Local School District's (the "School District") financial performance provides an overall review of the School District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the financial statements and notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School District's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2014 are as follows:

- At fiscal year-end, the School District's Net Position totaled \$2.5 million, a \$1.6 million increase in comparison with the prior fiscal year.
- General and Program-specific revenues totaled \$38.2 million and \$4.1 million, respectively.
- The School District had \$40.6 million in expenses. As stated above, only \$4.1 million of these expenses were offset by program revenues. The net expenses of the School District's programs are funded by general revenues, consisting primarily of property taxes and unrestricted grants and entitlements.

Using the Basic Financial Statements

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

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the whole School District, presenting both an aggregate view of the School District's finances and a longer term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the School District's most significant funds with all other nonmajor funds presented in total in one column.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014 (UNAUDITED)

Reporting the School District as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

While this document contains the large number of funds used by the School District to provide programs and activities, the view of the School District as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during the fiscal year?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities answers this question. These statements include all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into accounts all of the current fiscal year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, the School District only reports governmental activities. Governmental activities are the activities where all of the School District's programs and services are reported including, but not limited to, instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, pupil transportation and extracurricular activities.

Reporting the School District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

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

Governmental Funds

Most of the School District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at fiscal year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the School District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014
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Fiduciary Funds

The School District's fiduciary fund is an agency fund used to account for student-managed activities. The School District's fiduciary fund is reported in a separate Statement of Fiduciary Net Position. These activities are excluded from the School District's other financial statements because the School District cannot use these assets to finance its operations. The School District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in this fund are used for its intended purpose. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. Fiduciary funds use the accrual basis of accounting.

Notes to the basic financial statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the basic financial statements begin on page 21 of this report.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the School District, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceed liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$2.5 million (net position) at the close of the current fiscal year.

The largest portions of the School District's net position are restricted for debt service (\$1.2 million) and permanent improvement (\$3.0 million).

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014
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An analysis of fiscal year 2014 in comparison with fiscal year 2013 follows for the Statement of Net Position:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>Restated 2013</u>	<u>Change</u>
Current Assets	\$ 37,336,329	\$ 35,906,729	3.98%
Capital Assets	<u>60,148,464</u>	<u>59,971,958</u>	0.29%
Total Assets	<u>97,484,793</u>	<u>95,878,687</u>	1.68%
Deferred Amount on Refunding	<u>2,815,127</u>	<u>3,054,726</u>	-7.84%
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>2,815,127</u>	<u>3,054,726</u>	-7.84%
Current Liabilities	3,724,588	3,751,460	-0.72%
Long-term Liabilities	<u>75,079,320</u>	<u>76,549,602</u>	-1.92%
Total Liabilities	<u>78,803,908</u>	<u>80,301,062</u>	-1.86%
Property Taxes	<u>19,015,906</u>	<u>17,777,560</u>	6.97%
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>19,015,906</u>	<u>17,777,560</u>	6.97%
Net Investment in Capital Assets	(1,589,815)	(361,325)	-340.00%
Restricted	4,707,016	3,975,000	18.42%
Unrestricted	<u>(637,095)</u>	<u>(2,758,884)</u>	76.91%
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 2,480,106</u>	<u>\$ 854,791</u>	190.14%

Current Assets and Deferred Inflows of Resources both increased significantly in comparison with the prior fiscal year. These increases are primarily the result of a \$2.7 million increase in property taxes receivable, the majority of which is intended to finance fiscal year 2015.

Long-term liabilities decreased by \$1.5 million. This decrease is the result the School District's debt service payments offset by current year accretion.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014
(UNAUDITED)**

An analysis of fiscal year 2014 in comparison with fiscal year 2013 follows for the Statement of Activities:

Governmental Activities			
	2014	Restated 2013	Percent Change
Program Revenues			
Charges for Services	\$ 1,138,803	\$ 1,222,581	-6.85%
Operating Grants	2,923,038	2,255,875	29.57%
General Revenues			
Property Taxes	23,212,231	18,120,045	28.10%
Revenue in Lieu of Taxes	3,598,945	1,865,165	92.96%
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs	11,053,316	10,954,353	0.90%
Investment Earnings	21,590	14,909	44.81%
Settlement Revenue	-	1,196,855	-100.00%
Miscellaneous	316,834	104,017	204.60%
Total Revenues	42,264,757	35,733,800	18.28%
Program Expenses			
Instructional	22,573,022	19,371,776	16.53%
Support Services	12,721,993	12,081,208	5.30%
Non-Instructional	1,516,364	1,481,998	2.32%
Extra Curricular Activities	582,986	567,537	2.72%
Interest and Fiscal Charges	3,245,077	3,611,452	-10.14%
Total Expenses	40,639,442	37,113,971	9.50%
Change in Net Position	1,625,315	(1,380,171)	
Net Position at Beginning of Year	854,791	2,234,962	
Net Position at End of Year	\$ 2,480,106	\$ 854,791	

Total Revenues increased \$6.5 million. This increase is primarily the result of an increase in Property Taxes and Revenue in Lieu of Taxes.

Total Expenses increased \$3.5 million, or 9.5 percent in comparison with the prior fiscal year. For the most part, this increase represents increased instructional expense and inflationary increases.

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The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. The table below reflects the costs of program services and the net cost of those services after taking into account program revenues. General revenues including tax revenue, unrestricted State entitlements and investment earnings must support the net cost of program services.

An analysis of fiscal year 2014 in comparison with fiscal year 2013 follows:

	<u>Total Cost of Services 2014</u>	<u>Total Cost of Services 2013</u>	<u>Net Cost of Services 2014</u>	<u>Net Cost of Services 2013</u>
Program expenses				
Instructional	\$ 22,573,022	\$ 19,371,776	\$ 20,812,471	\$ 18,107,910
Support services	12,721,993	12,081,208	12,298,296	11,643,931
Non-Instructional	1,516,364	1,481,998	(35,031)	(18,782)
Extra Curricular Activities	582,986	567,537	256,788	291,004
Interest	<u>3,245,077</u>	<u>3,611,452</u>	<u>3,245,077</u>	<u>3,611,452</u>
Total	<u>\$ 40,639,442</u>	<u>\$ 37,113,971</u>	<u>\$ 36,577,601</u>	<u>\$ 33,635,515</u>

Financial Analysis of the School District's Funds

As noted earlier, the School District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds

The focus of the School District's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the School District's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the School District's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the School District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$10.5 million, an increase of \$2.4 million in comparison with the prior fiscal year. The School District's had an unassigned fund balance of \$3.2 million. The remaining fund balance is either restricted by external third parties for specific purposes (\$5.6 million) or assigned by the School District for specific purposes (\$1.7 million).

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014
(UNAUDITED)

An analysis of fiscal year 2014 in comparison with fiscal year 2013 follows:

	Fund Balance June 30, 2014	Restated Fund Balance June 30, 2013	Variance
General Fund	\$ 3,951,493	\$ 623,046	\$ 3,328,447
Debt Service Fund	1,304,662	873,058	431,604
Other Governmental Funds	5,233,247	6,559,751	(1,326,504)
Total Governmental Funds	<u>\$ 10,489,402</u>	<u>\$ 8,055,855</u>	<u>\$ 2,433,547</u>

General Fund

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the School District. At the end of current fiscal year, fund balance in the School District's general fund totaled \$4.0 million, an increase of \$3.3 million in comparison with the prior fiscal year. This increase is primarily the result of an increase in property tax receipts.

Debt Service Fund

Fund balance in the Debt Service Fund increased \$431,604 during the fiscal year. This increase represents the amount in which current year property tax and related revenues exceeded debt service expenditures.

General Fund Budget Information

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

For the General Fund, the variances between original and final budgeted revenues and expenditures, and final and actual revenues and expenditures, were insignificant.

LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014 (UNAUDITED)

Capital Assets

At the end of the fiscal year, the School District had \$60.1 million (net of accumulated depreciation) invested in capital assets, an increase of \$176,506 in comparison with the prior fiscal year. This increase represents the amount in which current year capital acquisitions (\$2.1 million) exceeded depreciation (\$1.9 million). This investment in capital assets includes land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture, fixtures and equipment, and vehicles. Detailed information regarding capital asset activity is included in the Note 9 to the basic financial statements.

Debt

At the end of the fiscal year, the School District had total bonded debt outstanding of \$73.2 million, a decrease of \$2.1 million in comparison with the prior fiscal year. This decrease represents the amount in which current year principal payments (\$3.1 million) exceeded accretion/amortization (\$1.0 million).

Detailed information regarding long-term obligations is included in Notes 15 to the basic financial statements.

Contacting the School District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to show the School District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Nick Roberts, Treasurer, at Licking Heights Local School District, 6539 Summit Road SW, Pataskala, Ohio 43062.

**LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
AS OF JUNE 30, 2014

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 10,788,158
Receivables:	
Property Taxes	24,057,541
Revenue in Lieu of Taxes	1,785,116
Intergovernmental	691,239
Materials and Supplies Inventory	14,275
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	3,418,147
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	56,730,317
Total Assets	<u>97,484,793</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Unamortized Amount on Refunding	2,815,127
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>2,815,127</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	141,116
Accrued Wages and Benefits Payable	2,814,849
Intergovernmental Payable	600,003
Accrued Interest Payable	168,620
Long-Term Liabilities	
Due within One Year	3,595,532
Due in More Than One Year	71,483,788
Total Liabilities	<u>78,803,908</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Property and Other Local Taxes	19,015,906
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>19,015,906</u>
Net Position	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	(1,589,815)
Restricted for:	
Debt Service	1,222,059
Permanent Improvement	2,987,358
Building Fund	186,537
Food Service	160,541
Special Trust	5,399
Other Local Grants	4,248
Extracurricular Activities	40,736
State and Federal Grants	100,138
Unrestricted	(637,095)
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 2,480,106</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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LICKING COUNTY**

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense)
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Revenue and Changes in Net Position
				Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities				
Instruction				
Regular	\$ 18,095,719	\$ 215,013	\$ 969,254	\$ (16,911,452)
Special	4,236,919	57,015	515,607	(3,664,297)
Vocational	131,862	1,905	-	(129,957)
Other	108,522	1,407	350	(106,765)
Support Services				
Pupils	1,664,858	-	5,328	(1,659,530)
Instructional Staff	1,340,669	-	326,673	(1,013,996)
Board of Education	49,268	-	-	(49,268)
Administration	2,171,640	-	62,696	(2,108,944)
Fiscal	935,302	-	-	(935,302)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	3,372,845	-	-	(3,372,845)
Pupil Transportation	2,658,666	-	-	(2,658,666)
Central	528,745	-	29,000	(499,745)
Non-Instructional Services	1,516,364	547,628	1,003,767	35,031
Extracurricular Activities	582,986	315,835	10,363	(256,788)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	3,245,077	-	-	(3,245,077)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 40,639,442	\$ 1,138,803	\$ 2,923,038	(36,577,601)
General Revenues				
Property Taxes Levied for:				
General Purposes				18,911,661
Debt Service				3,364,875
Permanent Improvement				935,695
Revenue in Lieu of Taxes				3,598,945
Grants & Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs				11,053,316
Investment Earnings				21,590
Miscellaneous				316,834
Total General Revenues				38,202,916
Change in Net Position				1,625,315
Net Position Beginning of Year, Restated				854,791
Net Position End of Year				<u>\$ 2,480,106</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2014

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 4,903,052	\$ 458,722	\$ 5,426,384	\$ 10,788,158
Receivables:				
Property Taxes	19,786,540	3,356,368	914,633	24,057,541
Revenue in Lieu of Taxes	1,785,116	-	-	1,785,116
Intergovernmental	105,741	-	585,498	691,239
Interfund	373,815	-	-	373,815
Materials and Supplies Inventory	-	-	14,275	14,275
Total Assets	\$ 26,954,264	\$ 3,815,090	\$ 6,940,790	\$ 37,710,144
Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable	\$ 103,222	\$ -	\$ 37,894	\$ 141,116
Accrued Wages and Benefits Payable	2,590,750	-	224,099	2,814,849
Intergovernmental Payable	543,047	-	56,956	600,003
Interfund Payable	-	-	373,815	373,815
Matured Compensated Absences	54,279	-	-	54,279
Notes Payable	3,250,000	-	-	3,250,000
Total Liabilities	6,541,298	-	692,764	7,234,062
Deferred Inflows of Resources:				
Property and Other Local Taxes:	15,934,885	2,421,221	659,800	19,015,906
Unavailable Revenue	526,588	89,207	354,979	970,774
Total Deferred Inflows of Resource:	16,461,473	2,510,428	1,014,779	19,986,680
Fund Balances:				
Restricted for:				
Debt Service	-	1,304,662	-	1,304,662
Building Fund	-	-	1,099,795	1,099,795
Permanent Improvement	-	-	2,962,407	2,962,407
Food Service	-	-	160,541	160,541
Special Trust	-	-	5,399	5,399
Other Local Grants	-	-	4,248	4,248
Extracurricular Activities	-	-	40,736	40,736
State and Federal Grants	-	-	68,087	68,087
Assigned for:				
Public School Support	81,608	-	-	81,608
Future Appropriations	228,541	-	-	228,541
Instruction	53,522	-	-	53,522
Support Services	111,054	-	-	111,054
Capital Projects	-	-	1,197,981	1,197,981
Unassigned (Defecit):	3,476,768	-	(305,947)	3,170,821
Total Fund Balances	3,951,493	1,304,662	5,233,247	10,489,402
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	\$ 26,954,264	\$ 3,815,090	\$ 6,940,790	\$ 37,710,144

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
LICKING COUNTY**

RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO
NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
JUNE 30, 2014

Total Governmental Fund Balances \$ 10,489,402

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. 60,148,464

Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.

Delinquent Property Tax Receivables	640,103
Intergovernmental Receivables	330,671

Long-Term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.

Bonds and Notes Payable	(65,642,728)
Unamortized Issuance Premiums	(4,277,257)
Unamortized Losses on Refundings	3,052,953
Unamortized Gain on Refunding	(237,826)
Accrued Interest Payable	(168,620)
Capital Leases Payable	(679,175)
Compensated Absence Payable	(1,175,881)
	<u>(69,128,534)</u>

Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ 2,480,106

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
LICKING COUNTY**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Property Taxes	\$ 18,879,189	\$ 3,363,415	\$ 938,402	\$ 23,181,006
Revenue in Lieu of Taxes	3,598,945	-	-	3,598,945
Intergovernmental	11,683,494	434,110	2,925,188	15,042,792
Investment Earnings	8,037	-	13,553	21,590
Tuition and Fees	351,773	-	-	351,773
Rent	52,186	-	-	52,186
Extracurricular Activities	207,112	-	98,717	305,829
Contributions and Donations	20,978	-	4,118	25,096
Customer Sales and Services	-	-	544,716	544,716
Miscellaneous	204,763	11,894	14,044	230,701
Total Revenues	35,006,477	3,809,419	4,538,738	43,354,634
Expenditures:				
Instruction:				
Regular	14,995,987	-	854,762	15,850,749
Special	3,705,226	-	497,943	4,203,169
Vocational	140,470	-	-	140,470
Other	102,195	-	1,500	103,695
Support services:				
Pupils	1,642,997	-	5,249	1,648,246
Instructional Staff	734,222	-	549,671	1,283,893
Board of Education	49,268	-	-	49,268
Administration	2,041,552	-	61,767	2,103,319
Fiscal	866,909	48,503	13,920	929,332
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	2,915,965	-	348,018	3,263,983
Pupil Transportation	2,319,585	-	24,878	2,344,463
Central	475,974	-	39,650	515,624
Non-Instructional Services	-	-	1,481,914	1,481,914
Extracurricular Activities	462,729	-	93,772	556,501
Capital Outlay	-	-	2,745,458	2,745,458
Debt service:				
Principal Retirement	2,885	1,117,127	129,966	1,249,978
Interest and Fiscal Charges	55,976	2,879,510	-	2,935,486
Total Expenditures	30,511,940	4,045,140	6,848,468	41,405,548
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	4,494,537	(235,721)	(2,309,730)	1,949,086
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Sale of Capital Assets	14,367	-	-	14,367
Proceeds from Insurance Recoveries	18,115	-	-	18,115
Inception of Capital Lease	-	-	451,979	451,979
Transfers In	-	667,325	1,198,572	1,865,897
Transfers Out	(1,198,572)	-	(667,325)	(1,865,897)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(1,166,090)	667,325	983,226	484,461
Net Change in Fund Balances	3,328,447	431,604	(1,326,504)	2,433,547
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year, Restated	623,046	873,058	6,559,751	8,055,855
Fund Balances - End of Year	\$ 3,951,493	\$ 1,304,662	\$ 5,233,247	\$ 10,489,402

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
LICKING COUNTY**

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, 2014

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds \$ 2,433,547

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.

Depreciation Expense	(1,910,755)
Capital Outlay	2,087,261

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	(1,122,359)
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The issuance of long-term debt (e.g. bonds, leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities.

Bond Principal Repayments	2,085,000
Inception of Capital Lease	(451,979)
Capital Lease Principal Repayments	132,851
Amortization of Bond Issuance Premiums	747,331
Amortization of Losses on Refundings	(256,288)
Amortization of Gain on Refunding	16,689

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities, such as compensated absences payable and other accounts payable, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the funds.

Compensated Absences	(350,787)
Accrued Interest	5,766
Accretion of Capital Appreciation Bonds	<u>(1,790,962)</u>

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 1,625,315</u></u>
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**LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**

GENERAL FUND

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Over/(Under)
Revenues:				
Property Taxes	\$ 17,093,525	\$ 17,366,010	\$ 17,366,013	\$ 3
Revenue in Lieu of Taxes	1,800,877	3,462,633	3,592,767	130,134
Intergovernmental	12,597,388	11,491,639	11,683,494	191,855
Investment Earnings	5,025	5,025	8,037	3,012
Tuition and Fees	365,809	302,332	351,773	49,441
Rent	15,000	76,500	52,186	(24,314)
Extracurricular Activities	68,500	70,352	67,667	(2,685)
Contributions and Donations	12,000	12,000	11,500	(500)
Miscellaneous	287,248	340,417	270,315	(70,102)
Total Revenues	32,245,372	33,126,908	33,403,752	276,844
Expenditures:				
Instruction:				
Regular	13,736,470	15,071,386	14,771,799	299,587
Special	3,167,615	4,023,640	3,949,432	74,208
Vocational	139,030	141,609	140,156	1,453
Other	1,721,078	166,534	135,581	30,953
Support services:				
Pupils	1,469,086	1,673,448	1,620,233	53,215
Instructional Staff	2,008,026	902,634	822,817	79,817
Board of Education	50,587	58,120	55,854	2,266
Administration	2,054,076	2,102,813	2,055,131	47,682
Fiscal	760,101	932,355	892,857	39,498
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	3,033,077	3,099,596	3,045,374	54,222
Pupil Transportation	2,219,053	2,448,525	2,405,338	43,187
Central	206,902	497,989	491,317	6,672
Extracurricular Activities	312,615	359,759	287,724	72,035
Debt service:				
Principal Retirement	1,050,000	1,050,000	1,050,000	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	56,043	56,044	55,879	165
Total Expenditures	31,983,759	32,584,452	31,779,492	804,960
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	261,613	542,456	1,624,260	1,081,804
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Sale of Capital Assets	-	-	14,367	14,367
Proceeds from Insurance Recoveries	-	-	18,115	18,115
Contingencies	(200,000)	(71,191)	-	71,191
Transfers In	175,000	-	-	-
Transfers Out	(1,403,000)	(1,196,856)	(1,196,855)	1
Advances In	162,411	162,411	162,411	-
Advances Out	(162,411)	(135,655)	(373,815)	(238,160)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(1,428,000)	(1,241,291)	(1,375,777)	(134,486)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,166,387)	(698,835)	248,483	947,318
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	4,350,151	4,350,151	4,350,151	-
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	27,033	27,033	27,033	-
Fund Balances at End of Year	\$ 3,210,797	\$ 3,678,349	\$ 4,625,667	\$ 947,318

