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**FAIRLESS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Fairless Local School District
Stark County
11885 Navarre Road, SW
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To the Board of Education:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Fairless Local School District, Stark County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the District's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no 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 Fairless Local School District, Stark County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position thereof and the budgetary comparison for the General fund thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 3 to the financial statements, during the year ended June 30, 2015, the District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27* and also GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require this presentation to include *Management's discussion and analysis*, and schedules of net pension liabilities and pension contributions listed in the table of contents, to supplement the basic financial statements. Although this information is not part of the basic financial statements, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board considers it essential for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, consisting of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, to the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not opine or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to opine or provide any other assurance.

Supplementary and Other Information

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

The Schedule of Federal Award Receipts and Expenditures (the Schedule) 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 relate 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 January 15, 2016, 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

January 15, 2016

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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The management's discussion and analysis of the Fairless Local School District's (the "District") financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2015 are as follows:

- In total, net position of governmental activities increased \$838,139 which represents a 16.91% increase in the restated deficit from 2014.
- General revenues accounted for \$14,639,263 in revenue or 81.91% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and sales, grants and contributions accounted for \$3,232,605 or 18.09% of total revenues of \$17,871,868.
- The District had \$17,033,729 in expenses related to governmental activities; only \$3,232,605 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General revenues supporting governmental activities (primarily taxes and unrestricted grants and entitlements) of \$14,639,263 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- The District's major governmental funds are the general fund and debt service fund. The general fund had \$15,122,658 in revenues and \$14,454,283 in expenditures. During fiscal 2015, the general fund's fund balance increased \$668,375 from a balance of \$791,340 to \$1,459,715.
- The debt service fund had \$829,345 in revenues and \$889,970 in expenditures. During fiscal 2015, the debt service fund's fund balance decreased \$60,625 from \$561,569 to \$500,944.

Using these 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 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 statement of activities provide information about the activities of the whole District, presenting both an aggregate view of the District's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. 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 District's most significant funds with all other nonmajor funds presented in total in one column. In the case of the District, the general fund and debt service fund are by far the most significant funds, and the only governmental funds reported as major funds.

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Reporting the 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 District to provide programs and activities, the view of the District as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during 2015?" The statement of net position and the statement of activities answer this question. These statements include all assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, deferred inflows, revenues and expenses using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting will take into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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

In the statement of net position and the statement of activities, the governmental activities include the District's programs and services, including instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, extracurricular activities, other non-instructional services, and food service operations.

The District's statement of net position and statement of activities can be found on pages 19-20 of this report.

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The analysis of the District's major governmental funds begins on page 14. Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the District's major funds. The District uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the District's most significant funds. The District's major governmental funds are the general fund and debt service fund.

Governmental Funds

Most of the District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using 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 financial statements provide a detailed short-term view of the 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 basic financial statements. The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 21-25 of this report.

Reporting the District's Fiduciary Responsibilities

The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for its scholarship programs. This activity is presented as a private-purpose trust fund. The District also acts in a trustee capacity as an agent for individuals or other entities. These activities are reported in agency funds. All of the District's fiduciary activities are reported in separate statements of fiduciary net position and changes in fiduciary net position on pages 26 and 27. These activities are excluded from the District's other financial statements because the assets cannot be utilized by the District to finance its operations.

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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. These notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 29-66 of this report.

Required Supplementary Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the District's net pension liability. The required supplementary information can be found on pages 67 through 74 of this report.

The District as a Whole

The statement of net position provides the perspective of the District as a whole.

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The table below provides a summary of the District's net position at June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014. The net position at June 30, 2014 has been restated as described in Note 3.A.

	Net Position	
	Governmental Activities <u>2015</u>	Restated Governmental Activities <u>2014</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Current and other assets	\$ 10,375,977	\$ 9,704,997
Capital assets, net	<u>24,926,792</u>	<u>25,732,659</u>
Total assets	<u>35,302,769</u>	<u>35,437,656</u>
<u>Deferred outflows of resources</u>		
Unamortized deferred charges on debt refunding	1,188,697	1,256,948
Pension	<u>1,312,183</u>	<u>1,126,629</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>2,500,880</u>	<u>2,383,577</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current liabilities	1,768,605	1,994,495
Long-term liabilities:		
Due within one year	815,078	724,198
Due in more than one year:		
Net pension liability	18,783,375	22,309,249
Other amounts	<u>11,739,821</u>	<u>12,402,184</u>
Total liabilities	<u>33,106,879</u>	<u>37,430,126</u>
<u>Deferred inflows of resources</u>		
Property taxes levied for the next fiscal year	5,432,398	5,348,130
Pension	<u>3,383,256</u>	<u>-</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>8,815,654</u>	<u>5,348,130</u>
<u>Net Position</u>		
Net Investment in capital assets	14,352,635	14,581,190
Restricted (deficit)	1,282,799	1,149,833
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(19,754,318)</u>	<u>(20,688,046)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ (4,118,884)</u>	<u>\$ (4,957,023)</u>

During 2015, the District adopted GASB Statement 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions-an Amendment of GASB Statement 27," and GASB 71 "Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 68" which significantly revises accounting for pension costs and liabilities. For reasons discussed below, many end users of this financial statement will gain a clearer understanding of the District's actual financial condition by adding deferred inflows related to pension and the net pension liability to the reported net position and subtracting deferred outflows related to pension.

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Governmental Accounting Standards Board standards are national and apply to all government financial reports prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. When accounting for pension costs, GASB 27 focused on a funding approach. This approach limited pension costs to contributions annually required by law, which may or may not be sufficient to fully fund each plan's *net pension liability*. GASB 68 takes an earnings approach to pension accounting; however, the nature of Ohio's statewide pension systems and state law governing those systems requires additional explanation in order to properly understand the information presented in these statements.

Under the new standards required by GASB 68, the net pension liability equals the District's proportionate share of each plan's collective:

1. Present value of estimated future pension benefits attributable to active and inactive employees' past service
- 2 Minus plan assets available to pay these benefits

GASB notes that pension obligations, whether funded or unfunded, are part of the "employment exchange" – that is, the employee is trading his or her labor in exchange for wages, benefits, and the promise of a future pension. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this pension promise is a present obligation of the government, part of a bargained-for benefit to the employee, and should accordingly be reported by the government as a liability since they received the benefit of the exchange. However, the District is not responsible for certain key factors affecting the balance of this liability. In Ohio, the employee shares the obligation of funding pension benefits with the employer. Both employer and employee contribution rates are capped by State statute. A change in these caps requires action of both Houses of the General Assembly and approval of the Governor. Benefit provisions are also determined by State statute. The employee enters the employment exchange with the knowledge that the employer's promise is limited not by contract but by law. The employer enters the exchange also knowing that there is a specific, legal limit to its contribution to the pension system. In Ohio, there is no legal means to enforce the unfunded liability of the pension system *as against the public employer*. State law operates to mitigate/lessen the moral obligation of the public employer to the employee, because all parties enter the employment exchange with notice as to the law. The pension system is responsible for the administration of the plan.

Most long-term liabilities have set repayment schedules or, in the case of compensated absences (i.e. sick and vacation leave), are satisfied through paid time-off or termination payments. There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability. As explained above, changes in pension benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balance of the net pension liability, but are outside the control of the local government. In the event that contributions, investment returns, and other changes are insufficient to keep up with required pension payments, State statute does not assign/identify the responsible party for the unfunded portion. Due to the unique nature of how the net pension liability is satisfied, this liability is separately identified within the long-term liability section of the statement of net position.

In accordance with GASB 68, the District's statements prepared on an accrual basis of accounting include an annual pension expense for their proportionate share of each plan's *change* in net pension liability not accounted for as deferred inflows/outflows.

As a result of implementing GASB 68, the District is reporting a net pension liability and deferred inflows/outflows of resources related to pension on the accrual basis of accounting. This implementation also had the effect of restating net position at June 30, 2014, from \$16,225,597 to a deficit balance of \$4,957,023.

Over time, net position can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At June 30, 2015, the District's liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded assets and deferred outflows of resources by \$4,118,884. Of this total, \$1,282,799 is restricted in use.

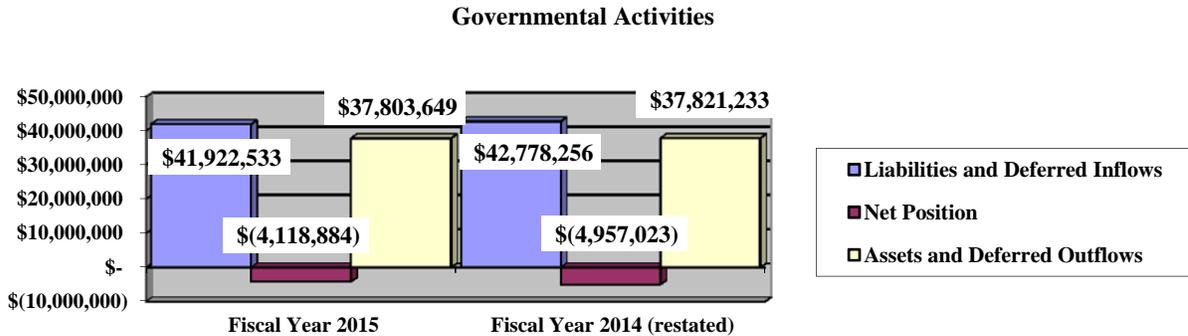
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At year-end, capital assets represented 70.61% of total assets. Capital assets include land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment and vehicles. Net investment in capital assets at June 30, 2015, was \$14,352,635. These capital assets are used to provide services to the students and are not available for future spending.

A portion of the District's net position, \$1,282,799, represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position is a deficit of \$19,754,318. The deficit balance of unrestricted net position was the result of reporting the net pension liability required by GASB 68.

The graph below presents the District's governmental activities assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, deferred inflows and net position at June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014.



The table below shows the change in net position for fiscal years 2015 and 2014. The net position at June 30, 2014 has been restated as described in Note 3.A.

	Change in Net Position	
	Governmental Activities 2015	Restated Governmental Activities 2014
Revenues		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services and sales	\$ 1,075,598	\$ 1,052,454
Operating grants and contributions	2,157,007	2,033,558
General revenues:		
Property taxes	5,858,704	5,796,680
Grants and entitlements	8,539,620	8,338,330
Investment earnings	7,243	4,956
Other	233,696	114,816
Total revenues	17,871,868	17,340,794

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	Change in Net Position (continued)	
	Governmental	Restated
	Activities	Governmental
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Program expenses:		
Instruction:		
Regular	\$ 7,126,977	\$ 7,503,030
Special	2,175,018	2,463,311
Vocational	140,468	170,978
Other	415,729	438,661
Support services:		
Pupil	1,098,566	1,063,410
Instructional staff	174,290	202,259
Board of education	9,025	14,959
Administration	1,310,138	1,340,489
Fiscal	375,993	397,057
Business	20,672	29,181
Operations and maintenance	1,360,491	1,418,736
Pupil transportation	960,106	1,092,135
Central	118,070	84,096
Food service operations	723,801	778,887
Other non-instructional services	30,434	24,969
Extracurricular activities	542,643	526,347
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>451,308</u>	<u>402,910</u>
Total expenses	<u>17,033,729</u>	<u>17,951,415</u>
Change in net assets	838,139	(610,621)
Net position (deficit) at beginning of year (restated)	<u>(4,957,023)</u>	<u>(4,346,402)</u>
Net position (deficit) at end of year	<u>\$ (4,118,884)</u>	<u>\$ (4,957,023)</u>

Governmental Activities

The information necessary to restate the 2014 beginning balances and the 2014 pension expense amounts for the effects of the initial implementation of GASB 68 is not available. Therefore, 2014 functional expenses still include pension expense of \$1,126,629 computed under GASB 27. GASB 27 required recognizing pension expense equal to the contractually required contributions to the plan. Under GASB 68, pension expense represents additional amounts earned, adjusted by deferred inflows/outflows. The contractually required contribution is no longer a component of pension expense. Under GASB 68, the 2015 statements report pension expense of \$807,691.

