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**STARK COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Stark County Area Vocational School District
Stark County
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To the Board of Education:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Stark County Area Vocational 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 Stark County Area Vocational School District, Stark County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position thereof and the respective budgetary comparisons for the General and Straight "A" funds 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.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 7, 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.



Dave Yost
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

April 7, 2016

**STARK COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

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

The management's discussion and analysis of the Stark County Area Vocational 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 fiscal year 2015 are as follows:

- In total, net position of governmental activities increased \$3,233,513 which represents an 89.51% increase from fiscal year 2014's restated net position.
- General revenues accounted for \$5,726,605 in revenue or 29.62% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and sales and grants and contributions accounted for \$13,607,357 or 70.38% of total revenues of \$19,333,962.
- The District had \$16,100,449 in expenses related to governmental activities; \$13,607,357 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 \$5,726,605 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- The District's major governmental funds are the general fund and the Straight "A" fund. The general fund had \$7,478,973 in revenues and \$8,293,778 in expenditures. During fiscal year 2015, the general fund's fund balance decreased \$814,805 from a balance of \$8,429,071 to \$7,614,266.
- The Straight "A" fund had \$9,540,429 in revenues and \$8,525,426 in expenditures. Fund balance at June 30, 2015 was \$1,015,003.

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 Straight "A" 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 non-fiduciary 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, and food service operations.

The District's statement of net position and statement of activities can be found on pages 15-16 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 11. 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 Straight "A" 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* than 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 17-22 of this report.

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Reporting the District's Fiduciary Responsibilities

The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for 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 a separate statement of fiduciary net position and statement of changes in fiduciary net position on pages 23-24 of this report. These activities are excluded from the District's other financial statements because the assets cannot be utilized by the District to finance its operations.

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 25-57 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 60 through 66 of this report.

The District as a Whole

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

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

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	Net Position	
	Governmental Activities 2015	Restated Governmental Activities 2014
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Current and other assets	\$ 16,109,348	\$ 11,911,489
Capital assets, net	<u>7,418,990</u>	<u>6,459,922</u>
Total assets	<u>23,528,338</u>	<u>18,371,411</u>
<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>		
Pensions	<u>665,535</u>	<u>548,963</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current liabilities	3,357,137	1,136,650
Long-term liabilities:		
Due within one year	142,094	251,703
Due in more than one year:		
Net pension liability	9,507,151	11,305,546
Other amounts	<u>573,900</u>	<u>666,223</u>
Total liabilities	<u>13,580,282</u>	<u>13,360,122</u>
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>		
Property taxes levied for the next fiscal year	2,036,015	1,947,955
Pensions	<u>1,731,766</u>	<u>-</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>3,767,781</u>	<u>1,947,955</u>
<u>Net Position</u>		
Net investment in capital assets	7,262,665	6,253,134
Restricted	2,871,364	25,937
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(3,288,219)</u>	<u>(2,666,774)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 6,845,810</u>	<u>\$ 3,612,297</u>

During 2015, the District adopted GASB Statement 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions—an Amendment of GASB Statement 27" and GASB Statement 71, "Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date—an Amendment of GASB Statement 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.

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.

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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 and GASB 71, 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 \$14,368,880 to \$3,612,297.

Over time, net position can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At June 30, 2015, the District's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$6,845,810.

Current and other assets increased in 2015, which is mostly the result of a \$5.2 million intergovernmental receivable for the District's Straight "A" grant. Capital assets also increased as the District continued various building improvement projects in fiscal year 2015. Current liabilities increased due to unearned revenues of about \$2.2 million related to the Straight "A" grant. However, total liabilities were approximately the same as the prior year due to a similarly large decrease in the District's net pension liability.

At year-end, capital assets represented 31.53% of total assets. Capital assets include land, construction in progress, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment and vehicles. These capital assets are used to provide services to the students and are not available for future spending.