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
AGENCY FUND
AS OF JUNE 30, 2014

	Student Managed <u>Activities</u>
Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 77,160
Total Assets	<u>77,160</u>
Liabilities	
Due to Students	77,160
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 77,160</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
LICKING COUNTY
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY

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

The School District was established in 1956 and is located just east of the City of Columbus about one-half mile from the Franklin County border. The School District serves an area of approximately 36 square miles. It is located in Licking and Franklin Counties and covers parts of the City of Pataskala, the Jersey Township, and St. Albans and Etna Townships in Licking County and parts of Jefferson Township, the City of Reynoldsburg, City of New Albany and the City of Columbus in Franklin County. It is staffed by 134 classified employees and 233 certificated teaching personnel who provide services to 3,710 students and other community members. The School District currently operates five instructional buildings, one administrative building, and a bus garage.

Reporting Entity

A reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units, and other organizations that are included to ensure 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 Licking Heights Local School District, this includes general operations, food service, and student related activities of the School District.

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

The School District participates in several organizations which are defined as jointly governed organizations. These organizations are the Licking Area Computer Association, the Metropolitan Educational Council, the School Study Council of Ohio, and State Support Team. These organizations are presented in Note 17 to the basic financial statements.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the School District have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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 School District’s accounting policies are described below.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

A. Basis of Presentation

The School District's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the School District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. The statements normally distinguish between those activities that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities. However, the School District has no business-type activities.

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

Fund Financial Statements

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

B. Fund Accounting

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

Governmental Funds

The School District classifies funds financed primarily from taxes, intergovernmental receipts (e.g. grants), and other nonexchange transactions as governmental funds.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The following are the School District's major governmental funds:

General Fund – The General Fund is the operating fund of the School 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 School District for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Debt Service – The Debt Service Fund accounts for the accumulation of property tax revenues for, and payment of, general obligation bonds used for the construction and renovation of buildings within the School District.

Other Governmental Funds of the School District account for specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed for specified purposes other than debt service.

Fiduciary Funds — Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the School District in a trustee or agency capacity for others and therefore cannot be used to support the School District's own programs. Fiduciary funds include pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds, and agency funds. The School District's only fiduciary fund is an agency fund which accounts for student activities.

C. Measurement Focus

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and deferred outflows of resources and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of the School 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 and deferred outflows of resources and current liabilities and deferred inflows of resources generally are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the 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 and governmental fund statements.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

D. Basis of Accounting

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

Revenues - Exchange and Non-exchange 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 collectible within the current fiscal year or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the School District, available means expected to be received within sixty days of fiscal year end.

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

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at fiscal year-end: property taxes available as an advance, grants, investment earnings, tuition, and student fees.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial 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 (expense) until then. The School District has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category. It is the deferred charge on refunding. 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 of the life of the refunded or refunding debt.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position 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 School District, deferred inflows of resources include property taxes, revenue in lieu of taxes and unavailable revenue. Property taxes and revenue in lieu of taxes both represent amounts for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of June 30, 2014, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2015 operations. These amounts have been recorded as a deferred inflow of resources on both the government-wide statement of net position and the governmental funds balance sheet. Unavailable revenue is reported only on the governmental funds balance sheet, and represents receivables which will not be collected within the availability period. For the School District, unavailable revenue includes delinquent property taxes, intergovernmental revenue, and fee revenue. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period the amounts become available.

Expenditures/Expenses

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 except for (1) principal and interest on general long-term debt, which is recorded when due, and (2) the costs of accumulated unpaid vacation and sick leave are reported as fund liabilities in the period in which they will be liquidated with available financial resources rather than in the period earned by employees. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in the governmental funds.

E. Budgetary Process

All funds, other than agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the appropriation resolution and the certificate of estimated resources, which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget is waived by the Licking County Budget Commission (Budget Commission) under the authority of Section 5705.281 of the Revised Code. The Budget Commission accepts the School District's five year forecast in place of the tax budget. 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 Treasurer has been authorized to allocate Board appropriations to the function and object level within each fund.

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

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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

F. Cash and Investments

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

During fiscal year 2014, investments were limited to the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAROhio) and money market accounts.

STAROhio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAROhio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAROhio are valued at STAROhio's share price which is the price the investment could be sold for on June 30, 2014.

Following Ohio statutes, the Board of Education has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest revenue credited to the General Fund and Other Governmental Funds during fiscal year 2014 amounted to \$8,037 and \$13,553, respectively. The portion of interest revenue credited to the General Fund that was earned on cash balances within other funds was insignificant.

Investments of the cash management pool and investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the School District are presented on the financial statements as Cash and Cash Equivalents. Investments with an original maturity greater than three months at the time they are purchased are presented on the financial statements as Investments.

G. Inventory

Inventories are presented at cost on a first-in, first-out basis and are expended/expensed when used. Inventory consists of purchased food held for resale and expendable supplies held for consumption.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

H. Capital Assets

All capital assets of the School District are general capital assets that are associated with governmental activities. General capital assets usually 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.

Capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost, which is determined by indexing the current replacement cost back to the year of acquisition) and updated for additions and retirements during the fiscal year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The School District maintains a capitalization threshold of \$2,500. The School District does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset’s life are not capitalized.

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:

Description	Estimated Lives
Land Improvements	10 – 20
Buildings and Improvements	20 – 45
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	7 – 20
Vehicles	5 – 20

I. Interfund Balances

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

J. Compensated Absences

Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees’ rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the School District will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. The School 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. An accrual for earned sick leave is made to the extent it is probable that benefits will result in termination payments. The School District records a liability for all employees meeting the retirement criteria outlined by the pension systems as well as all employees with 10 or more years of service with the School District.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The entire sick leave benefit liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements. On the governmental fund financial statements, sick leave benefits are recognized as liabilities and expenditures to the extent payments come due each period upon the occurrence of employee resignations and retirements. These amounts are recorded in the account “matured compensated absences” in the funds from which these payments will be made.

The amount is based on accumulated sick leave and employees’ wage rates at fiscal year-end, taking into consideration any limits specified in the School District’s termination policy.

K. Bond Premiums/Issuance Costs/Accretion

Bond premiums are deferred and amortized over the term of the bonds using the straight-line method since the results are not significantly different from the effective interest method. Bond issuance costs are expensed as incurred. Capital appreciation bonds are accreted each fiscal year for the interest accrued during the fiscal year. Bond premiums and the interest on capital appreciation bonds are presented as an addition to the face amount of the bonds payable.

On the governmental fund financial statements, issuance costs and bond premiums are recognized in the period in which the bonds are issued. Accretion on the capital appreciation bonds is not reported.

L. Accrued Liabilities and Long-term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements.

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources are reported as obligations of the funds. However, compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment in the current fiscal year. Bonds and capital leases that will be paid from governmental funds are recognized as an expenditure and liability in the governmental fund financial statements when due.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

M. Fund Balance

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting, the School District classifies its fund balance based on the purpose for which the resources were received and the level of constraint placed on the resources. The following categories may be used:

Nonspendable – The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The “not in spendable form” criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash.

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

Committed – Fund balance is reported as committed when there are resources constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by formal action (resolution) of the government at the highest level of decision making authority, Board of Education.

Assigned – Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the School District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the General Fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by policies of the School District Board of Education, which includes giving the Treasurer the authority to constrain monies for intended purposes.

Unassigned – Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is only used to report a deficit fund balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted or assigned.

The School District applies restricted resources first when disbursements are incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted (assigned and unassigned) fund balance is available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, assigned amounts are reduced first followed by the unassigned amounts when disbursements are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used. The School District considers assigned and unassigned fund balances, respectively, to be spent when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

N. Internal Activity

Transfers within governmental activities are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements.

Internal allocations of overhead expenses from one function to another or within the same function are eliminated of the Statement of Activities. Payments for interfund services provided and used are not eliminated.

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 fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

O. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows 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 their use either through enabling legislation adopted by the School District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

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

P. Estimates

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

Q. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions of events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of District management and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. During the fiscal year, the School District did not incur any transactions that would be classified as an extraordinary item or special item.

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NOTE 3 – ACCOUNTABILITY

Fund balances at fiscal year-end included the following individual deficits:

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Straight A Grant	\$ (313,630)
Other State Grants	(7,000)
Title I Disadvantaged Children	(5,354)
Improving Teacher Quality	(327)

The fund deficits listed above resulted from the application of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The General Fund is liable for the deficits in the Other Governmental Funds and provides operating transfers when cash is required, not when accruals occur.

NOTE 4 – RESTATEMENT OF BEGINNING BALANCES

For fiscal year 2014, the Building Fund no longer meets the criteria for a major fund. In addition, the School District reclassified some prior year expenditures and needed to restate its Capital Asset beginning balance due to prior year addition being overstated.