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Consequently, in order to compare 2015 total program expenses to 2014, the following adjustments are needed:

Total 2015 program expenses under GASB 68	\$ 17,033,729
Pension expense under GASB 68	\$ (807,691)
2015 contractually required contributions	<u>1,135,863</u>
Adjusted 2015 program expenses	17,361,901
Total 2014 program expenses under GASB 27	<u>17,951,415</u>
Increase (decrease) in program expenses not related to pension	<u>\$ (589,514)</u>

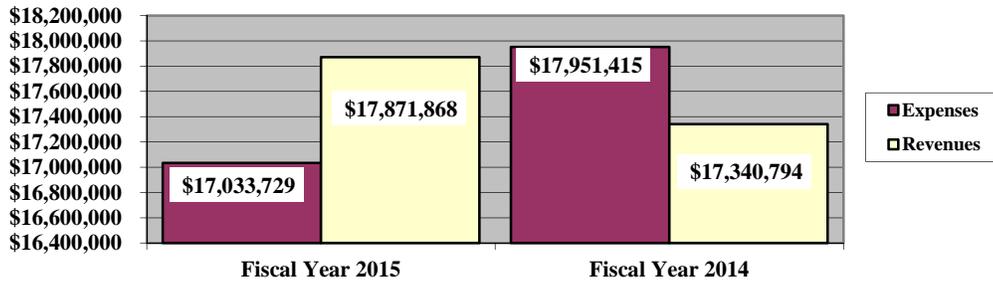
Net position of the District's governmental activities increased \$838,139. Total governmental expenses of \$17,033,729 were offset by program revenues of \$3,232,605 and general revenues of \$14,639,263. Program revenues supported 18.98% of the total governmental expenses.

The primary sources of revenue for governmental activities are derived from property taxes and unrestricted grants and entitlements. These revenue sources represent 80.56% of total governmental revenue.

The largest expense of the District is for instructional programs. Instruction expenses totaled \$9,858,192 or 57.87% of total governmental expenses for fiscal 2015.

The graph below presents the District's governmental activities revenue and expenses for fiscal years 2015 and 2014.

Governmental Activities - Revenues and Expenses



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

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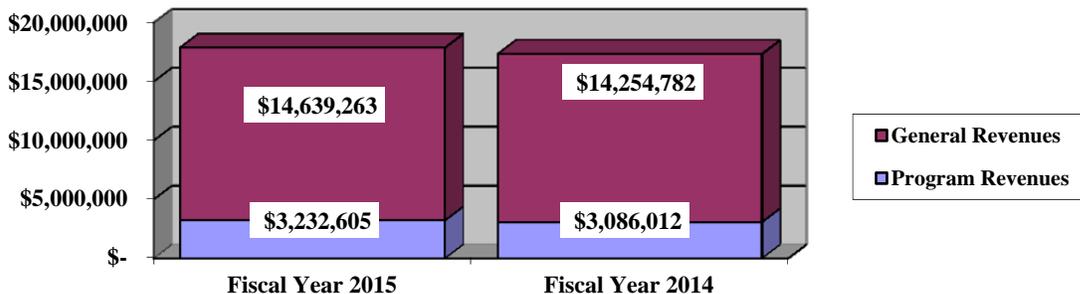
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	Governmental Activities			
	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2014</u>
Program expenses				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$ 7,126,977	\$ 6,126,321	\$ 7,503,030	\$ 6,687,711
Special	2,175,018	877,325	2,463,311	1,154,623
Vocational	140,468	116,647	170,978	150,518
Other	415,729	415,729	438,661	438,661
Support services:				
Pupil	1,098,566	1,093,166	1,063,410	1,058,010
Instructional staff	174,290	128,419	202,259	200,859
Board of education	9,025	9,025	14,959	14,959
Administration	1,310,138	1,310,138	1,340,489	1,340,489
Fiscal	375,993	375,993	397,057	397,057
Business	20,672	20,672	29,181	29,181
Operations and maintenance	1,360,491	1,359,641	1,418,736	1,418,736
Pupil transportation	960,106	900,680	1,092,135	1,026,623
Central	118,070	118,070	84,096	84,096
Food service operations	723,801	79,469	778,887	74,367
Other non-instructional services	30,434	30,434	24,969	24,969
Extracurricular activities	542,643	388,087	526,347	361,634
Interest and fiscal charges	451,308	451,308	402,910	402,910
Total	<u>\$ 17,033,729</u>	<u>\$ 13,801,124</u>	<u>\$ 17,951,415</u>	<u>\$ 14,865,403</u>

The dependence upon tax and other general revenues for governmental activities is apparent, as 76.44% of instruction activities are supported through taxes and other general revenues. For all governmental activities, general revenue support is 81.02%.

The graph below presents the District's governmental activities revenue for fiscal year 2015 and 2014.

Governmental Activities - General and Program Revenues



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The District's Funds

The District's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$2,510,513, which is more than last year's total of \$1,858,421. The schedule below indicates the fund balance and the total change in fund balance as of June 30, 2015 and 2014.

	Fund Balance <u>June 30, 2015</u>	Fund Balance <u>June 30, 2014</u>	Increase <u>(Decrease)</u>
General	\$ 1,459,715	\$ 791,340	\$ 668,375
Debt Service	500,944	561,569	(60,625)
Other Governmental	<u>549,854</u>	<u>505,512</u>	<u>44,342</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,510,513</u>	<u>\$ 1,858,421</u>	<u>\$ 652,092</u>

General Fund

The District's general fund balance increased \$668,375. The table that follows assists in illustrating the financial activities and fund balance of the general fund.

	2015 <u>Amount</u>	2014 <u>Amount</u>	Increase <u>(Decrease)</u>	Percentage <u>Change</u>
<u>Revenues</u>				
Taxes	\$ 5,007,993	\$ 5,078,658	\$ (70,665)	(1.39) %
Tuition	635,043	587,375	47,668	8.12 %
Earnings on investments	7,084	5,381	1,703	31.65 %
Intergovernmental	9,147,411	8,975,353	172,058	1.92 %
Extracurricular	32,233	24,015	8,218	34.22 %
Other revenues	<u>292,894</u>	<u>157,883</u>	<u>135,011</u>	85.51 %
Total	<u>\$ 15,122,658</u>	<u>\$ 14,828,665</u>	<u>\$ 293,993</u>	1.98 %
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Instruction	\$ 8,733,585	\$ 9,322,828	\$ (589,243)	(6.32) %
Support services	5,257,258	5,308,193	(50,935)	(0.96) %
Operation of non-instructional services	30,387	24,751	5,636	22.77 %
Extracurricular activities	430,367	393,319	37,048	9.42 %
Facilities acquisition and construction	<u>2,686</u>	<u>61,938</u>	<u>(59,252)</u>	(95.66) %
Total	<u>\$ 14,454,283</u>	<u>\$ 15,111,029</u>	<u>\$ (656,746)</u>	(4.35) %

Earnings on investments increased 31.65% due to the District's investments having higher interest rates. Extracurricular revenues increased 34.22% due to increased public school support. Other revenues increased 85.51% due mainly to miscellaneous nonrevenue items increasing. Instructional expense decreased 6.32% due mainly to a decrease in special instruction expenditures. Facilities acquisitions and construction expenditures decreased 95.66% primarily due to various building improvements being completed in the prior year. All other revenues and expenditures remained comparable to prior years.

**FAIRLESS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015
(UNAUDITED)

Debt Service Fund

The debt service fund had \$829,345 in revenues and \$889,970 in expenditures. During fiscal 2015, the debt service fund's fund balance decreased \$60,625 from \$561,569 to \$500,944.

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

The 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.

During the course of fiscal year 2015, the District amended its general fund budget several times. For the general fund, final budgeted revenues were equal to original budgeted revenues. Actual revenues for fiscal year 2015 were \$15,078,558. This represents a \$581,246 increase from final budgeted revenues.

General fund final budgeted appropriations and other financing uses were \$1,016,171 lower than original budgeted appropriations and other financing uses, this is due to the Districts conservative, or, worst case scenario, budgeting approach. The actual budget basis expenditures and other financing uses for fiscal year 2015 totaled \$14,726,134, which was \$312 less than the final budget appropriations and other financing uses.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2015, the District had \$24,926,792 invested in land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment and vehicles. This entire amount is reported in governmental activities. The following table shows fiscal year 2015 balances compared to 2014:

**Capital Assets at June 30
(Net of Depreciation)**

	Governmental Activities	
	2015	2014
Land	\$ 165,570	\$ 165,570
Land improvements	1,218,922	1,324,378
Building and improvements	22,795,260	23,331,249
Furniture and equipment	721,918	867,077
Vehicles	25,122	44,385
Total	\$ 24,926,792	\$ 25,732,659

The overall decrease in capital assets of \$805,867 is due to depreciation expense of \$746,647 exceeding capital outlays of \$29,024 and asset disposals of \$88,244 (net of accumulated depreciation).

See Note 7 for additional information on the District's capital assets.

**FAIRLESS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015
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Debt Administration

At June 30, 2015, the District had \$10,684,890 in general obligation bonds. Of this total, \$575,000 is due within one year and \$10,109,890 is due in more than one year. The following table summarizes the bonds outstanding.

Outstanding Debt, at Year End

	Governmental Activities <u>2015</u>	Governmental Activities <u>2014</u>
General obligation refunding bonds	\$ 10,684,890	\$ 10,700,293
General obligation capital improvement bonds	<u>-</u>	<u>385,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 10,684,890</u>	<u>\$ 11,085,293</u>

At June 30, 2015, the District's overall legal debt margin was \$6,009,487, and an unvoted debt margin of \$176,762.

See Note 8 to the basic financial statements for additional information on the District's debt administration.

Current Financial Related Activities

The District has continued to strive to maintain the highest standards of excellence in the way of education for all our students. The District always keeps in mind that the taxpayer's money is the life blood of our District. The Board of Education and administration try to manage the money given to us in the most efficient and best way possible. We are the stewards of our taxpayer money and we take that job very seriously.