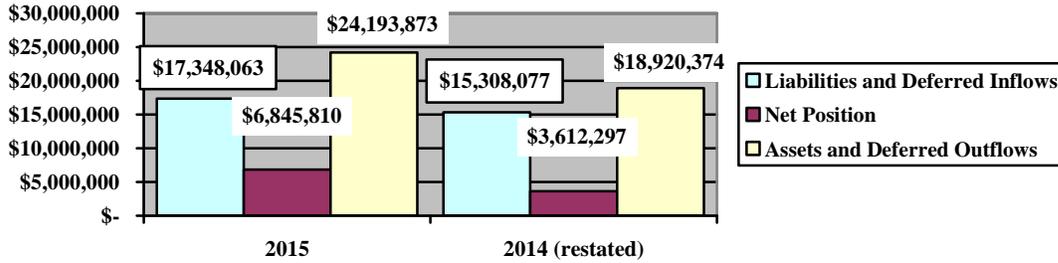
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A portion of the District's net position, \$2,871,364, represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position is a deficit of \$3,288,219.

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

Governmental Activities



The table below shows the change in net position for fiscal year 2015 and 2014.

	Change in Net Position	
	Governmental Activities <u>2015</u>	Restated Governmental Activities <u>2014</u>
<u>Revenues</u>		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services and sales	\$ 1,341,907	\$ 1,304,316
Operating grants and contributions	12,265,450	922,537
General revenues:		
Property taxes	2,081,960	2,141,229
Grants and entitlements	3,542,181	3,529,381
Investment earnings	81,536	88,819
Miscellaneous	<u>20,928</u>	<u>28,542</u>
Total revenues	<u>19,333,962</u>	<u>8,014,824</u>

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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	\$ 7,879,635	\$ 1,026,664
Special	205,465	277,787
Vocational	2,895,397	3,307,055
Adult/continuing	38,549	34,805
Other	-	240
Support services:		
Pupil	914,172	887,986
Instructional staff	1,503,155	585,888
Board of education	3,358	15,790
Administration	918,853	335,660
Fiscal	292,951	255,749
Business	36,044	36,464
Operations and maintenance	863,669	851,421
Central	178,120	176,802
Operation of non-instructional services:		
Food service operations	284,908	313,881
Other non-instructional services	3,653	1,424
Extracurricular activities	<u>82,520</u>	<u>76,225</u>
Total expenses	<u>16,100,449</u>	<u>8,183,841</u>
Change in net position	3,233,513	(169,017)
Net position at beginning of year (restated)	<u>3,612,297</u>	<u>3,781,314</u>
Net position at end of year	<u>\$ 6,845,810</u>	<u>\$ 3,612,297</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 \$548,963 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 \$392,169.

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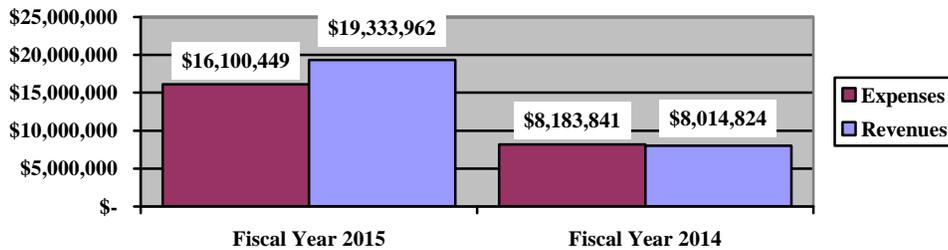
Consequently, in order to compare 2015 total program expenses to 2014, the following adjustments are needed:

Total 2015 program expenses under GASB 68	\$ 16,100,449
Pension expense under GASB 68	(392,169)
2015 contractually required contributions	<u>575,370</u>
Adjusted 2015 program expenses	16,283,650
Total 2014 program expenses under GASB 27	<u>8,183,841</u>
Increase in program expenses not related to pension	<u>\$ 8,099,809</u>

Net position of the District’s governmental activities increased \$3,233,513. Total governmental expenses of \$16,100,449 were offset by program revenues of \$13,607,357 and general revenues of \$5,726,605. Program revenues supported 84.52% of the total governmental expenses. The increase in both revenues and expenses in 2015 is primarily due to the Straight “A” grant which the District began drawing on and spending during the year. This is a two-year grant totaling \$13.6 million.