The effects of these changes on the fund balances are as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Fund</u>
Fund Balance June 30, 2013	\$ 623,046	\$ 873,058	\$ 5,471,121	\$ 1,088,630
Expenditure Reclassification	-	-	(1,653,405)	1,653,405
Move Building Fund to Other Governmental Funds	-	-	(3,817,716)	3,817,716
Adjusted Fund Balances July 1, 2013	<u>\$ 623,046</u>	<u>\$ 873,058</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,559,751</u>

The effects on beginning net position of governmental activities is as follows:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Net Position June 30, 2013	\$ 1,218,146
Correct Capital Assets Beginning Balance	(363,355)
Adjusted Net Position July 1, 2014	<u>\$ 854,791</u>

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NOTE 5 – BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

While the School District is reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balances on the basis of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), the budgetary basis as provided by law 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 and Actual (Budget Basis) for the General Fund is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the budget basis and 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 are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis).
3. Encumbrances are treated as expenditures (budget basis) rather than as an assignment of fund balance (GAAP basis).
4. Advances-In and Advances-Out are operating transactions (budget basis) as opposed to balance sheet transactions (GAAP basis).
5. With the implementation of GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting*, the District's Public School Support Fund, no longer meets the special revenue fund type criteria for reporting in the fiscal year-end external financial statements. As such, this fund is presented as part of the District's General Fund in the year-end financial statements. The budgetary comparison information in the fiscal year-end financial statements is the legally adopted budget for the general fund, without modification for the funds no longer meeting the special revenue criteria.

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		\$ 3,328,447
Adjustments:		
Public School Support Fund		12,418
Revenue Accruals		(1,444,928)
Expenditure Accruals		(1,241,990)
Transfers, Net		1,717
Advances, Net		(211,404)
Encumbrances		(195,777)
Budget Basis		<u>\$ 248,483</u>

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NOTE 6 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

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

Active deposits are public deposits determined to be necessary to meet current demands upon the School District Treasury. Active monies must be maintained either as cash in the School District Treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Board of Education has identified as not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

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

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

1. United States Treasury notes, bills, bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other 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;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
6. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2);
7. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAROhio); and
8. Commercial paper and bankers acceptances 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. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions.

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NOTE 6 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)

Deposits

Custodial Credit Risk - In the case of deposits, this is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the School District's deposits may not be returned. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 105% of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at Federal Reserve Banks, or at member banks of the federal reserve system, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the School District.

At fiscal year-end, the carrying amount of the School District's deposits was \$10,851,637, and the bank balance was \$9,462,099. The School District's entire bank balance was covered by Federal Deposit Insurance. The School District also had \$4,000 in petty cash on hand at fiscal year-end. Although all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the School District to a successful claim by the FDIC.

The School District has no deposit policy for custodial credit 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 School 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.

Investments - At fiscal year-end, the School District had the following investments:

Investment Type	Fair Value	Percent of Total	<u>Investment Maturities</u> Within 1 Year
STAR Ohio	\$ 8,391	87%	\$ 8,391
Money Market Funds	1,290	13%	1,290
Total	<u>\$ 9,681</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$ 9,681</u>

Interest Rate Risk - The School District's investment policy addresses interest rate risk to the extent that it allows the Treasurer to invest funds to a maximum maturity of five years. The Treasurer cannot make investments which she does not reasonably believe can be held until the maturity date.

Credit Risk - STAROhio carries a rating of AAAM by Standard and Poor's. Ohio law requires that STAROhio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service. The School District's investment policy limits investments to those authorized by State statute. The School District has no investment policy that addresses credit risk.

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NOTE 6 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)

Custodial Credit Risk - For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the School District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The School District has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial credit risk beyond the requirement in State statute that prohibits payment for investments prior to the delivery of the securities representing such investments to the treasurer or qualified trustee.

Concentration of Credit Risk - The School District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer except for commercial paper. The School District's investments in STAR Ohio and money market accounts both exceeded 5 percent of the School District's total investments.

NOTE 7 – PROPERTY TAXES

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

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real, public utility and tangible personal property (used in business) located in the School District. Real property tax revenue received in calendar year 2014 represents collections of calendar year 2013 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2014 were levied after April 1, 2013, on the assessed value listed as of January 1, 2013, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State law at 35 percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax revenue received in calendar year 2014 represents collections of calendar year 2013 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2014 became a lien December 31, 2012, were levied after April 1, 2013 and are collected in calendar year 2014 with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value.

Tangible personal property tax revenue received during calendar year 2014 (other than public utility property tax) represents the collection of calendar year 2014 taxes levied against local and inter-exchange telephone companies. Tangible personal property tax on business inventory, manufacturing machinery and equipment, and furniture and fixtures is no longer levied and collected.

Tangible personal property taxes received from telephone companies in calendar year 2014 were levied after October 1, 2013, on the value as of December 31, 2013. Amounts paid by multi-county taxpayers are due September 20. Single county taxpayers may pay annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due April 30; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due April 30, with the remainder payable by September 20. Tangible personal property taxes paid by April 30 are usually received by the School District prior to June 30.

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NOTE 7 – PROPERTY TAXES (continued)

The School District receives property taxes from Licking and Franklin Counties. The County Auditors periodically advance to the School District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the Counties by June 30, 2014, are available to finance fiscal year 2014 operations. The amounts available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

The assessed values upon which fiscal year 2014 taxes were collected are:

	<u>2013 Second Half Collections</u>		<u>2014 First Half Collections</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Real Estate	\$ 476,593,710	98.11%	\$ 492,732,570	98.10%
Public Utility Personal	9,178,430	1.89%	9,540,140	1.90%
Total	<u>\$ 485,772,140</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 502,272,710</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$ 50.87		\$ 60.54	

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NOTE 8 – RECEIVABLES

At fiscal year-end, receivables consisted of property taxes, revenue in lieu of taxes, intergovernmental grants, and interfund. All receivables are considered collectible in full and will be received within one year with the exception of property taxes and revenue in lieu of taxes. Property taxes, although ultimately collectible, include some portion of delinquents that will not be collected within one year. Revenue in lieu of taxes will be received over the designated period established by the agreements.

A summary of the principal items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Pension Overpayment	\$ 105,741
Straight A Grant	313,630
Race to the Top	9,268
Title VI-B IDEA	86,493
Limited English Proficiency	16,816
Title I Disadvantaged Children	148,190
Improving Teacher Quality	11,101
Total Intergovernmental Receivables	<u>\$ 691,239</u>

Revenue in Lieu of Taxes

The School District receives revenue in lieu of taxes from a Tax Increment Financing Agreement entered into with the City of Columbus for the purpose of constructing single, multifamily and senior housing facilities. The School District is to receive payments equal to the amount that the School District could otherwise receive as real property tax payments derived from the improvements, absent the passage of the agreement. The agreement will expire no later than fiscal year 2033.

The School District also receives revenue in lieu of taxes from a revenue sharing agreement with the City of Reynoldsburg. Licking County and the City of Columbus entered into an enterprise zone agreement to allow several businesses a tax exemption on tangible personal property taxes. The School District is to receive 50 percent of income tax revenue collected by the City of Reynoldsburg on new jobs created by the enterprise zone. This agreement will expire during fiscal year 2020.

The School District also receives revenue in lieu of taxes from a revenue sharing agreement with the City of New Albany whereas the City of New Albany has declared improvements to certain parcels of real property within the City 100 percent exempt from property taxes. The School District is to receive 50 percent of income tax revenue collected by the City of New Albany on new jobs created by the exempt parcels, not to exceed the amount the School District could have received as real property tax payments derived from the improvements had the exemption not been declared.

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NOTE 9 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets activity for the fiscal year was as follows:

	Restated Beginning Balance	Additions	Deductions	Ending Balance
Nondepreciable Capital Assets				
Land	\$ 1,821,947	\$ 1,596,200	\$ -	\$ 3,418,147
Total Nondepreciable Assets	<u>1,821,947</u>	<u>1,596,200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,418,147</u>
Depreciable Capital Assets				
Land Improvements	919,074	-	-	919,074
Buildings	72,210,637	3,637	-	72,214,274
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	1,852,268	23,445	-	1,875,713
Vehicles	3,723,981	463,979	-	4,187,960
Total Depreciable Assets	<u>78,705,960</u>	<u>491,061</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,197,021</u>
Less accumulated depreciation				
Land Improvements	(294,641)	(61,276)	-	(355,917)
Buildings	(16,188,291)	(1,556,757)	-	(17,745,048)
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	(1,286,508)	(85,639)	-	(1,372,147)
Vehicles	(2,786,509)	(207,083)	-	(2,993,592)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(20,555,949)</u>	<u>(1,910,755)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(22,466,704)</u>
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net of accumulated depreciation	<u>58,150,011</u>	<u>(1,419,694)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,730,317</u>
Total Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 59,971,958</u>	<u>\$ 176,506</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 60,148,464</u>
Instruction Regular	\$ 1,520,736			
Instructional Staff	32,299			
Administration	7,068			
Operations and Maintenance	81,154			
Pupil Transportation	223,915			
Central	4,737			
Food Services	23,302			
Extracurricular Activities	17,544			
Total Depreciation Expense	<u>\$ 1,910,755</u>			

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NOTE 10 – 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 the fiscal year, the School District contracted with Argonaut Insurance Company for building and contents and fleet insurance.