The Board of Education has adopted a three step plan to financial health:

- 1) Balance the budget
- 2) Stabilize local funding and reduce ballot issues
- 3) Secure new local funding in the future

Step one has been completed. This is the result of the district implementing over \$2 million in cost saving measures obtained primarily through reductions in classified, certified, and administrative positions.

Step two was accomplished in May 2011 with the passage of an 8.4 mill substitute levy. Passage of the substitute levy now means the district will only be required to renew one levy in a five year period, essentially cutting in half the number of times the District is on the ballot.

The District must now focus on step three. The District passed a new 8.9 mill 10 year emergency levy on the November 2015 ballot.

The District was awarded a "B" rating by the Ohio Department of Education for the 2013-2014 school year. However, without new funding, the District will be forced to continue to eliminate positions jeopardizing the quality of the education provided.

**FAIRLESS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015
(UNAUDITED)**

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Mr. Mark Phillips, Treasurer, Fairless Local School District, 11885 Navarre Road SW, Navarre, Ohio 44662-9438.

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**FAIRLESS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2015

	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents.	\$ 4,252,687
Receivables:	
Taxes	5,971,797
Accounts.	25,403
Accrued interest	351
Intergovernmental	107,533
Prepayments	9,311
Materials and supplies inventory.	8,895
Capital assets:	
Nondepreciable capital assets	165,570
Depreciable capital assets, net.	24,761,222
Capital assets, net	24,926,792
Total assets.	35,302,769
 Deferred outflows of resources:	
Unamortized deferred charges on debt refunding	1,188,697
Pension - STRS	970,251
Pension - SERS	341,932
Total deferred outflows of resources	2,500,880
 Liabilities:	
Accounts payable.	20,131
Accrued wages and benefits payable	1,445,521
Intergovernmental payable	46,718
Pension and postemployment benefits payable	230,273
Accrued interest payable	25,962
Long-term liabilities:	
Due within one year.	815,078
Due in more than one year:	
Net pension liability (See Note 11)	18,783,375
Other amounts due in more than one year	11,739,821
Total liabilities	33,106,879
 Deferred inflows of resources:	
Property taxes levied for the next fiscal year.	5,432,398
Pension - STRS.	2,727,347
Pension - SERS.	655,909
Total deferred inflows of resources	8,815,654
 Net position:	
Net investment in capital assets	14,352,635
Restricted for:	
Capital projects	86,738
Classroom facilities maintenance	502,637
Debt service.	519,790
Locally funded programs	23,461
Federally funded programs	105,234
Student activities	44,939
Unrestricted (deficit)	(19,754,318)
Total net position (deficit).	\$ (4,118,884)

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FAIRLESS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities
		Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	
Governmental activities:				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$ 7,126,977	\$ 541,308	\$ 459,348	\$ (6,126,321)
Special	2,175,018	143,939	1,153,754	(877,325)
Vocational	140,468	-	23,821	(116,647)
Other	415,729	-	-	(415,729)
Support services:				
Pupil	1,098,566	-	5,400	(1,093,166)
Instructional staff	174,290	-	45,871	(128,419)
Board of education	9,025	-	-	(9,025)
Administration	1,310,138	-	-	(1,310,138)
Fiscal	375,993	-	-	(375,993)
Business	20,672	-	-	(20,672)
Operations and maintenance	1,360,491	850	-	(1,359,641)
Pupil transportation	960,106	-	59,426	(900,680)
Central	118,070	-	-	(118,070)
Operation of non-instructional services:				
Other non-instructional services	30,434	-	-	(30,434)
Food service operations	723,801	235,240	409,092	(79,469)
Extracurricular activities	542,643	154,261	295	(388,087)
Interest and fiscal charges	451,308	-	-	(451,308)
Totals	<u>\$ 17,033,729</u>	<u>\$ 1,075,598</u>	<u>\$ 2,157,007</u>	<u>(13,801,124)</u>

General revenues:	
Property taxes levied for:	
General purposes	5,042,503
Debt service	658,909
Capital outlay	79,552
Classroom facilities maintenance	77,740
Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs	8,539,620
Investment earnings	7,243
Miscellaneous	233,696
Total general revenues	<u>14,639,263</u>
Change in net position	838,139
Net position (deficit)	
at beginning of year (restated)	<u>(4,957,023)</u>
Net position (deficit) at end of year	<u><u>\$ (4,118,884)</u></u>

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**FAIRLESS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2015

	<u>General</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets:				
Equity in pooled cash and investments	\$ 3,050,498	\$ 482,259	\$ 719,930	\$ 4,252,687
Receivables:				
Taxes	5,061,024	679,846	230,927	5,971,797
Accounts	24,993	-	410	25,403
Accrued interest	351	-	-	351
Intergovernmental	-	-	107,533	107,533
Prepayments	9,311	-	-	9,311
Materials and supplies inventory	-	-	8,895	8,895
Total assets	<u>\$ 8,146,177</u>	<u>\$ 1,162,105</u>	<u>\$ 1,067,695</u>	<u>\$ 10,375,977</u>
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 4,733	\$ -	\$ 15,398	\$ 20,131
Accrued wages and benefits payable	1,330,148	-	115,373	1,445,521
Compensated absences payable	196,865	-	-	196,865
Intergovernmental payable	42,944	-	3,774	46,718
Pension and postemployment benefits payable	183,406	-	46,867	230,273
Total liabilities	<u>1,758,096</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>181,412</u>	<u>1,939,508</u>
Deferred inflows of resources:				
Property taxes levied for the next fiscal year	4,595,070	616,353	220,975	5,432,398
Delinquent property tax revenue not available	330,892	44,808	7,575	383,275
Intergovernmental revenue not available	-	-	107,533	107,533
Accrued interest not available	351	-	-	351
Charges for services revenue not available	-	-	346	346
Miscellaneous revenue not available	2,053	-	-	2,053
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>4,928,366</u>	<u>661,161</u>	<u>336,429</u>	<u>5,925,956</u>
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u>6,686,462</u>	<u>661,161</u>	<u>517,841</u>	<u>7,865,464</u>
Fund balances:				
Nonspendable:				
Materials and supplies inventory	-	-	8,895	8,895
Prepays	9,311	-	-	9,311
Restricted:				
Debt service	-	500,944	-	500,944
Capital improvements	-	-	84,392	84,392
Classroom facilities maintenance	-	-	498,811	498,811
Other purposes	-	-	23,461	23,461
Extracurricular	-	-	44,939	44,939
Assigned:				
Student instruction	85,042	-	-	85,042
Student and staff support	94,051	-	-	94,051
Facilities acquisition and construction	6,758	-	-	6,758
Subsequent year's appropriations	439,279	-	-	439,279
Unassigned (deficit)	825,274	-	(110,644)	714,630
Total fund balances	<u>1,459,715</u>	<u>500,944</u>	<u>549,854</u>	<u>2,510,513</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows and fund balances	<u>\$ 8,146,177</u>	<u>\$ 1,162,105</u>	<u>\$ 1,067,695</u>	<u>\$ 10,375,977</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FAIRLESS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO
NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
JUNE 30, 2015

Total governmental fund balances		\$	2,510,513
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities on the statement of net position are different because:</i>			
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.			24,926,792
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred inflows in the funds.			
Property taxes receivable	\$	383,275	
Accounts receivable		2,399	
Accrued interest receivable		351	
Intergovernmental receivable		107,533	
Total		493,558	493,558
Unamortized premiums on bonds issued are not recognized in the funds.			(1,362,857)
Unamortized amounts on refundings are not recognized in the funds.			1,188,697
Accrued interest payable is not due and payable in the current period and therefore is not reported in the funds.			(25,962)
The net pension liability is not due and payable in the current period; therefore, the liability and related deferred inflows/outflows are not reported in governmental funds.			
Deferred outflows of resources - pension		1,312,183	
Deferred inflows of resources - pension		(3,383,256)	
Net pension liability		(18,783,375)	
Total		(20,854,448)	(20,854,448)
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.			
General obligation current interest bonds payable		10,325,000	
General obligation capital appreciation bonds payable		74,997	
Accreted interest on capital appreciation bonds payable		284,893	
Compensated absences		310,287	
Total		(10,995,177)	(10,995,177)
Net position of governmental activities		\$	(4,118,884)

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FAIRLESS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	<u>General</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues:				
From local sources:				
Property taxes	\$ 5,007,993	\$ 652,102	\$ 154,175	\$ 5,814,270
Tuition.	635,043	-	-	635,043
Earnings on investments	7,084	-	-	7,084
Charges for services	-	-	234,894	234,894
Extracurricular.	32,233	-	122,028	154,261
Classroom materials and fees	50,204	-	-	50,204
Rental income	850	-	-	850
Contributions and donations	-	-	295	295
Other local revenues	241,840	-	-	241,840
Intergovernmental - state	9,147,411	177,243	78,705	9,403,359
Intergovernmental - federal	-	-	1,239,225	1,239,225
Total revenues	<u>15,122,658</u>	<u>829,345</u>	<u>1,829,322</u>	<u>17,781,325</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular.	6,313,368	-	420,238	6,733,606
Special	1,834,277	-	388,379	2,222,656
Vocational	170,211	-	-	170,211
Other	415,729	-	-	415,729
Support services:				
Pupil	1,116,474	-	5,400	1,121,874
Instructional staff	144,297	-	41,486	185,783
Board of education	9,253	-	-	9,253
Administration	1,326,115	-	-	1,326,115
Fiscal	363,961	14,451	3,006	381,418
Business.	19,713	-	-	19,713
Operations and maintenance	1,190,993	-	121,023	1,312,016
Pupil transportation	971,565	-	598	972,163
Central	114,887	-	-	114,887
Operation of non-instructional services:				
Other non-instructional services	30,387	-	47	30,434
Food service operations.	-	-	669,282	669,282
Extracurricular activities.	430,367	-	119,588	549,955
Facilities acquisition and construction	2,686	-	12,723	15,409
Debt service:				
Principal retirement.	-	555,000	-	555,000
Interest and fiscal charges	-	320,519	-	320,519
Total expenditures	<u>14,454,283</u>	<u>889,970</u>	<u>1,781,770</u>	<u>17,126,023</u>
Net change in fund balances	668,375	(60,625)	47,552	655,302
Fund balances at beginning of year.	791,340	561,569	505,512	1,858,421
(Decrease) in reserve for inventory	-	-	(3,210)	(3,210)
Fund balances at end of year.	<u><u>\$ 1,459,715</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 500,944</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 549,854</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,510,513</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FAIRLESS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

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, 2015

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	655,302
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:</i>		
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.		
Capital asset additions	\$ 29,024	
Current year depreciation	(746,647)	
Total		(717,623)
The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, disposals, trade-ins, and donations) is to decrease net position.		
		(88,244)
Governmental funds report expenditures for inventory when purchased. However, in the statement of activities, they are reported as an expense when consumed.		
		(3,210)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		
Taxes	44,434	
Earnings on investments	159	
Charges for services	346	
Other revenue	(8,144)	
Intergovernmental	53,748	
Total		90,543
Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities on the statement of net position. Principal payments during the year were:		
		555,000
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due. The following items resulted in additional interest being reported in the statement of activities:		
Decrease in accrued interest payable	1,496	
Accreted interest on capital appreciation bonds	(154,597)	
Amortization of bond premiums	90,563	
Amortization of deferred charges	(68,251)	
Total		(130,789)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities, such as compensated absences, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		
		148,988
Contractually required contributions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds; however, the statement of net position reports these amounts as deferred outflows.		
		1,135,863
Except for amounts reported as deferred inflows/outflows, changes in the net pension liability are reported as pension expense in the statement of activities.		
		(807,691)
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	838,139