The graph below presents the District’s governmental activities revenue and expenses for fiscal year 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 grants and entitlements.

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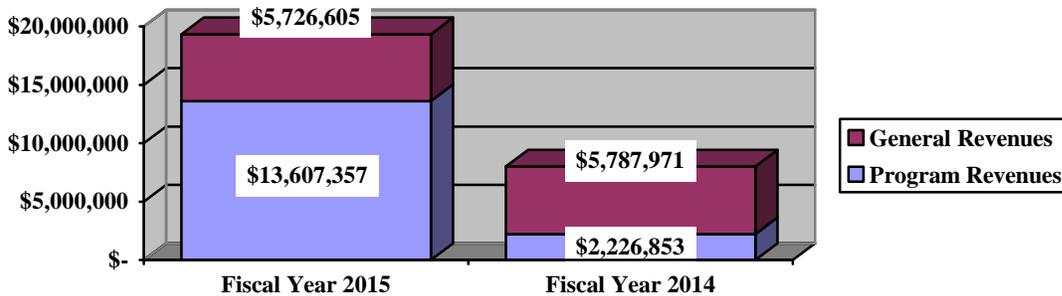
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Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of Services <u>2015</u>	Net Cost of Services <u>2015</u>	Total Cost of Services <u>2014</u>	Net Cost of Services <u>2014</u>
Program expenses				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$ 7,879,635	\$ (1,230,916)	\$ 1,026,664	\$ 1,026,664
Special	205,465	118,295	277,787	176,358
Vocational	2,895,397	1,199,712	3,307,055	1,625,589
Adult/continuing	38,549	12,149	34,805	(3,527)
Other	-	-	240	240
Support services:				
Pupil	914,172	835,909	887,986	806,381
Instructional staff	1,503,155	168,454	585,888	585,718
Board of education	3,358	3,358	15,790	15,790
Administration	918,853	65,706	335,660	335,660
Fiscal	292,951	292,951	255,749	255,749
Business	36,044	36,044	36,464	36,464
Operations and maintenance	863,669	717,751	851,421	823,557
Central	178,120	178,120	176,802	176,802
Operations of non-instructional services:				
Food service operations	284,908	9,386	313,881	17,894
Other non-instructional services	3,653	3,653	1,424	1,424
Extracurricular activities	<u>82,520</u>	<u>82,520</u>	<u>76,225</u>	<u>76,225</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$ 16,100,449</u>	<u>\$ 2,493,092</u>	<u>\$ 8,183,841</u>	<u>\$ 5,956,988</u>

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

Governmental Activities - General and Program Revenues



The District's Funds

The District's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$8,646,703, an increase of \$148,167. The schedule below indicates the fund balance and the total change in fund balance as of June 30, 2015 and 2014.

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	<u>Fund Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2015</u>	<u>Fund Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2014</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Change</u>
General	\$ 7,614,266	\$ 8,429,071	\$ (814,805)	(9.67) %
Straight "A"	1,015,003	-	1,015,003	100.00 %
Nonmajor governmental	<u>17,434</u>	<u>69,465</u>	<u>(52,031)</u>	(74.90) %
Total	<u>\$ 8,646,703</u>	<u>\$ 8,498,536</u>	<u>\$ 148,167</u>	1.74 %

General Fund

The District's general fund balance decreased \$814,805 or 9.67%. The table that follows assists in illustrating the financial activities and fund balance of the general fund.