Insurance coverage provided includes the following:

Building and Contents replacement cost (\$1,000 deductible)	\$71,327,433
General Liability (per Occurrence)	\$1,000,000
Annual Aggregate	\$3,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury Aggregate	\$1,000,000
Automobile Liability (\$1,000 deductible)	\$1,000,000
Uninsured Motorists (\$1,000 deductible)	\$1,000,000
Medical Payments	\$5,000
Educators Legal Liability (Each Wrongful Act)	\$1,000,000
Annual Aggregate	\$3,000,000
Employment Practices Liability (Each Wrongful Act \$5,000 deductible)	\$1,000,000
Annual Aggregate	\$3,000,000
Back Wages Limit (\$10,000 deductible)	\$50,000
Commercial Excess Liability (Each Occurrence)	\$5,000,000
Annual Aggregate	\$5,000,000

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

B. Workers' Compensation

The School District pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on its individual rate provided by Bureau of Workers Compensation. The School District has contracted with Hunter Consulting to provide third party administration services and the Corvel Managed Care Organization to provide managed care services.

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NOTE 11 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

A. School Employees Retirement System

Plan Description - The School District contributes to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement and 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. The School Employees Retirement System issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report can be obtained on SERS' website at www.ohsers.org under Employer/Audit Resources.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10% of their annual covered salary and the School District is required to contribute 14% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended, up to statutory maximum amounts, by the SERS' Retirement Board. The Retirement Board acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund) of the System. For fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, the allocation to pension and death benefits is 13.1%. The remaining .90% of the 14% employer contribution rate is allocated to the Health Care and Medicare B Funds. The School District's contributions for pension obligations to SERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012, were \$511,240, \$506,084 and \$531,255, respectively, 66 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2014 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2013 and 2012. The School District's unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2014 has been recorded as a liability in the appropriate funds.

B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

Plan Description - The District contributes to the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement system. STRS Ohio is a statewide retirement plan for licensed teachers and other faculty members employed in the public schools of Ohio or any school, college, university, institution or other agency controlled, managed and supported, in whole or in part, by the state or any political subdivision thereof. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling toll-free 1-888-227-7877 or by visiting the STRS Ohio Web site at www.strsoh.org.

Plan Options - New members have a choice of three retirement plan options. In addition to the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, new members are offered a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DC plan allows members to allocate all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5% of earned compensation among various investment choices. The Combined Plan offers features of the DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are allocated to investment choices by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund a defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. Contributions into the DC Plan and the Combined Plan are credited to member accounts as employers submit their payroll information to STRS Ohio, generally on a biweekly basis. DC and Combined Plan members will transfer to the DB Plan during their fifth year of membership unless they permanently select the DC or Combined Plan.

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NOTE 11 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)

DB Plan Benefits - Plan benefits are established under Chapter 3307 of the Revised Code. Any member may retire who has (i) five years of service credit and attained age 60; (ii) 25 years of service credit and attained age 55; or (iii) 30 years of service credit regardless of age. The annual retirement allowance, payable for life, is the greater of the “formula benefit” or the “money-purchase benefit” calculation. Under the “formula benefit”, the retirement allowance is based on years of credited service and final average salary, which is the average of the member’s three highest salary years. The annual allowance is calculated by using a base percentage of 2.2% multiplied by the total number of years of service credit (including Ohio-valued purchased credit) times the final average salary. The 31PstP year of earned Ohio service credit is calculated at 2.5%. An additional one-tenth of a percent is added to the calculation for every year of earned Ohio service over 31 years (2.6% for 32 years, 2.7% for 33 years and so on) until 100% of final average salary is reached. For members with 35 or more years of Ohio contributing service, the first 30 years will be calculated at 2.5% instead of 2.2%. Under the “money-purchase benefit” calculation, a member’s lifetime contributions plus interest at specified rates are matched by an equal amount from other STRS Ohio funds. This total is then divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor to determine the maximum annual retirement allowance.

DC Plan Benefits - Benefits are established under Sections 3307.80 to 3307.89 of the Revised Code. For members who select the DC Plan, all member contributions and employer contributions at a rate of 10.5% are placed in an investment account. The member determines how to allocate the member and employer money among various investment choices. 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. Employer contributions into members’ accounts are vested after the first anniversary of the first day of paid service. 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.

Combined Plan Benefits - Member contributions are allocated by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund a defined benefit payment. A member’s defined benefit is determined by multiplying 1% of the member’s final average salary by the member’s years of service credit. The defined benefit portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50.

A retiree of STRS Ohio or another Ohio public retirement system is eligible for reemployment as a teacher following the elapse of two months from the date of retirement. Contributions are made by the reemployed member and employer during the reemployment. Upon termination of reemployment or age 65, whichever comes later, the retiree is eligible for an annuity benefit or equivalent lump-sum payment in addition to the original retirement allowance. A reemployed retiree may alternatively receive a refund of only member contributions with interest before age 65, once employment is terminated.

Benefits are increased annually by 3% of the original base amount for DB Plan participants.

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NOTE 11 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)

The DB and Combined Plans offer access to health care coverage to eligible retirees who participated in the plans and their eligible dependents. Coverage under the current program includes hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. By Ohio law, health care benefits are not guaranteed.

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years' credited service who becomes disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible spouses and dependents of members who die before retirement may qualify for survivor benefits. A death benefit of \$1,000 is payable to the beneficiary of each deceased retired member who participated in the DB Plan. Death benefit coverage up to \$2,000 can be purchased by participants in the DB, DC or Combined Plans. Various other benefits are available to members' beneficiaries.

Chapter 3307 of the Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. 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. Contribution requirements and the contributions actually made for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, were 10% of covered payroll for members and 14% for employers.

The School District's required contributions for pension obligations for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$1,719,750, \$1,587,623, and \$1,642,930, respectively, 86 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2014 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2013 and 2012. The School District's unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2014 has been recorded as a liability in the appropriate funds.

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, 2014 three members of the Board of Education have elected Social Security. The contribution rate is 6.2 percent of wages.

NOTE 12 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A. School Employees Retirement System

Postemployment Benefits - In addition to a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS) administers two cost-sharing, multiple employer postemployment benefit plans.

Medicare Part B Plan - The Medicare B plan reimburses Medicare Part B premiums paid by eligible retirees and beneficiaries as set forth in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3309.69. Qualified benefit recipients who pay Medicare Part B premiums may apply for and receive a monthly reimbursement from SERS. The reimbursement amount is limited by statute to the lesser of the January 1, 1999 Medicare Part B premium or the current premium. The Medicare Part B monthly premium for calendar year 2014 was \$104.90 for most participants, but could be as high as \$335.70 per month depending on their income. SERS' reimbursement to retirees was \$45.50.

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NOTE 12 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (continued)

The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the current employer contribution rate to the Medicare B Fund. For fiscal year 2014, the actuarially required allocation is .76%. The School District's contributions for the years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$29,660, \$28,588, and \$31,374, respectively, 66 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2014 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2013 and 2012.

Health Care Plan - ORC 3309.375 and 3309.69 permit SERS to offer health care benefits to eligible retirees and beneficiaries. SERS' Retirement Board reserves the right to change or discontinue any health plan or program. SERS offers several types of health plans from various vendors, including HMOs, PPOs, Medicare Advantage and traditional indemnity plans. A prescription drug program is also available to those who elect health coverage. SERS employs two third-party administrators and a pharmacy benefit manager to manage the self-insurance and prescription drug plans, respectively.

The ORC provides the statutory authority to fund SERS' postemployment benefits through employer contributions. Active members do not make contributions to the postemployment benefit plans.

The Health Care Fund was established under, and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code 105(e). Each year after the allocation for statutorily required benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer 14% contribution to the Health Care Fund. For the year ended June 30, 2014, the health care allocation is .14%. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. State law provides that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2% of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5% of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2014, the minimum compensation level was established at \$20,250. The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14% employer contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. The School District's contributions assigned to health care, including the surcharge, for the years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$72,078, \$72,605, and \$84,470, respectively, 66 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2014 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2013 and 2012.

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 Employers/Audit Resources.

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B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

Plan Description - The School District contributes to the cost-sharing, multiple employer postemployment benefit Health Plan (the “Plan”) administered by the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio) for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS Ohio. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians’ fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. The Plan is included in the report of STRS Ohio which may be obtained by writing 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3371, by calling 1-888-227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Ohio web site at www.strsoh.org.

Funding Policy - Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. Active employee members do not contribute to the Plan. All benefit recipients pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For 2014, STRS Ohio allocated employer contributions equal to 1% of covered payroll to post-employment health care. The School District’s contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$132,288, \$122,125, and \$126,379, respectively, 86 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2014 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2013 and 2012.

NOTE 13 – EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

A. Compensated Absences

The criteria for determining vacation, sick leave and personal leave benefits are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Eligible classified employees and administrators earn 10 to 20 days of vacation per fiscal year, depending upon length of service. Accumulated, unused vacation time is paid to classified employees and administrators upon termination of employment. Teachers do not earn vacation time.

All employees earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. For part-time employees, each day of accumulation is a pro-rated day equal to the number of hours employed. Sick leave may be accumulated up to 320 days for all personnel. Upon retirement, payment is made for one-fourth of accrued, but unused sick leave credit to a maximum payment of 80 days for all certificated and classified employees. All employees earn additional bonus severance days based upon years of service. Certified employees earn one to five days and classified employees earn one to six days.

B. Insurance Benefits

The School District provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to most employees through American United and dental insurance is provided by Delta Dental. Health Insurance is provided to the School District by Anthem. Vision insurance is offered by the School District, but the employees pay the total premium.

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NOTE 13 – EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (continued)

C. Deferred Compensation

School District employees may participate in a deferred compensation plan. The School District maintains a list of the various companies that have been approved by the Board. Participation is on a voluntary payroll deduction basis. The plans permit deferral of compensation until future years. According to the plans, the deferred compensation is not available until termination, retirement, death or an unforeseeable emergency.