**FAIRLESS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

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, 2015

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Revenues:				
From local sources:				
Taxes	\$ 4,925,660	\$ 4,808,509	\$ 5,001,101	\$ 192,592
Tuition	581,735	610,588	635,043	24,455
Earnings on investments	5,783	5,072	5,870	798
Rental income	-	817	850	33
Other local revenues	144,276	225,472	234,503	9,031
Intergovernmental - state	8,839,857	8,846,854	9,201,191	354,337
Total revenues	<u>14,497,312</u>	<u>14,497,312</u>	<u>15,078,558</u>	<u>581,246</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	6,879,210	6,276,641	6,276,641	-
Special	2,250,170	1,946,635	1,946,635	-
Vocational	178,590	170,396	170,396	-
Other	498,062	428,595	428,595	-
Support services:				
Pupil	1,033,800	1,119,615	1,119,615	-
Instructional staff	180,722	165,515	165,515	-
Board of education	11,697	12,388	12,388	-
Administration	1,330,506	1,359,301	1,359,301	-
Fiscal	419,995	376,199	375,887	312
Business	33,667	18,967	18,967	-
Operations and maintenance	1,304,875	1,260,771	1,260,771	-
Pupil transportation	1,094,283	996,609	996,609	-
Central	79,972	123,696	123,696	-
Extracurricular activities	396,575	433,002	433,002	-
Facilities acquisition and construction	26,453	10,602	10,602	-
Total expenditures	<u>15,718,578</u>	<u>14,698,932</u>	<u>14,698,620</u>	<u>312</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(1,221,266)</u>	<u>(201,620)</u>	<u>379,938</u>	<u>581,558</u>
Other financing uses:				
Transfers (out)	(24,039)	(27,514)	(27,514)	-
Total other financing uses	<u>(24,039)</u>	<u>(27,514)</u>	<u>(27,514)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	(1,245,305)	(229,134)	352,424	581,558
Fund balance at beginning of year	2,262,318	2,262,318	2,262,318	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	242,617	242,617	242,617	-
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 1,259,630</u>	<u>\$ 2,275,801</u>	<u>\$ 2,857,359</u>	<u>\$ 581,558</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FAIRLESS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2015

	Private-Purpose Trust	
	Scholarship	Agency
Assets:		
Equity in pooled cash and investments . . .	\$ 3,000	\$ 99,555
Receivables:		
Accounts	-	1,487
Total assets.	3,000	\$ 101,042
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable.	-	\$ 11,312
Due to students.	-	89,730
Total liabilities	-	\$ 101,042
Net position:		
Held in trust for scholarships	3,000	
Total net position.	\$ 3,000	

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**FAIRLESS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Private-Purpose Trust
	Scholarship
Net position at beginning of year.	\$ 3,000
Net position at end of year	\$ 3,000

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**FAIRLESS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Fairless Local School District (the "District") is a body politic and corporate established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The District is a local district as defined by Section 3311.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. The District is governed by a five-member Board of Education (the "Board") elected by its citizens, which is responsible for the provision of public education to residents of the District.

The District encompasses all or portions of several villages and townships which are almost entirely located in Stark County, Ohio and serves an area of approximately 107 square miles. The District's facilities are staffed by 10 administrators, 85 classified employees and 102 certified employees who provide services to 1,654 students and other community members. For fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, the District operated an elementary school, a middle school and a high school.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

A. Reporting Entity

The reporting entity has been defined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity" as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, "Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units" and GASB Statement No. 61, "The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34". The reporting entity is composed of the primary government and component units. The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the District. For the District, this includes general operations, food service, and student related activities of the District.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the District is financially accountable. The District is financially accountable for an organization if the District appoints a voting majority of the organization's Governing Board and (1) the District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; or (3) the District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or (4) the District is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the District in that the District approves the budget, the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes. Certain organizations are also included as component units if the nature and significance of the relationship between the primary government and the organization is such that exclusion by the primary government would render the primary government's financial statements incomplete or misleading. Based upon the application of these criteria, the District has no component units. The basic financial statements of the reporting entity include only those of the District (the primary government).

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The following organizations are described due to their relationship to the District:

JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium

The Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium (SPARCC) is a jointly governed organization created as a regional council of governments pursuant to State statutes made up of public school districts and county boards of education from Stark, Portage, and Carroll Counties. The primary function of SPARCC is to provide data processing services to its member districts with the major emphasis being placed on accounting, inventory control and payroll services. Other areas of service provided by SPARCC include student scheduling, registration, grade reporting, and test scoring. Each member district pays an annual fee for the services provided by SPARCC.

SPARCC is governed by a board of directors comprised of each Superintendent with the Consortium. The Stark County Educational Service Center serves as the fiscal agent of the Consortium and receives funding from the State Department of Education. Each district has one vote in all matters and each member district's control over budgeting and financing of SPARCC is limited to its voting authority and any representation it may have on the Board of Directors. The continued existence of SPARCC is not dependent on the District's continued participation and no equity interest exists. The District paid \$192,898 to SPARCC during fiscal year 2015 for services. Financial information can be obtained by writing the Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium, 2100 38th Street NW, Canton, Ohio 44709.

Stark County Area Joint Vocational School

The Stark County Area Joint Vocational School is a separate body politic and corporate, established by the Ohio Revised Code to provide for vocational and special education needs of the students. The Stark County Area Joint Vocational School is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a seven member Board, consisting of one representative from each of the six participating districts' Boards and one Board Member that rotates from each participating district, and has its own budgeting and taxing authority. Financial information can be obtained by writing the Stark County Area Joint Vocational School, 6805 Richville Drive, S.W., Massillon, Ohio 44646.

Stark County Tax Incentive Review Council

Stark County Tax Incentive Review Council (SCTIRC) is a jointly governed organization, created as a regional council of governments pursuant to State statutes. SCTIRC has 24 members, consisting of three members appointed by the County Commissioners, four members appointed by municipal corporations, ten members appointed by township trustees, one member from the county auditor's office and six members appointed by Boards of education located within the enterprise zones of Stark County. The SCTIRC reviews and evaluates the performance of each Enterprise Zone Agreement. This body is advisory in nature and cannot directly impact an existing Enterprise Zone Agreement; however, the council can make written recommendations to the legislative authority that approved the agreement. There is no cost associated with being a member of this Council. The continued existence of the SCTIRC is not dependent upon the District's continued participation and no measurable equity interest exists.

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PUBLIC ENTITY RISK POOL

Stark County School Council of Governments Health Benefit Plan

The Stark County School Council of Governments Health Benefit Plan (Council) is a shared risk pool created pursuant to State statute for the purpose of administering health care benefits. The Council is governed by an assembly which consists of one representative from each participating member. The assembly elects officers for one year terms to serve on the Board of Directors. The assembly exercises control over the operation of the Council. All Council revenues are generated from charges for services received from the participating members, based on the established premiums for the insurance plans. Each member reserves the right to terminate the plan in whole or in part, at any time. If it is terminated, no further contributions will be made, but the benefits under the insurance contract shall be paid in accordance with the terms of the contract.

INSURANCE PURCHASING POOL

Stark County Schools Council of Governments Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan

The Stark County Schools Council of Governments Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan has created a group insurance pool for the purpose of creating a group rating plan for workers' compensation. The governing body is comprised of the superintendents and the members who have been appointed by the respective governing body of each member.

The intent of the pool is to achieve a reduced rate for the District and the other group members. The injury claim history of all participating members is used to calculate a common rate for the group. An annual fee is paid to Comp Management, Inc. to administer the group and to manage any injury claims. Premium savings created by the group are prorated to each member entity annually based on its payroll percent of the group.

B. Fund Accounting

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self balancing set of accounts. There are three categories of funds: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary.

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

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

General fund - The general fund is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

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Debt service fund - The debt service fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources and payment of general obligation bond principal and interest and certain long-term obligations from governmental resources when the government is obligated in some manner for payment.

Other governmental funds of the District are used to account for (a) financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for capital outlays including the acquisition of construction of capital facilities and other capital assets and (b) specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to an expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

Proprietary funds are used to account for the District's ongoing activities which are similar to those often found in the private sector. The District has no proprietary funds.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds and agency funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the District under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are therefore not available to support the District's own programs. The District's only trust fund is a private-purpose trust which accounts for a scholarship program for students. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The District's agency funds account for student activities and District agency activities.

C. Basis of Presentation and Measurement Focus

Government-wide Financial Statements - The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds.

The government-wide statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the governmental activities of the District. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include amounts paid by the recipient of goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the District.

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 District are included on the statement of net position.

Fund Financial Statements - Fund financial statements report detailed information about the District. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column, and all nonmajor funds are aggregated into one column. Fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

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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 governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

The private-purpose trust fund is reported using the economic resources measurement focus. Agency funds do not report a measurement focus as they do not report operations.

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. Fiduciary funds also use the accrual basis of accounting.

Revenues - Exchange and Nonexchange Transactions - Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the District, available means expected to be received within thirty-one days of fiscal year end.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied (See Note 5). 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 District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

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

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Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources - In addition to assets, the government-wide statement of net position will report a separate section for deferred inflows and outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the District, deferred outflows of resources have been reported for the following two items related the District's net pension liability: (1) the difference between expected and actual experience of the pension systems, and (2) the District's contributions to the pension systems subsequent to the measurement date. In addition, deferred outflows of resources include a deferred charge on debt 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.

In addition to liabilities, both the government-wide statement of net position and the governmental fund financial statements report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. For the District, deferred inflows of resources include property taxes and unavailable revenue. Property taxes represent amounts for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of June 30, 2015, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2016 operations. These amounts have been recorded as a deferred inflow of resources on both the government-wide statement of net position and the governmental fund financial statements. Unavailable revenue is reported only on the governmental funds balance sheet, and represents receivables which will not be collected within the available period. For the District unavailable revenue includes, but is not limited to, delinquent property taxes and intergovernmental grants. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period the amounts become available.

The District also reports a deferred inflow of resources for the net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments related to the District's net pension liability. This deferred inflow of resources is only reported on the government-wide statement of net position.

Expenses/Expenditures - On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The entitlement value of donated commodities received during the year is reported in the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances as an expenditure with a like amount reported as intergovernmental revenue.

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

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E. Budgets

The budgetary process is prescribed by provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and entails the preparation of budgetary documents within an established timetable. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriation resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The certificate of estimated resources and the appropriations resolution are subject to amendment throughout the year with the legal restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources, as certified. All funds, other than the agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The legal level of budgetary control has been established by the Board of Education at the fund level for all funds. Any budgetary modifications at these levels of control may only be made by resolution of the Board of Education.

Tax Budget:

On October 25, 2005, the Stark County Budget Commission voted to waive the requirements that school districts adopt a tax budget as required by Section 5705.28 of the Ohio Revised Code, by January 15 and the filing by January 20. The Budget Commission now requires an alternative tax budget be submitted by January 20 which no longer requires specific Board approval.

Estimated Resources:

By April 1, the Board of Education accepts, by formal resolution, the tax rates as determined by the Budget Commission and receives the Commission's certificate of estimated resources, which states the projected revenue of each fund. Prior to July 1, the District must revise its budget so that total contemplated expenditures from any fund during the ensuing year will not exceed the amount stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The revised budget then serves as a basis for the appropriation measure. On or about July 1, the certificate is amended to include any unencumbered cash balances from the preceding year. The certificate may be further amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the District Treasurer. The amounts reported in the budgetary statement, reflect the amounts from the certificate of amended resources that was in effect at the time the original and final appropriations were passed by the Board of Education.

Appropriations:

Upon receipt from the County Auditor of a certificate of estimated resources based on final assessed values and tax rates or a certificate saying no new certificate is necessary, the annual appropriation resolution is enacted by the Board of Education. Prior to the passage of the annual appropriation measure, the Board may pass a temporary appropriation measure to meet the ordinary expenses of the District. The appropriation resolution, at the fund level for all funds, must be within the estimated resources as certified by the County Budget Commission and the total of expenditures may not exceed the appropriation totals at the legal level of control. Any revisions that alter the level of budgetary control must be approved by the Board of Education.

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

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Encumbrances:

As part of formal budgetary control, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded as the equivalent of expenditures on the non-GAAP budgetary basis in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation and to determine and maintain legal compliance. Encumbrances plus expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the legal level of control. On the GAAP basis, encumbrances outstanding at fiscal year-end are reported as components of restricted, committed, or assigned classification of fund balance.

Lapsing of Appropriations:

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

F. Cash and Investments

To improve cash management, cash received by the District is pooled in a central bank account. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through the District's records. Each fund's interest in the pool is presented as "equity in pooled cash and investments" on the basic financial statements.

During fiscal year 2015, investments were limited to investments in the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio), negotiable certificates of deposit and mutual funds. Except for nonparticipating investment contracts, investments are reported at fair value, which is based on quoted market prices.

The District has invested funds in STAR Ohio during fiscal year 2015. STAR Ohio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office, which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAR Ohio are valued at STAR Ohio's shares price which is the price the investment could be sold for on June 30, 2015.

Under existing Ohio statutes all investment earnings are assigned to the general fund unless statutorily required to be credited to a specific fund. The Board of Education has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest revenue credited to the general fund during fiscal year 2015 amounted to \$7,084, which includes \$2,258 assigned from other District funds.

For presentation on the basic financial statements, investments of the cash management pool and investments with original maturities of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the District are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months are reported as investments.

An analysis of the District's investment account at year end is provided in Note 4.

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G. Inventory

On government-wide and fund financial statements, purchased inventories are presented at the lower of cost or market and donated commodities are presented at their entitlement value. Inventories are recorded on a first-in, first-out basis. Inventories are accounted for using the purchase method on the fund financial statements and using the consumption method on the government-wide statements.

On the fund financial statements, reported material and supplies inventory is equally offset by a nonspendable fund balance in the governmental funds which indicates that it does not constitute available spendable resources even though it is a component of net current position.

Inventory consists of expendable supplies held for consumption, donated food and purchased food.

H. Capital Assets

General capital assets are those assets specifically related to governmental activities. These assets result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position, but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of \$2,500. The 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.

All reported capital assets except land are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Land improvements	20 years
Buildings and improvements	25 - 50 years
Furniture and equipment	5 - 20 years
Vehicles	6 - 10 years

I. Interfund Balances

On fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as "interfund receivables/payables." These amounts are eliminated in the governmental activities column on the statement of net position. The District had no interfund balances at June 30, 2015.

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J. Compensated Absences

Compensated absences of the District consist of vacation leave and sick leave to the extent that payments to the employee for these absences are attributable to services already rendered and are not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the District and the employee.

In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 16, "Accounting for Compensated Absences", a liability for vacation leave is accrued if a) the employees' rights to payment are attributable to services already rendered; and b) it is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or other means, such as cash payment at termination or retirement. An accrual for earned sick leave is made to the extent that it is probable that the benefits will result in termination (severance) payments. A liability for sick leave is accrued using the vesting method; i.e., the liability is based on the sick leave accumulated at the balance sheet date by those employees who are currently eligible to receive termination (severance) payments, as well as those employees expected to become eligible in the future. For purposes of establishing a liability for sick leave on employees expected to become eligible to retire in the future, all employees age fifty-two or greater with at least twenty-two years of service, age fifty-seven or greater with at least two years of service or any age with at least twenty-seven years of service were considered expected to become eligible to retire in accordance with GASB Statement No. 16.

The total liability for vacation and sick leave payments has been calculated using pay rates in effect at June 30, 2015 and reduced to the maximum payment allowed by labor contract and/or statute, plus any additional salary related payments.

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

For governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences are recognized as liabilities and expenditures as payments come due each period upon the occurrence of employee resignations and retirements.

K. 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 during the current year.

L. Unamortized Bond Premiums and Discounts/Refunding Difference

Bond premiums and discounts are amortized over the term of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bond premiums are presented as an addition to the face amount of the bonds. Bond discounts are presented as a reduction to the face amount of the bonds.

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For advance refunding resulting in the defeasance of debt, the difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt is deferred and amortized as a component of interest expense. This refunding difference is amortized over the remaining life of the old debt or the life of the new debt, whichever is shorter, and is presented as a deferred outflow of resources.

On the governmental fund financial statements, issuance costs, bond premiums, bond discounts, and deferred charges from refunding are recognized in the current period. The reconciliation between the bonds face value and the amount reported on the statement of net position is presented in Note 8A.

M. Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable - The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form or legally required to be maintained intact. The “not in spendable form” criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash. It also includes the long-term amount of loans receivable.

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 - The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by a formal action (resolution) of the District Board of Education (the highest level of decision making authority). Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the District Board of Education removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned - Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted nor 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 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, committed, or assigned.

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The District applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) fund balance is available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

N. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. The net position component “net investment in capital assets,” consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets or related debt also should be included in this component of net position. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

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

O. Prepayments

Certain payments to vendors reflect the costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements. These items are reported as assets on the balance sheet using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amounts is recorded at the time of the purchase and the expenditure/expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

At fiscal year-end, because prepayments are not available to finance future governmental fund expenditures, the fund balance is considered nonspendable in an amount equal to the carrying value of the asset on the fund financial statement.

P. Interfund Transactions

Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses for governmental funds in the fund financial statements. All transfers between governmental funds have been eliminated within the governmental activities column of the statement of activities. During fiscal year 2015 the District made no interfund transfers on a GAAP basis.

Q. Pensions

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

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R. Estimates

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

S. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the Board of Education and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. Neither type of transaction occurred during fiscal year 2015.

NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

A. Change in Accounting Principles

For fiscal year 2015, the District has implemented GASB Statement No. 68, "*Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*", GASB Statement No. 69 "*Government Combinations and Disposals of Government Operations*", and GASB Statement No. 71, "*Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date - an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 68*".

GASB Statement No. 69 establishes accounting and financial reporting standards related to government combinations and disposals of government operations. The Statement improves the decision usefulness of financial reporting by requiring that disclosures be made by governments about combination arrangements in which they engage and for disposals of government operations. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 69 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

GASB Statement No. 68 improves the accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for pensions. It also improves information provided by state and local governmental employers about financial support for pensions that is provided by other entities. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 68 affected the District's pension plan disclosures, as presented in Note 11 to the financial statements, and added required supplementary information which is presented on pages 67-74.

GASB Statement No. 71 improves the accounting and financial reporting by addressing an issue in GASB Statement No. 68, concerning transition provisions related to certain pension contributions made to defined benefit pension plans prior to implementation of that Statement by employers and nonemployer contributing entities.

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NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE - (Continued)

A net position restatement is required in order to implement GASB Statement No 68 and 71. The governmental activities at July 1, 2014 have been restated as follows:

	Governmental Activities
Net position as previously reported	\$ 16,225,597
Deferred outflows - pension	1,126,629
Net pension liability	(22,309,249)
 Net position at July 1, 2014	 \$ (4,957,023)

The restatement had no effect on fund balances.

Other than employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date, the District made no restatement for deferred inflows/outflows of resources as the information needed to generate these restatements was not available. The restatement had no effect on fund balances.

B. Deficit Fund Balances

Fund balances at June 30, 2015 included the following individual fund deficits:

<u>Nonmajor funds</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
Food service	\$ 30,736
Title I - disadvantaged children	52,982
Improving teacher quality	18,031

The general fund is liable for any deficits in these funds and provides transfers when cash is required, not when accruals occur. The deficit fund balances resulted from adjustments for accrued liabilities.

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

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

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

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Board 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.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

Interim monies may 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 obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
5. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in items (1) and (2) above and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
6. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio);
7. Certain banker's acceptance and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days from the purchase date in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time; and,
8. Under limited circumstances, corporate note debt interests rated in either of the two highest classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

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

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the District, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the Treasurer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

A. Deposits with Financial Institutions

At June 30, 2015, the carrying amount of all District deposits was \$1,065,165. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, “Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures”, as of June 30, 2015, \$456,287 of the District’s bank balance of \$1,212,072 was exposed to custodial risk as \$755,785 was covered by the FDIC.

Custodial Credit Risk: Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the 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 District. The District has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Although the securities were held by the pledging institutions’ trust department and all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the District to a successful claim by the FDIC.

B. Investments

As of June 30, 2015, the District had the following investments and maturities:

Investment type	Fair Value	Investment Maturities			
		6 months or less	7 to 12 months	13 to 18 months	19 to 24 months
Mutual funds	\$ 5,162	\$ 5,162	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Negotiable CDs	659,122	411,028	-	-	248,094
STAR Ohio	<u>2,625,793</u>	<u>2,625,793</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,290,077</u>	<u>\$ 3,041,983</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 248,094</u>

The weighted average maturity of investments is 0.15 years.

Interest Rate Risk: Interest rate risk arises because potential purchasers of debt securities will not agree to pay face value for those securities if interest rates subsequently increase. The Ohio Revised Code generally limits security purchases to those that mature within five years of the settlement date. The District’s investment policy addresses interest rate risk by requiring the consideration of cash flow requirements and market conditions in determining the term of an investment, and limiting investment portfolio maturities to five years or less.

Credit Risk: STAR Ohio carries a rating of AAAM by Standard & Poor’s. Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service. The District’s mutual funds carry a rating of AAAM and Aaa-mf by Standard & Poor’s and Moody’s Investor Services, respectively. The negotiable certificates of deposit are not rated. The District’s investment policy does not specifically address credit risk beyond requiring the District to only invest in securities authorized by State statute.