NOTE 14 – LEASES – LESSEE DISCLOSURE

The School District has entered into capitalized leases for copiers, buses, and computers. Each lease meets the criteria of a capital lease, 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. These expenditures are reflected as program/function expenditures on a budgetary basis.

The copiers and buses acquired by the leases were initially capitalized in the amounts of \$72,953 and \$871,823, respectively, 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 during the fiscal year of \$2,885 and \$129,966 were paid from the General Fund and Permanent Improvement Fund, respectively. The assets acquired through capital leases as of June 30, 2014, were acquired at cost of \$871,824. At fiscal year-end the copiers were fully depreciated and the buses have accumulated depreciation of \$121,438 for a net book value of \$750,385. The computers acquired by the lease did not meet the School District’s capitalization threshold.

The agreements provide for minimum annual rental payments as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2015	123,888	18,767	142,655
2016	116,895	15,253	132,148
2017	120,167	11,981	132,148
2018	123,533	8,615	132,148
2019	126,994	5,154	132,148
2020	67,698	1,594	69,292
Total	<u>\$ 679,175</u>	<u>\$ 61,364</u>	<u>\$ 740,539</u>

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NOTE 15 – LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The changes in the School District’s long-term obligations during fiscal year 2014 were as follows:

General Obligation Bonds:	Amounts Outstanding 6/30/13	Additions	Deductions	Amounts Outstanding 6/30/14	Amounts Due Within One Year
2000 School Improvement Bonds- 6.4%	\$ 890,000	\$ -	\$ (5,000)	\$ 885,000	5,000
2001 School Improvement Bonds- 4.55% to 6.0%					
Capital Appreciation Bonds (CABS)	74,032	-	(17,127)	56,905	16,205
Accretion on CABS	1,517,427	381,161	(397,873)	1,500,715	427,363
2004 School Improvement Bonds- Capital Appreciation Bonds (CABS)- 4.15% to 4.75%	40,000	-	(15,000)	25,000	15,000
Accretion on CABS	1,160,929	425,467	(570,000)	1,016,396	556,481
2005 School Construction Current Refunding Bonds					
Serial Bonds - 3.5% to 4.0%	640,000	-	(285,000)	355,000	295,000
Unamortized Premium	65,893	-	(21,964)	43,929	-
2005 School Bus Bonds					
Serial Bonds - 3.5% to 4.0%	300,000	-	(95,000)	205,000	100,000
Unamortized Premium	5,516	-	(1,838)	3,678	-
2005 School Improvement Advance Refunding Bonds					
Serial Bonds- 3.5% to 5.0%	245,000	-	(80,000)	165,000	80,000
Capital Appreciation Bonds (CABS)- 4.17% to 4.4%	174,994	-	-	174,994	-
Accretion on CABS	398,756	91,807	-	490,563	-
Unamortized Premium	407,678	-	(67,947)	339,731	-
2006 Advance Refunding Bonds- 4.0%					
Serial Bonds	3,330,000	-	(100,000)	3,230,000	100,000
Term Bonds	5,350,000	-	-	5,350,000	-
Capital Appreciation Bonds (CABS)	29,993	-	-	29,993	-
Accretion on CABS	321,056	161,234	-	482,290	-
Unamortized Premium	516,348	-	(44,900)	471,448	-
2007 Advance Refunding Bonds					
Serial Bonds- 4.0% to 4.3%	7,375,000	-	(65,000)	7,310,000	70,000
Term Bonds- 4.0% to 4.1%	1,685,000	-	-	1,685,000	-
Capital Appreciation Bonds (CABS)	49,998	-	-	49,998	-
Accretion on CABS	156,497	59,663	-	216,160	-
Unamortized Premium	404,163	-	(26,503)	377,660	-

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General Obligation Bonds:	Amounts			Amounts Outstanding 6/30/14	Amounts Due Within One Year
	Outstanding 6/30/13	Additions	Deductions		
2010A Certificates of Participation					
Serial Bonds	1,860,000	-	(355,000)	1,505,000	365,000
Unamortized Premium	24,715	-	(5,492)	19,223	-
2010B Certificates of Participation (QSCB)					
Serial Bonds	4,000,000	-	-	4,000,000	-
2010C Certificates of Participation					
Serial Bonds	4,020,000	-	-	4,020,000	-
2011 Advance Refunding Bonds					
Serial Bonds	7,190,000	-	-	7,190,000	-
Capital Appreciation Bonds (CABS)	425,000	-	-	425,000	-
Accretion on CABS	264,248	168,113	-	432,361	-
Unamortized Premium - CABS	671,605	-	(149,246)	522,359	-
Unamortized Premium - Serial Bonds	132,676	-	(15,609)	117,067	-
2012 Advance Refunding Bonds					
Serial Bonds	7,915,000	-	-	7,915,000	-
Capital Appreciation Bonds (CABS)	327,212	-	-	327,212	-
Accretion on CABS	382,374	261,375	-	643,749	-
Unamortized Premium - CABS	1,101,402	-	(227,867)	873,535	-
Unamortized Premium - Serial Bonds	43,169	-	(2,214)	40,955	-
2013 Advance Refunding Bonds					
Serial Bonds	15,190,000	-	(100,000)	15,090,000	250,000
Capital Appreciation Bonds (CABS)	529,980	-	-	529,980	-
Accretion on CABS	94,270	242,142	-	336,412	-
Unamortized Premium - CABS	1,651,423	-	(183,751)	1,467,672	-
General Obligation Bonds Payable	<u>70,961,354</u>	<u>1,790,962</u>	<u>(2,832,331)</u>	<u>69,919,985</u>	<u>2,280,049</u>
2013 Tax Anticipation Notes	4,300,000	-	(1,050,000)	3,250,000	1,070,000
Capital Leases	360,047	451,979	(132,851)	679,175	123,888
Compensated Absences	928,201	264,293	37,666	1,230,160	121,595
Total Long-Term Obligations	<u>\$ 76,549,602</u>	<u>\$ 2,507,234</u>	<u>\$ (3,977,516)</u>	<u>\$ 75,079,320</u>	<u>\$ 3,595,532</u>

2000 School Improvement Bonds

The School District issued School Improvement General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$950,000 on May 1, 2000. The bonds were issued for a 28 year period with final maturity at December 1, 2028.

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2001 School Improvement Bonds

On September 15, 2000, the School District issued \$24,049,032 in voted general obligation bonds. The bond issue included serial, term and capital appreciation bonds, in the amounts of \$11,825,000, \$12,150,000, and \$74,032, respectively. The School District received \$25,082,472 in bond proceeds. The bonds were issued for a 28 year period with final maturity at December 31, 2028. The debt proceeds were used to construct a new high school building with a multi-purpose area for school and community use, renovating and improving existing school buildings and facilities, and acquiring land. On June 1, 2005, \$4,950,000 of the serial bonds and \$12,150,000 of the term bonds were advance refunded.

The capital appreciation bonds were issued for \$74,032. The capital appreciation bonds will mature in fiscal years 2014 through 2018 as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Maturity Amount</u>
2015	\$ 500,000
2016	610,000
2017	675,000
2018	745,000

2004 School Improvement Bonds

On May 17, 2004, the School District issued \$29,000,000 in general obligation bonds. The bond issue included serial, term and capital appreciation bonds, in the amounts of \$22,530,000, \$6,400,000, and \$70,000, respectively. The bonds were issued for a 24 year period with final maturity at December 31, 2028. The debt proceeds were used to construct two new elementary schools, renovate existing school buildings, purchase equipment, acquire land and repay energy conservation notes.

The term bonds issued at \$6,400,000 were refunded on October 11, 2007. The serial bonds issued at \$22,530,000 with final maturity dates after December 1, 2014 are subject to optional redemption, in whole or in part on any date in order of maturity as determined by the District and by lot within maturity, at the option of the Board of Education on or after June 1, 2014 at the redemption price of 100 percent. \$9,185,000 of the serial bonds were refunded on November 1, 2006, an additional \$2,980,000 were refunded on October 11, 2007, and an additional \$7,820,000 in serial bonds were refunded with Series 2011 on December 22, 2011.

The capital appreciation bonds were issued for \$70,000. The capital appreciation bonds will mature in fiscal years 2014 through 2016 as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Maturity Amount</u>
2015	\$ 685,000
2016	835,000

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2005 School Construction Current Refunding Bonds

On June 1, 2005, the School District issued \$11,000,000 in voted general obligation bonds. The bond issue included serial and term bonds, in the amounts of \$7,830,000 and \$3,170,000, respectively. The bonds refunded \$11,000,000 of bond anticipation notes. The bonds were issued for a 27 year period with final maturity at December 1, 2032.

The term bonds, issued at \$3,170,000, that mature in 2032, were refunded with Series 2012 on March 6, 2012. The serial bonds issued at \$7,830,000 and with final maturity dates after June 1, 2015 are subject to optional redemption, in whole or in part on any date in order of maturity as determined by the School District and by lot within maturity, at the option of the Board of Education on or after June 1, 2015 at the redemption price of 100 percent. \$5,335,000 of the serial bonds were refunded with Series 2012 on March 6, 2012.

2005 School Bus Bonds

On June 1, 2005, the School District issued \$1,000,000 in general obligation serial bonds. The bonds were issued for a 10 year period with final maturity at December 1, 2015. The debt proceeds were used to purchase new school buses.

2005 School Improvement Advance Refunding Bonds

On June 1, 2005, the School District issued \$17,099,994 of general obligation bonds. The bond issue included serial, term and capital appreciation bonds, in the amounts of \$14,815,000, \$2,110,000, and \$174,994, respectively. The bonds refunded \$17,100,000 of outstanding 2000 School Improvement Bonds. The bonds were issued for a 23 year period with final maturity at December 1, 2028.

The term bonds, issued at \$2,110,000, that mature on December 1, 2028, were refunded with Series 2013 on May 16, 2013. The serial bonds issued at \$14,815,000, and with final maturity dates after June 1, 2015, are subject to optional redemption, in whole or in part on any date in order of maturity as determined by the School District and by lot within maturity, at the option of the Board of Education on or after June 1, 2015 at the redemption price of 100 percent. \$13,610,000 of the serial bonds were refunded with Series 2013 on May 16, 2013.

The capital appreciation bonds, issued at \$174,994, are not subject to prior redemption. The capital appreciation bonds will mature in fiscal years 2017 through 2019 as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Maturity Amount</u>
2017	\$ 85,000
2018	85,000
2019	1,085,000

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2006 Advance Refunding Bonds

On November 1, 2006, the School District issued \$9,184,993 of general obligation bonds. The bond issue included serial, term and capital appreciation bonds, in the amounts of \$3,805,000, \$5,350,000, and \$29,993, respectively. The bonds refunded \$9,185,000 of outstanding 2004 School Improvement Bonds. The bonds were issued for an 18 year period with final maturity at December 1, 2024.

The term bonds were issued at \$5,350,000. \$280,000 of the term bonds that mature on December 1, 2021, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on December 1, 2021, and on each December 1 thereafter at 100 percent of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemptions according to the following schedule:

Fiscal Year	Principal Amount to be Redeemed
2018	\$ 50,000
2019	55,000
2020	55,000
2021	60,000
2022	60,000

The \$5,070,000 term bonds maturing on December 1, 2023, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on December 1, 2023, and on each December 1 thereafter at 100 percent of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to date of redemption according to the following schedule:

Fiscal Year	Principal Amount to be Redeemed
2024	\$ 3,690,000
2025	1,380,000

The serial bonds issued at \$3,805,000 and with final maturity dates after December 1, 2016 are subject to optional redemption, in whole or in part on any date in order of maturity as determined by the School District and by lot within maturity, at the option of the Board of Education on or after December 1, 2016 at the redemption price of 100 percent.

The capital appreciation bonds, issued at \$29,993, are not subject to prior redemption. The capital appreciation bonds will mature in fiscal years 2016 and 2017 as follows:

Fiscal Year	Maturity Amount
2016	\$ 105,000
2017	1,165,000

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2007 Advanced Refunding Bonds

On October 11, 2007, the School District issued \$9,379,998 in general obligation bonds for the purpose of refunding \$9,380,000 of the 2004 School Improvement Bonds. The bond issue included serial, term and capital appreciation bonds, in the amounts of \$7,645,000, \$1,685,000, and \$49,998, respectively. The bonds were issued for a 22 year period, with final maturity in December 2029.

The term bonds were issued at \$1,685,000. \$370,000 of the term bonds that mature on December 1, 2018, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on December 1, 2018, and on each December 1 thereafter at 100 percent of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemptions according to the following schedule:

Fiscal Year	Principal Amount to be Redeemed
2015	\$ 70,000
2016	70,000
2017	75,000
2018	75,000
2019	80,000

The \$1,315,000 term bonds maturing on December 1, 2025, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on December 1, 2025, and on each December 1 thereafter at 100 percent of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to date of redemption according to the following schedule:

Fiscal Year	Principal Amount to be Redeemed
2021	\$ 30,000
2022	30,000
2023	145,000
2024	35,000
2025	35,000
2026	1,040,000

The serial bonds issued at \$7,645,000 and with final maturity dates after December 1, 2016 are subject to optional redemption, in whole or in part on any date in order of maturity as determined by the School District and by lot within maturity, at the option of the Board of Education on or after December 1, 2016 at the redemption price of 100 percent.

The capital appreciation bonds, issued at \$49,998, are not subject to prior redemption. The capital appreciation bonds will mature in fiscal year 2020 in the amount of \$1,075,000.

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2011 Certificates of Participation

On September 1, 2010, the School District entered into a ground lease agreement with Licking Heights Alumni Association, Inc. (Association) whereas the District leases a parcel of land to the Association, and subsequently constructs school facilities on the land, and the Association, in turn, subleases the land, and leases the constructed school facilities to the District.

On September 1, 2010, the School District issued \$2,210,000 in Tax-Exempt Bond certificates of participation, Series 2010A, for the purpose of school facilities construction in the Ohio School Facilities Commission program. The maturity date for the serial bonds is December 1, 2017 with interest costs increasing each year from 2.0 to 2.75 percent. The proceeds of the bonds issued were reported in the capital project/building fund.

On September 1, 2010, the School District issued \$4,000,000 in Federal Taxable Qualified School Construction Bond certificates of participation, Series 2010B, for the purpose of school facilities construction in the Ohio School Facilities Commission program. The maturity date for the term bond is September 1, 2027 with interest costs of 5.50 percent. The proceeds of the bonds issued were reported in the capital project/building fund.

On September 1, 2010, the School District issued \$4,020,000 in Federal Taxable Build America Bond certificates of participation, Series 2010C, for the purpose of school facilities construction in the Ohio School Facilities Commission program. The maturity date for the term bonds is December 1, 2035 with interest costs from 6.0 to 6.5 percent. The proceeds of the bonds issued were reported in the capital project/building fund.

The Certificates of Participation evidence a proportionate interest in the base rent to be paid by the School District under the ground lease agreement. Base rent payments will be recorded as expenditures in the debt service fund.

The following is a summary of future base rent payments for the certificates of participation:

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2015	\$ 365,000	\$ 229,357	\$ 594,357
2016	370,000	220,857	590,857
2017	380,000	211,713	591,713
2018	390,000	201,600	591,600
2019	-	196,238	196,238
2020-2024	-	981,190	981,190
2025-2029	4,435,000	918,708	5,353,708
2030-2034	2,455,000	481,480	2,936,480
2035-2036	1,130,000	45,942	1,175,942
Total	<u>\$ 9,525,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,487,085</u>	<u>\$ 13,012,085</u>

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2011 Advanced Refunding Bonds

On December 22, 2011, the School District issued \$7,820,000 in general obligation bonds for the purpose of refunding \$7,820,000 of the 2004 School Improvement Bonds. The bond issue included serial and capital appreciation bonds, in the amounts of \$7,395,000 and \$425,000, respectively. The bonds were issued for a 10 year period, with final maturity in December 2021. The total debt service payments were reduced by \$570,476 and the present value of this reduction resulted in an economic gain of \$548,187.

The serial bonds and capital appreciation bonds are not subject to prior redemption. The capital appreciation bonds will mature in fiscal year 2018 in the amount of \$1,495,000.

2012 Advanced Refunding Bonds

On March 6, 2012, the School District issued \$8,502,212 in general obligation bonds for the purpose of refunding \$8,505,000 of the 2005 School Construction Current Refunding Bonds. The bond issue included serial and capital appreciation bonds, in the amounts of \$8,175,000 and \$327,212, respectively. The bonds were issued for a 20 year period, with final maturity in December 2032. The total debt service payments were reduced by \$1,022,864 and the present value of this reduction resulted in an economic gain of \$894,720.

The serial bonds issued at \$8,175,000 and with final maturity dates after December 1, 2021 are subject to optional redemption, in whole or in part on any date in order of maturity as determined by the School District and by lot within maturity, at the option of the Board of Education on or after December 1, 2021 at the redemption price of 100 percent.

The capital appreciation bonds, issued at \$327,212, are not subject to prior redemption. The capital appreciation bonds will mature in fiscal years 2017 through 2020 as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Maturity Amount</u>
2017	\$ 500,000
2018	495,000
2019	495,000
2020	500,000

2013 Advanced Refunding Bonds

On May 16, 2013, the School District issued \$15,719,980 in general obligation bonds for the purpose of refunding \$15,720,000 of the 2005 School Improvement Advance Refunding Bonds. The bond issue included serial and capital appreciation bonds, in the amounts of \$15,190,000 and \$529,980, respectively. The bonds were issued for a 15 year period, with final maturity in December 2028. The total debt service payments were reduced by \$1,302,236 and the present value of this reduction resulted in an economic gain of \$1,077,106.

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NOTE 15 – LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (continued)

The serial bonds issued at \$15,720,000 and with final maturity dates after December 1, 2029 are subject to optional redemption, in whole or in part on any date in order of maturity as determined by the School District and by lot within maturity, at the option of the Board of Education on or after December 1, 2028 at the redemption price of 100 percent.

The capital appreciation bonds, issued at \$529,980, are not subject to prior redemption. The capital appreciation bonds will mature in fiscal years 2019 through 2020 as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Maturity Amount</u>
2019	\$ 1,330,000
2020	1,390,000

2013 Tax Anticipation Notes

On June 21, 2013, the School District issued \$4,300,000 in tax anticipation notes in anticipation of the collection of proceeds of the \$4,400,000 emergency levy approved by electors of the School District at the election held May 7, 2013.