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NOTE 4 - 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 District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial 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 District's investment policy addresses concentration of credit risk by requiring investments to be diversified in order to reduce the risk of loss resulting from the over concentration of assets in a specific type of security, the erosion of market value, or by default. However, the District's investment policy does not place any limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer.

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Mutual funds	\$ 5,162	0.16
Negotiable CDs	659,122	20.03
STAR Ohio	<u>2,625,793</u>	<u>79.81</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,290,077</u>	<u>100.00</u>

C. Reconciliation of Cash and Investments to the Statement of Net Position

The following is a reconciliation of cash and investments as reported in the note above to cash and investments as reported on the statement of net position as of June 30, 2015:

<u>Cash and investments per note</u>	
Carrying amount of deposits	\$ 1,065,165
Investments	<u>3,290,077</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,355,242</u>

<u>Cash and investments per statement of net position</u>	
Governmental activities	\$ 4,252,687
Private-purpose trust fund	3,000
Agency funds	<u>99,555</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,355,242</u>

NOTE 5 - PROPERTY TAXES

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

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NOTE 5 - PROPERTY TAXES - (Continued)

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real property and public utility property. Real property tax revenues received in calendar year 2015 represent the collection of calendar year 2014 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2015 were levied after April 1, 2014, on the assessed values as of January 1, 2014, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State statute at 35 percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semiannually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established. Public utility property tax revenues received in calendar year 2015 represent the collection of calendar year 2014 taxes. Public utility real and personal property taxes received in calendar year 2015 became a lien on December 31, 2013, were levied after April 1, 2014, and are collected with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property is currently assessed at varying percentages of true value.

The District receives property taxes from Stark County. The County Auditor periodically advances to the District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the County by June 30, 2015, are available to finance fiscal year 2015 operations. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2015 was \$135,062 in the general fund, \$18,685 in the debt service fund, \$2,196 in the classroom facilities maintenance fund (a nonmajor governmental fund) and \$181 in the capital projects fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). This amount is recorded as revenue. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2014 was \$128,169 in the general fund, \$16,450 in the debt service fund and \$1,958 in the classroom facilities maintenance fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). The amount of second-half real property taxes available for advance at fiscal year-end can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

Accrued property taxes receivable includes real property, public utility property and delinquent tangible personal property taxes which are measurable as of June 30, 2015 and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. Although total property tax collections for the next fiscal year are measurable, only the amount of real property taxes available as an advance at June 30 was levied to finance current fiscal year operations and is reported as revenue at fiscal year-end. The portion of the receivable not levied to finance current fiscal year operations is offset by a credit to deferred inflows of resources.

On the accrual basis of accounting, collectible delinquent property taxes have been recorded as a receivable and revenue, while on a modified accrual basis of accounting the revenue has been reported as a deferred inflow of resources.

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NOTE 5 - PROPERTY TAXES - (Continued)

The assessed values upon which the fiscal year 2015 taxes were collected are:

	2014 Second Half Collections		2015 First Half Collections	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Agricultural/residential and other real estate	\$ 169,083,530	96.15	\$ 169,535,030	95.91
Public utility personal	<u>6,770,640</u>	<u>3.85</u>	<u>7,226,530</u>	<u>4.09</u>
Total	<u>\$ 175,854,170</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>\$ 176,761,560</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$ 50.60		\$ 50.70	

NOTE 6 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2015 consisted of taxes, accounts (billings for user charged services and student fees), accrued interest and intergovernmental grants and entitlements. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes. A summary of the principal items of receivables reported on the statement of net position follows:

Governmental activities:

Taxes	\$ 5,971,797
Accounts	25,403
Accrued interest	351
Intergovernmental	<u>107,533</u>
Total	<u>\$ 6,105,084</u>

Receivables have been disaggregated on the face of the basic financial statements. All receivables are expected to be collected in the subsequent year.

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NOTE 7 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, was as follows:

	Balance <u>June 30, 2014</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	Balance <u>June 30, 2015</u>
<i>Capital assets, not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$ 165,570	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 165,570
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>165,570</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>165,570</u>
<i>Capital assets, being depreciated:</i>				
Land improvements	2,188,685	-	-	2,188,685
Building and improvements	28,692,861	12,210	-	28,705,071
Furniture and equipment	1,685,602	16,814	(104,060)	1,598,356
Vehicles	1,410,637	-	-	1,410,637
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>33,977,785</u>	<u>29,024</u>	<u>(104,060)</u>	<u>33,902,749</u>
<i>Less: accumulated depreciation:</i>				
Land improvements	(864,307)	(105,456)	-	(969,763)
Building and improvements	(5,361,612)	(548,199)	-	(5,909,811)
Furniture and equipment	(818,525)	(73,729)	15,816	(876,438)
Vehicles	(1,366,252)	(19,263)	-	(1,385,515)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(8,410,696)</u>	<u>(746,647)</u>	<u>15,816</u>	<u>(9,141,527)</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 25,732,659</u>	<u>\$ (717,623)</u>	<u>\$ (88,244)</u>	<u>\$ 24,926,792</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

<u>Instruction:</u>	
Regular	\$ 549,228
Special	16,542
Vocational	243
<u>Support services:</u>	
Pupil	2,795
Instructional staff	17,791
Administration	11,981
Operations and maintenance	75,836
Pupil transportation	783
Central	3,183
Extracurricular activities	10,407
Food service operations	<u>57,858</u>
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 746,647</u>

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NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

- A. During the fiscal year 2015, the following activity occurred in governmental activities long-term obligations:

	Restated Balance <u>06/30/14</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	Balance <u>06/30/15</u>	Amounts Due in <u>One Year</u>
Governmental activities:					
General obligation bonds:					
2012 series refunding bonds:					
Current interest serial bonds	\$ 7,415,000	\$ -	\$ (170,000)	\$ 7,245,000	\$ 575,000
Current interest term bonds	3,080,000	-	-	3,080,000	-
Capital appreciation bond	74,997	-	-	74,997	-
Accreted interest	130,296	154,597	-	284,893	-
Total 2012 series refunding bonds	<u>10,700,293</u>	<u>154,597</u>	<u>(170,000)</u>	<u>10,684,890</u>	<u>575,000</u>
Capital improvement bonds	<u>385,000</u>	-	<u>(385,000)</u>	-	-
Total general obligation bonds	<u>11,085,293</u>	<u>154,597</u>	<u>(555,000)</u>	<u>10,684,890</u>	<u>575,000</u>
Net pension liability	22,309,249	-	(3,525,874)	18,783,375	-
Compensated absences	<u>587,669</u>	<u>88,681</u>	<u>(169,198)</u>	<u>507,152</u>	<u>240,078</u>
Total governmental activities long term liabilities	<u>\$ 33,982,211</u>	<u>\$ 243,278</u>	<u>\$ (4,250,072)</u>	29,975,417	<u>\$ 815,078</u>
Add: unamortized premium				<u>1,362,857</u>	
Total on statement of net position				<u>\$ 31,338,274</u>	

Compensated Absences: Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employee's salaries are paid, which consist of the general fund and the following nonmajor governmental funds: food service and improving teacher quality.

Net Pension Liability: See Note 11 for details.

Capital improvement bonds: On April 28, 2005 the District issued \$14,000,000 in general obligation bonds for the purpose of construction and improvement of school facilities. These bonds mature December 2032 and are in full compliance with the general laws of the State of Ohio, particularly Sections 133.01 to 133.48, inclusive, of the Revised Code and Section 133.09 thereof. These bonds are general obligations of the District for which the full faith and credit of the District is pledged for repayment. Accordingly, such unmatured obligations of the District are accounted for in the statement of net position. Payments of principal and interest relating to this bond issue were recorded as an expenditure in the debt service fund.

During fiscal year 2012, the District refunded a portion of the bond issue through a current refunding. The remaining portion of the bond issue was \$385,000 and matured December 2014.

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NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

General Obligation Refunding Bonds - Series 2012 - On February 21, 2012, the District issued series 2012 general obligation refunding bonds to advance refund a portion of the series 2005 capital improvement general obligation bonds. This refunded debt is considered defeased (in-substance) and accordingly, has been removed from the statement of net position. The balance of the refunded general obligation bonds at June 30, 2015, is \$10,570,000.

The original refunding issue is comprised of both current interest bonds (consisting of \$7,810,000 of serial bonds and \$1,410,000 and \$1,670,000 of term bonds) and three capital appreciation bonds, in the amount of \$39,704, \$22,417 and \$12,876. The interest rate on the current interest serial bonds ranged from 1.500% to 3.125% and is 4.000% on both term bonds. The bonds were issued for a twenty one year period, with final maturity during fiscal year 2033. The bonds will be retired through the debt service fund. The three capital appreciation bonds mature December 1, 2016, December 1, 2017 and December 1, 2018 at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal, plus accrued interest to the redemption date. All three capital appreciation bonds bear an approximate compounding interest rate of 6.5030%. The accreted value at maturity for the three capital appreciation bonds is \$585,000, \$580,000 and \$585,000. Total accreted interest of \$284,893 has been included in the statement of net position at June 30, 2015.

Interest payments on the serial and term current interest bonds are due on June 1 and December 1 of each year. The final maturity stated in the issue is December 1, 2030 and December 1, 2027 and 2032, respectively.

The \$1,410,000 current interest term bond maturing on December 1, 2027, shall bear interest at the rate of 4.000% per year and be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on December 1, 2026 (Mandatory Redemption Date), in the principal amount of \$690,000 (with the balance of \$720,000 to be paid at maturity on December 1, 2027).

The \$1,670,000 current interest term bond maturing on December 1, 2032, shall bear interest at the rate of 4.000% per year and be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on December 1, 2031 (Mandatory Redemption Date), in the principal amount of \$820,000 (with the balance of \$850,000 to be paid at maturity on December 1, 2032).

The reacquisition price exceeded the net carrying amount of the old debt by \$1,416,200. This amount is being netted against the new debt and amortized over the remaining life of the refunded debt, which is equal to the life of the new debt issued.