Principal and interest requirements to retire the School District’s outstanding debt at June 30, 2014, are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	General Obligation Bonds					
	Serial Bonds		Term Bonds		Capital Appreciation Bonds	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2015	\$ 830,000	\$ 2,273,612	\$ 70,000	\$ 279,915	\$ 1,015,047	\$ 169,953
2016	805,000	2,247,230	70,000	277,115	954,640	595,360
2017	460,000	1,295,174	75,000	274,115	1,188,406	1,236,594
2018	260,000	1,290,113	125,000	270,115	1,484,344	1,335,656
2019	1,895,000	1,270,113	135,000	264,815	1,235,145	1,674,855
2020-2024	16,100,000	5,227,053	4,105,000	1,198,540	860,146	2,104,854
2025-2029	19,345,000	2,468,350	2,455,000	91,560	-	-
2030-2034	2,640,000	163,498	-	-	-	-
2035-2036	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 42,335,000	\$ 16,235,143	\$ 7,035,000	\$ 2,656,175	\$ 6,737,728	\$ 7,117,272

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NOTE 15 – LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (continued)

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Tax Anticipation Notes	
	Principal	Interest
2015	\$ 1,070,000	\$ 41,159
2016	1,085,000	26,323
2017	1,095,000	11,351
Total	<u>\$ 3,250,000</u>	<u>\$ 78,833</u>

All general obligation bonds and tax anticipation notes will be retired from the Debt Service Fund with property tax revenues.

NOTE 16 – INTERFUND ACTIVITY

During the fiscal year, the School District had transfers from the Permanent Improvement Fund to the Debt Service Fund. The transfers were for the debt service payments related to the bus purchase bonds. The School District also had a transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Projects fund. The transfer was to set aside money for future capital projects.

At fiscal year-end, the General Fund had unpaid interfund cash advances in the amount of \$373,815, which represents short-term loans made to other funds of the District. These loans are expected to be repaid within one year.

Unpaid interfund cash advances at fiscal year-end are as follows:

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Straight A Grant	\$ 286,243
Other State Grants	7,000
Title VI-B IDEA	23,394
Title III Limited English Proficiency	7,663
Title I Disadvantaged Children	46,061
Improving Teacher Quality	3,454
	<u>\$ 373,815</u>

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NOTE 17 – JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

A. Licking Area Computer Association - The School District is a participant in the Licking Area Computer Association (LACA), which is a computer consortium. LACA is an association of public school districts within the boundaries of Licking and Muskingum 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 school districts. The governing board of LACA consists of the superintendent from all participating districts. The School District paid \$131,090 for services provided during the fiscal year. Financial information can be obtained from their fiscal agent, the Career and Technology Education Centers of Licking County, 150 Price Road, Newark, Ohio 43055.

B. Metropolitan Educational Council - The School District participates in the Metropolitan Educational Council (MEC), a jointly governed organization. The organization is composed of over 100 members, which includes school districts, joint vocational schools, educational service centers, and libraries covering 24 counties in Central Ohio. MEC helps its members purchase services, insurances, supplies and other items at a discounted rate. The governing board of MEC is composed of either the superintendent, a designated representative or a member of the board of education for each participating school district in Franklin County (18 school districts) and one representative from each county. Each fiscal year, the participating school districts pay a membership fee to MEC to cover the costs of administering the program. The School District paid \$1,433 to MEC for membership during fiscal year 2014. Financial information may be obtained from the Metropolitan Educational Council, Sue Ward, who serves as fiscal officer, at 2100 Citygate Drive, Columbus, OH 43219.

C. School Study Council of Ohio - The School Study Council of Ohio (the “Council”) is a jointly governed organization operated by a Board of Trustees (the “Board”) that is comprised of numerous Ohio school districts. The purpose of the Council is to bring about the improvement of education in member school organizations. School districts can have active membership by paying a yearly membership fee which entitles each school district to attend Council meetings and participate in Council discussions, but are not entitled to vote. The Board is annually elected from within the Council’s active membership. The Board consisted of 14 members. The School District did not make any payments to the Council during fiscal year 2014. Financial information may be obtained from the School Study Council of Ohio, at 2080 Citygate Drive, Columbus, OH 43219.

D. State Support Team -The State Support Team Region 11 (SSTR11) is a new agency that combines regional services provided by the former Central Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center (COSERRC) and Central Ohio Regional School Improvement Team (CORSIT).

As one of Ohio's 16 State Support Team’s, SSTR11 will provide services and assistance to school districts, educational service centers, community schools, early childhood centers, and families in four areas:

- School Improvement, designed to improve educational outcomes for all students, including students with disabilities and at risk learners;
- Special Education Compliance with federal and state mandates for serving students with disabilities and students at risk for school failure;
- Literacy services that include coaching on high-quality literacy planning, instruction, and assessment; and
- Early Learning and School Readiness, focused on compliance and high-quality instruction through technical assistance and professional development.

Financial information may be obtained from the State Support Team- Region 11, at 2080 Citygate Drive, Columbus, OH 43219.

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NOTE 18 – SET-ASIDE CALCULATIONS

The School District is required by State statute to annually set aside, in the General Fund, an amount based on a statutory formula for the purchase of an equal amount for the acquisition and construction of capital improvements.

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.

	Capital Acquisition
Set-aside cash balance as of June 30, 2013	\$ -
Current fiscal year set-aside requirement	617,423
Current fiscal year offsets	(886,892)
Set-aside Reserve Balance as of June 30, 2014	\$ (269,469)
Required Set-aside Balances Carried Forward to FY 2015	\$ -

Capital acquisition current year offsets presented in the table were limited to those necessary to reduce the fiscal year-end balance to zero. Although the School District had current year offsets during the fiscal year that would have reduced the set-aside amount for capital acquisitions to below zero, this extra amount may not be used to reduce the set-aside requirements of future fiscal years, therefore the School District has chosen not to present them.

NOTE 19 – CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The School District received financial assistance from federal and State agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the School District at June 30, 2014.

B. Litigation

The School District is party to legal proceedings with Reynoldsburg City School District for taxes received from 2001 to present. On July 23, 2013, a settlement agreement in the amount of \$1,196,855 was ruled in favor of the District for years 2001-2006. The School District and Reynoldsburg City School District need to determine a settlement amount for 2007 to present. To date no determination has been made.

The School District is party to various other legal proceedings. The School District’s management is of the opinion that the ultimate outcome of such litigation will not result in a material adverse effect on the School District’s financial position.

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NOTE 20 – CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

GASB Statement No. 66 “Technical Corrections – 2012 - an Amendment of GASB Statements No. 10 and No. 62” resolves conflicting guidance that results from the issuance of GASB Statements No. 54 and No. 62. This Statement also amends GASB Statement No. 10 by removing the provision that limits fund-based reporting of an entity’s risk financing activities to the general fund and the internal service fund type. This Statement also amends GASB Statement No. 62 to clarify how to apply GASB Statement No. 13 and results in guidance that is consistent with GASB Statement No. 48. The implementation of this statement did not have an effect on the financial statements of the School.

GASB Statement No. 70 “Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Financial Guarantees” enhances comparability of financial statements by requiring consistent reporting by those governmental entities that extend nonexchange financial guarantees and by those governmental entities that receive nonexchange financial guarantees. This Statement was implemented in the School’s fiscal year 2014 financial statements; however, there was no effect.

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**THE SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

FEDERAL GRANTOR <i>Pass Through Grantor</i> Program Title	Grant Award Year	Federal CFDA Number	Receipts	Disbursements
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE:</u>				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education:</i>				
Nutrition Cluster:				
Non-Cash Assistance (Food Distribution):				
National School Lunch Program	2014	10.555	\$ 116,261	\$ 116,261
Cash Assistance				
School Breakfast Program	2014	10.553	263,146	263,146
National School Lunch Program	2014	10.555	608,008	608,008
Total Nutrition Cluster			<u>987,415</u>	<u>987,415</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			<u>987,415</u>	<u>987,415</u>
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:</u>				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education:</i>				
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies Program	2013 2014	84.010	140,761 <u>469,021</u>	83,247 <u>515,081</u>
Total Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies Program			609,782	598,328
Special Education Cluster:				
Special Education - Grants to States Program	2013 2014	84.027	53,089 431,104	49,529 454,499
Special Education - Preschool Program	2013 2014	84.173	676 8,698	- 8,698
Total Special Education Cluster			<u>493,567</u>	<u>512,726</u>
English Language Acquisition Grants Program	2013 2014	84.365	4,071 50,271	9,487 57,935
Total English Language Acquisition Grants Program			<u>54,342</u>	<u>67,422</u>
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants Program	2013 2014	84.367	8,237 38,044	8,237 41,497
Total Improving Teacher Quality State Grants Program			<u>46,281</u>	<u>49,734</u>
ARRA - Race to the Top Program	2013 2014	84.395	6,208 300,360	28,541 248,776
Total ARRA - Race to the Top Program			<u>306,568</u>	<u>277,317</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>1,510,540</u>	<u>1,505,527</u>
Totals			<u>\$ 2,497,955</u>	<u>\$ 2,492,942</u>

The accompanying notes to this schedule are an integral part of this schedule.

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**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying Schedule of Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures (the Schedule) reports the Licking Heights Local School District's (the District) 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 value. The District allocated donated food commodities to the respective programs 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

Licking Heights Local School District
Licking County
6539 Summit Road SW
Pataskala, Ohio 43062

To the Board of Education:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Licking Heights Local School District, Licking County, Ohio, (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, 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 23, 2015.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

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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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Yost". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "D" and "Y".

Dave Yost
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

March 23, 2015



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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

Licking Heights Local School District
Licking County
6539 Summit Road SW
Pataskala, Ohio 43062

To the Board of Education:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Licking Heights 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 Licking Heights Local School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2014. 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 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 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, 2014

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. 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 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.



Dave Yost
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

March 23, 2015

**LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
LICKING COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .505
JUNE 30, 2014**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material control weaknesses 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 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):	Special Education Cluster (CFDA #84.027 & 84.173) Title I (CFDA #84.010) Race to the Top Program (CFDA #84.395)
(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**

None

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None

**LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .315 (b)
JUNE 30, 2014**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2013-001	Financial Statement Adjustments	No	Partially Corrected, Reissued in Management Letter



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LICKING COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED
APRIL 7, 2015