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NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

The following is a summary of the District's future debt service requirements to maturity for the series 2012 general obligation refunding bonds:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Current Interest Serial Bonds - Refunding 2012			Current Interest Term Bonds - Refunding 2012		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2016	\$ 575,000	\$ 311,544	\$ 886,544	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2017	-	302,919	302,919	-	-	-
2018	-	302,919	302,919	-	-	-
2019	-	302,919	302,919	-	-	-
2020	580,000	302,918	882,918	-	-	-
2021 - 2025	3,105,000	1,308,943	4,413,943	-	-	-
2026 - 2030	2,190,000	740,218	2,930,218	1,410,000	85,200	1,495,200
2031 - 2033	795,000	91,644	886,644	1,670,000	100,800	1,770,800
Total	\$ 7,245,000	\$ 3,664,024	\$ 10,909,024	\$ 3,080,000	\$ 186,000	\$ 3,266,000

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Capital Appreciation Bonds - Refunding 2012			Total - Refunding 2012		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2016	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 575,000	\$ 311,544	\$ 886,544
2017	39,704	545,296	585,000	39,704	848,215	887,919
2018	22,417	557,583	580,000	22,417	860,502	882,919
2019	12,876	572,124	585,000	12,876	875,043	887,919
2020	-	-	-	580,000	302,918	882,918
2021 - 2025	-	-	-	3,105,000	1,308,943	4,413,943
2026 - 2030	-	-	-	3,600,000	825,418	4,425,418
2031 - 2033	-	-	-	2,465,000	192,444	2,657,444
Total	\$ 74,997	\$ 1,675,003	\$ 1,750,000	\$ 10,399,997	\$ 5,525,027	\$ 15,925,024

B. Legal Debt Margin

The Ohio Revised Code provides that voted net general obligation debt of the District shall never exceed 9% of the total assessed valuation of the District. The code further provides that unvoted indebtedness shall not exceed 1/10 of 1% of the property valuation of the District. The code additionally states that unvoted indebtedness related to energy conservation debt shall not exceed 9/10 of 1% of the property valuation of the District. The assessed valuation used in determining the District's legal debt margin has been modified by House Bill 530 which became effective March 30, 2006. In accordance with House Bill 530, the assessed valuation used in the District's legal debt margin calculation excluded tangible personal property used in business, telephone or telegraph property, interexchange telecommunications company property, and personal property owned or leased by a railroad company and used in railroad operations. The effects of these debt limitations at June 30, 2015, are a voted debt margin of \$6,009,487 (including available funds of \$500,944) and an unvoted debt margin of \$176,762.

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NOTE 9 - OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

A. Compensated Absences

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

Teachers, administrators and classified employees earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Sick leave may be accumulated up to a maximum of 370 days for all personnel.

Upon retirement, payment is made for one-fourth of accrued but unused sick leave credit, up to a maximum of 80 days for certified and 80 days for classified employees.

B. Insurance Benefits

The District provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to all of its employees through the Consumer's Life Insurance Company in the amount of \$65,000 for each employee.

Bargaining unit members may purchase additional term life insurance at the group rate, in \$5,000 increments, up to a maximum of \$50,000 coverage in addition to Board paid coverage. The value of this coverage reduces by 50% at the age of 65.

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NOTE 10 - RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Comprehensive

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions, injuries to employees and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2015, the District has contracted with Ohio Casualty Insurance Company for various types of insurance as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Type of Coverage</u>	<u>Amount of Coverage</u>
Indiana Insurance Company	Buildings and Contents Replacement Cost	\$53,419,510
	Inland Marine Coverage	798,192
	Automobile Liability	1,000,000
	Employers Liability	
	Each Accident	1,000,000
	Aggregate Limit	2,000,000
	School Leaders Errors and Omissions Liability	
	Each Wrongful Act	1,000,000
	Aggregate	1,000,000
	Umbrella Policy	5,000,000
	Sexual Misconduct and Molestation Liability	
	Each Loss Limit	1,000,000
	Aggregate Limit	1,000,000
	Law Enforcement Professional Liability	
	Each Wrongful Act	1,000,000
	Aggregate Limit	1,000,000
	General Liability	
	Each Occurrence	1,000,000
	General Aggregate	2,000,000
	Employee Benefits Liability	
Each Employee	1,000,000	
Aggregate	3,000,000	

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

B. Group Health and Dental Insurance

The District participates in the Stark County School Council of Governments Health Benefit Plan, a shared risk pool (Note 2.A.) to provide employee medical/surgical benefits. Rates are set through an annual calculation process. The District pays a monthly contribution which is placed in a common fund from which claim payments are made for all participating districts. The District's Board of Education pays 85% of medical and 100% of dental monthly premiums.

Claims are paid for all participants regardless of claims flow. Upon termination, all district claims would be paid without regard to the District's account balance or the Directors have the right to hold monies for an exiting school district subsequent to the settlement of all expenses and claims.

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NOTE 10 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)

C. Workers' Compensation

The District participates in the Stark County Schools Council of Governments Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 2.A.). The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRP. The workers' compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the GRP.

Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the state based on the rate for the GRP rather than its individual rate. Total savings are then calculated and each participant's individual performances are compared to the overall savings percent of the GRP. A participant will then either receive money from or be required to contribute to the "equity pooling fund". This "equity pooling fund" arrangement insures that each participant shares equally in the overall performance of the GRP. Participation in the GRP is limited to school districts that can meet the GRP's selection criteria. The firm of Comp Management, Inc. provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the GRP.

NOTE 11 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

Net Pension Liability

The net pension liability reported on the statement of net position represents a liability to employees for pensions. Pensions are a component of exchange transactions-between an employer and its employees-of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions are provided to an employee-on a deferred-payment basis-as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period. The obligation to sacrifice resources for pensions is a present obligation because it was created as a result of employment exchanges that already have occurred.

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

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

GASB 68 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires all funding to come from these employers. All contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). State statute requires the pension plans to amortize unfunded liabilities within 30 years. If the amortization period exceeds 30 years, each pension plan's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension liability. Resulting adjustments to the net pension liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable.

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

Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

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

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

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

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

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

One year after an effective benefit date, a benefit recipient is entitled to a three percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). This same COLA is added each year to the base benefit amount on the anniversary date of the benefit.

Funding Policy – Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS’ Retirement Board up to statutory maximum amounts of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the System’s funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 13.18 percent. The remaining 0.82 percent of the 14 percent employer contribution rate was allocated to the Health Care Fund.

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NOTE 11 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

The District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$307,537 for fiscal year 2015. Of this amount \$27,920 is reported as pension and postemployment benefits payable.

Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

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

New members have a choice of three retirement plans; a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. Benefits are established by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service. Effective August 1, 2015, the calculation will be 2.2 percent of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. With certain exceptions, the basic benefit is increased each year by two percent of the original base benefit. For members retiring August 1, 2013, or later, the first two percent is paid on the fifth anniversary of the retirement benefit. Members are eligible to retire at age 60 with five years of qualifying service credit, or age 55 with 25 years of service, or 30 years of service regardless of age. Age and service requirements for retirement will increase effective August 1, 2015, and will continue to increase periodically until they reach age 60 with 35 years of service or age 65 with five years of service on August 1, 2026.

The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and 9.5 percent of the 14 percent employer contributions into an investment account. Investment allocation decisions are determined by the member. The remaining 4.5 percent of the 14 percent employer rate is allocated to the defined benefit unfunded liability. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal.

The Combined Plan offers features of both the DB Plan and the DC Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are allocated among investment choices by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The defined benefit portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60 with five years of services. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum payment or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50.

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

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A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years of credited service who is determined to be disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible survivors of members who die before service retirement may qualify for monthly benefits. New members on or after July 1, 2013, must have at least ten years of qualifying service credit that apply for disability benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member of the DC Plan dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

Funding Policy - Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. The statutory maximum employee contribution rate was increased one percent July 1, 2014, and will be increased one percent each year until it reaches 14 percent on July 1, 2016. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, plan members were required to contribute 12 percent of their annual covered salary. The District was required to contribute 14 percent; the entire 14 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The fiscal year 2015 contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates.

The District's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$828,326 for fiscal year 2015. Of this amount, \$112,676 is reported as pension and postemployment benefits payable.

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

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 4,041,264	\$ 14,742,111	\$ 18,783,375
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.07985200%	0.06060861%	
Pension Expense	\$ 235,836	\$ 571,855	\$ 807,691

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NOTE 11 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

At June 30, 2015, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	SERS	STRS	Total
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 34,395	\$ 141,925	\$ 176,320
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	307,537	828,326	1,135,863
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 341,932	\$ 970,251	\$ 1,312,183
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	\$ 655,909	\$ 2,727,347	\$ 3,383,256
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 655,909	\$ 2,727,347	\$ 3,383,256

\$1,135,863 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2016. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	SERS	STRS	Total
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2016	\$ (155,378)	\$ (646,356)	\$ (801,734)
2017	(155,378)	(646,356)	(801,734)
2018	(155,378)	(646,356)	(801,734)
2019	(155,380)	(646,354)	(801,734)
Total	\$ (621,514)	\$ (2,585,422)	\$ (3,206,936)

Actuarial Assumptions - SERS

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

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

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

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation, prepared as of June 30, 2014, are presented below:

Wage Inflation	3.25 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	4.00 percent to 22 percent
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	3 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.75 percent net of investments expense, including inflation
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal

For post-retirement mortality, the table used in evaluating allowances to be paid is the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table set back one year for both men and women. Special mortality tables are used for the period after disability retirement.

The most recent experience study was completed June 30, 2010.

The long-term return expectation for the Pension Plan Investments has been determined using a building-block approach and assumes a time horizon, as defined in SERS' *Statement of Investment Policy*. A forecasted rate of inflation serves as the baseline for the return expectation. Various real return premiums over the baseline inflation rate have been established for each asset class. The long-term expected nominal rate of return has been determined by calculating a weighted averaged of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate, and adding the expected return from rebalancing uncorrelated asset classes. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major assets class are summarized in the following table:

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<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Cash	1.00 %	0.00 %
US Stocks	22.50	5.00
Non-US Stocks	22.50	5.50
Fixed Income	19.00	1.50
Private Equity	10.00	10.00
Real Assets	10.00	5.00
Multi-Asset Strategies	<u>15.00</u>	7.50
Total	<u><u>100.00 %</u></u>	

Discount Rate The total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 7.75 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the contributions from employers and from the members would be computed based on contribution requirements as stipulated by State statute. Projected inflows from investment earning were calculated using the long-term assumed investment rate of return (7.75 percent). Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefits to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate Net pension liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.75 percent, as well as what each plan's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.75 percent), or one percentage point higher (8.75 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 5,765,683	\$ 4,041,264	\$ 2,590,879

Actuarial Assumptions - STRS

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2014, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.75 percent
Projected salary increases	2.75 percent at age 70 to 12.25 percent at age 20
Investment Rate of Return	7.75 percent, net of investment expenses
Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA)	2 percent simple applied as follows: for members retiring before August 1, 2013, 2 percent per year; for members retiring August 1, 2013, or later, 2 percent COLA paid on fifth anniversary of retirement date.

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Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table (Projection 2022—Scale AA) for Males and Females. Males’ ages are set-back two years through age 89 and no set-back for age 90 and above. Females younger than age 80 are set back four years, one year set back from age 80 through 89 and not set back from age 90 and above.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2014, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study, effective July 1, 2012.

The 10 year expected real rate of return on pension plan investments was determined by STRS’ investment consultant by developing best estimates of expected future real rates of return for each major asset class. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized as follows:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Domestic Equity	31.00 %	8.00 %
International Equity	26.00	7.85
Alternatives	14.00	8.00
Fixed Income	18.00	3.75
Real Estate	10.00	6.75
Liquidity Reserves	<u>1.00</u>	3.00
Total	<u><u>100.00 %</u></u>	

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75 percent as of June 30, 2014. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes member and employer contributions will be made at the statutory contribution rates in accordance with rate increases described above. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future plan members and their beneficiaries, as well as projected contributions from future plan members, are not included. Based on those assumptions, STRS’ fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2014. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.75 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payment to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2014.

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate The following table presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.75 percent, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.75 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (8.75 percent) than the current rate:

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	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 21,104,940	\$ 14,742,111	\$ 9,361,300

NOTE 12 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A. School Employees Retirement System

Health Care Plan Description - The District contributes to the SERS Health Care Fund, administered by SERS for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries. For GASB 45 purposes, this plan is considered a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan. The Health Care Plan includes hospitalization and physicians' fees through several types of plans including HMO's, PPO's, Medicare Advantage, and traditional indemnity plans as well as a prescription drug program. The financial report of the Plan is included in the SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be obtained on SERS' website at [at www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

Access to health care for retirees and beneficiaries is permitted in accordance with Section 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 105(e). SERS' Retirement Board reserves the right to change or discontinue any health plan or program. Health care is financed through a combination of employer contributions and retiree premiums, copays and deductibles on covered health care expenses, investment returns, and any funds received as a result of SERS' participation in Medicare programs. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. Retirees and their beneficiaries are required to pay a health care premium that varies depending on the plan selected, the number of qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility and retirement status.

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required basic benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. For fiscal year 2015, 0.82 percent of covered payroll was allocated to health care. In addition, employers pay a surcharge for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. For fiscal year 2015, this amount was \$20,450. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2015, the District's surcharge obligation was \$40,941.

The District's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were \$59,658, \$31,886, and \$37,244, respectively. For fiscal year 2015, 91.45 percent has been contributed, with the balance being reported as pension obligation payable/intergovernmental payable. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal years 2014 and 2013.

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NOTE 12 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)

B. State Teachers Retirement System

Plan Description – The District participates in the cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit Health Plan administered by the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS) for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS. Ohio law authorizes STRS to offer this plan. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. The Plan is included in the report of STRS which can be obtained by visiting www.strsoh.org or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy – Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307 authorizes STRS 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. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. All benefit recipients, for the most recent year, pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For fiscal year 2015, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care. The District's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were \$0, \$60,667, and \$65,584 respectively. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal years 2014 and 2013.

NOTE 13 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

While reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balance on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts and disbursements.

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

- (a) Revenues and other financing sources are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis);
- (b) Expenditures and other financing uses are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis);
- (c) In order to determine compliance with Ohio law, and to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, total outstanding encumbrances (budget basis) are recorded as the equivalent of an expenditure, as opposed to an assignment of fund balance for that portion of outstanding encumbrances not already recognized as an account payable (GAAP basis);
- (d) Advances-in and advances-out are operating transactions (budget basis) as opposed to balance sheet transactions (GAAP basis); and,
- (e) Some funds are included in the general fund (GAAP basis), but have separate legally adopted budgets (budget basis).

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NOTE 13 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING - (Continued)

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

Net Change in Fund Balance

	<u>General fund</u>
Budget basis	\$ 352,424
Net adjustment for revenue accruals	(38,337)
Net adjustment for expenditure accruals	147,186
Net adjustment for other sources/uses	27,514
Fund budgeted elsewhere **	1,348
Adjustment for encumbrances	178,240
GAAP basis	\$ 668,375

** The uniform school supplies fund and public school support funds are legally budgeted in separate special revenue funds, but are considered part of the general fund on a GAAP basis.

NOTE 14 - CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The District receives significant financial assistance from numerous federal, State and local agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the District. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material effect on the financial position of the District.

B. Litigation

The District is not a party to legal proceedings.

C. Foundation Funding

District Foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of each student. Effective for the 2014-2015 school year, traditional Districts must comply with minimum hours of instruction, instead of a minimum number of school days each year. The funding formula the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is legislatively required to follow will continue to adjust as enrollment information is updated by the District, which can extend past the fiscal year-end. As of the date of this report, ODE has not finalized the impact of enrollment adjustments to the June 30, 2015 Foundation funding for the District; therefore, the financial statement impact is not determinable at this time. ODE and management believe this will result in either a receivable to or liability of the District.

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NOTE 15 - STATUTORY RESERVES

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

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

	<u>Capital Improvements</u>
Set-aside balance June 30, 2014	\$ -
Current year set-aside requirement	276,413
Current year offsets	(89,394)
Prior year offset from bond proceeds	<u>(187,019)</u>
Total	<u>\$ -</u>
Balance carried forward to fiscal year 2016	<u>\$ -</u>
Set-aside balance June 30, 2015	<u>\$ -</u>

During fiscal year 2005, the District issued \$14,000,000 in classroom facilities construction bonds. These proceeds may be used to reduce capital acquisition to zero for future years. The amount presented for prior year offset from bond proceeds is limited to an amount needed to reduce the reserve for capital improvement to \$0. The District is responsible for tracking the amount of the bond proceeds that may be used as an offset in future periods, which was \$12,277,501 at June 30, 2015.

NOTE 16 - OTHER COMMITMENTS

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

	<u>Year-End Encumbrances</u>
<u>Funds</u>	
General fund	\$ 174,175
Other governmental	<u>88,829</u>
Total	<u>\$ 263,004</u>

**FAIRLESS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

NOTE 17 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The District passed a substitute emergency tax levy for the initial sum of \$1,773,760, 8.9 mills, for ten years on November 3, 2015. This levy was to replace the existing levy which was approved by voters on May 3 2011 for a period of five years.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**FAIRLESS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF
THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO

LAST TWO FISCAL YEARS

	2014	2013
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.07985200%	0.07985200%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 4,041,264	\$ 4,748,542
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 2,320,346	\$ 2,190,650
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	174.17%	216.76%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	71.70%	65.52%

Note: Information prior to fiscal year 2013 was unavailable.

**FAIRLESS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF
THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO

LAST TWO FISCAL YEARS

	2014	2013
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.06060861%	0.06060861%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 14,742,111	\$ 17,560,707
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 6,192,531	\$ 6,558,354
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	238.06%	267.76%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	74.70%	69.30%

Note: Information prior to fiscal year 2013 was unavailable.

**FAIRLESS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS
SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO

	LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS			
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 307,537	\$ 321,600	\$ 303,186	\$ 302,528
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(307,537)</u>	<u>(321,600)</u>	<u>(303,186)</u>	<u>(302,528)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 2,333,361	\$ 2,320,346	\$ 2,190,650	\$ 2,249,279
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	13.18%	13.86%	13.84%	13.45%

<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
\$ 286,779	\$ 310,259	\$ 212,202	\$ 231,304	\$ 233,858	\$ 223,789
<u>(286,779)</u>	<u>(310,259)</u>	<u>(212,202)</u>	<u>(231,304)</u>	<u>(233,858)</u>	<u>(223,789)</u>
<u>\$ -</u>					
\$ 2,281,456	\$ 2,291,425	\$ 2,156,524	\$ 2,355,438	\$ 2,189,682	\$ 2,115,208
12.57%	13.54%	9.84%	9.82%	10.68%	10.58%

**FAIRLESS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS
STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO

	LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS			
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 828,326	\$ 805,029	\$ 852,586	\$ 861,721
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(828,326)</u>	<u>(805,029)</u>	<u>(852,586)</u>	<u>(861,721)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 5,916,614	\$ 6,192,531	\$ 6,558,354	\$ 6,628,623
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	14.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%

<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
\$ 878,683	\$ 872,415	\$ 895,537	\$ 949,260	\$ 945,848	\$ 899,083
<u>(878,683)</u>	<u>(872,415)</u>	<u>(895,537)</u>	<u>(949,260)</u>	<u>(945,848)</u>	<u>(899,083)</u>
<u>\$ -</u>					
\$ 6,759,100	\$ 6,710,885	\$ 6,888,746	\$ 7,302,000	\$ 7,275,754	\$ 6,916,023
13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%

**FAIRLESS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO

Information about factors that significantly affect trends in the amounts reported in the schedules should be presented as notes to the schedule.

Changes in benefit terms : There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2014 and 2015.

Changes in assumptions : There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2014 and 2015. See the notes to the basic financials for the methods and assumptions in this calculation.

STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO

Changes in benefit terms : There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2014 and 2015.

Changes in assumptions : There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2014 and 2015. See the notes to the basic financials for the methods and assumptions in this calculation.

**FAIRLESS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

FEDERAL GRANTOR Pass Through Grantor	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-through Grant Number	Receipts	Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education</i>				
Child Nutrition Cluster:				
Non-Cash Assistance (Food Distribution):				
National School Lunch Program	10.555	006-0000	\$ 32,109	\$ 32,109
Non-Cash Assistance Total			<u>32,109</u>	<u>32,109</u>
Cash Assistance:				
School Breakfast Program	10.553	006-0000	109,461	109,461
National School Lunch Program	10.555	006-0000	302,918	302,918
Cash Assistance Total			<u>412,379</u>	<u>412,379</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture & Child Nutrition Cluster			<u>444,488</u>	<u>444,488</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education</i>				
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	572-9014	53,785	63,785
		572-9015	<u>368,023</u>	<u>357,818</u>
Total Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies			<u>421,808</u>	<u>421,603</u>
Special Education Cluster:				
Special Education Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	84.027	516-9015	<u>336,861</u>	<u>336,861</u>
Total Special Education Cluster			<u>336,861</u>	<u>336,861</u>
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	590-9014	-	4,369
		590-9015	<u>78,711</u>	<u>77,422</u>
Total Improving Teacher Quality State Grants			<u>78,711</u>	<u>81,791</u>
Race to the Top Entry Year	84.395	506-0000	<u>1,400</u>	-
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>838,780</u>	<u>840,255</u>
Totals			<u>\$ 1,283,268</u>	<u>\$ 1,284,743</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

**FAIRLESS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

NOTE B - CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER

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

NOTE C – FOOD DONATION PROGRAM

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



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

Fairless Local School District
Stark County
11885 Navarre Road, SW
Navarre, Ohio 44662

To the Board of Education:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Fairless Local School District, Stark County, (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 15, 2016, wherein we noted the District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27* and also GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*.

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*.

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

January 15, 2016



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

Fairless Local School District
Stark County
11885 Navarre Road, SW
Navarre, Ohio 44662

To the Board of Education:

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

We have audited the Fairless 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 the Fairless Local School District's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2015. The *Summary of Auditor's Results* in the accompanying schedule of findings identifies the District's major federal program.

Management's Responsibility

The District's Management is responsible for complying with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal program.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Fairless Local School District complied, in all material respects with the compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2015.

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 over 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

January 15, 2016

**FAIRLESS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .505
JUNE 30, 2015**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

<i>(d)(1)(i)</i>	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	Were there any material control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(iii)</i>	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
<i>(d)(1)(v)</i>	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(vi)</i>	Are there any reportable findings under § .510(a)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(vii)</i>	Major Programs (list):	Child Nutrition Cluster CFDA# 10.553 & 10.555
<i>(d)(1)(viii)</i>	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: > \$ 300,000 Type B: all others
<i>(d)(1)(ix)</i>	Low Risk Auditee?	Yes

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

None

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None

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FAIRLESS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

STARK 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
FEBRUARY 16, 2016**