	<u>2015</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Change</u>
<u>Revenues</u>				
Taxes	\$ 2,081,865	\$ 2,135,869	\$ (54,004)	(2.53) %
Earnings on investments	81,162	86,530	(5,368)	(6.20) %
Intergovernmental	4,114,346	4,114,012	334	0.01 %
Tuition	985,096	985,140	(44)	(0.00) %
Other revenues	<u>216,504</u>	<u>168,037</u>	<u>48,467</u>	28.84 %
Total	<u>\$ 7,478,973</u>	<u>\$ 7,489,588</u>	<u>\$ (10,615)</u>	(0.14) %
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Instruction	\$ 4,346,327	\$ 4,453,360	\$ (107,033)	(2.40) %
Support services	2,838,487	2,928,495	(90,008)	(3.07) %
Non-instructional services	3,701	1,424	2,277	159.90 %
Extracurricular activities	83,114	76,225	6,889	9.04 %
Facilities acquisition and construction	<u>1,022,149</u>	<u>1,151,523</u>	<u>(129,374)</u>	(11.24) %
Total	<u>\$ 8,293,778</u>	<u>\$ 8,611,027</u>	<u>\$ (317,249)</u>	(3.68) %

Overall, both revenues and expenditures for the general fund in 2015 remained comparable to the prior year as there were no significant increases or decreases.

Straight "A" Fund

The Straight "A" fund is reported as a major fund for 2015. This fund is used to account for a \$13.6 million grant from the Ohio Department of Education which is used for a multi-year initiative to create an innovative model for community engagement and increasing the flow of young entrepreneurs in the state. The Straight "A" fund had \$9,540,429 in revenues and \$8,525,426 in expenditures. Fund balance at June 30, 2015 was \$1,015,003.

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.

**STARK COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

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

During the course of fiscal year 2015, the District amended its general fund budget several times. General fund original appropriations totaled \$9,282,200, and were increased to \$13,283,672 in the final appropriations. Advances to other funds increased \$3,011,521 to account for money advanced to the Straight "A" fund to finance initial project costs. Additionally, budgeted expenditures were increased \$960,000 throughout the year to account for a facilities improvement project. The actual budget basis expenditures and other financing uses for fiscal year 2015 totaled \$12,919,888. There were no individually significant variances between the final budget and actual expenditures.

Original budgeted revenues and other financing sources of \$7,464,359 were increased to \$7,506,197 in the final budget. Actual revenues and other financing sources for fiscal year 2015 were \$7,410,040. There were no individually significant variances between the final budget and actual revenues.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2015, the District had \$7,418,990 invested in land, construction in progress, 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	\$ 144,865	\$ 144,865
Construction in progress	1,308,986	287,844
Land improvements	59,420	60,771
Buildings and improvements	4,825,217	5,029,165
Furniture and equipment	1,060,743	908,374
Vehicles	19,759	28,903
Total	\$ 7,418,990	\$ 6,459,922

The overall increase in capital assets of \$959,068 is due to capital outlays of \$1,274,433 exceeding disposals, net of accumulated depreciation, of \$5,714 and depreciation expense of \$309,651. Most of the capital outlays for 2015 were for building improvements projects that were still ongoing as of June 30.

See Note 8 in the notes to the basic financial statements for additional information on the District's capital assets.

Debt Administration

At June 30, 2015, the District had no debt outstanding. The only long-term obligations for the District are compensated absences of \$715,994 and the net pension liability of \$9,507,151. Of the total, \$142,094 is due within one year and \$10,081,051 is due in greater than one year. The following table summarizes the long-term obligations outstanding.

**STARK COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

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

Long-term Obligations, at Year End

	Governmental Activities <u>2015</u>	Restated Governmental Activities <u>2014</u>
Compensated absences	\$ 715,994	\$ 917,926
Net pension liability	<u>9,507,151</u>	<u>11,305,546</u>
Total	<u>\$ 10,223,145</u>	<u>\$ 12,223,472</u>

See Note 9 in the notes to the basic financial statements for additional information on the District's long-term obligations.

Current Financial Related Activities

The District's current financial forecast supports financial stability, and there are currently no anticipated needs for any additional operating levies if the assumptions in the five-year forecast prove to be correct. Most of the District's funding comes from the State of Ohio; for fiscal year 2015, State funding accounted for approximately 55% of the general fund's cash receipts.

The other main source of revenue for the District is property taxes, which accounted for approximately 28% of the general fund's cash receipts in fiscal year 2015. The Stark County Auditor conducts a reappraisal of property every six years, the latest of which occurred in 2012. The result of this appraisal was an overall decrease in property values throughout the District of about 8.2%. The District shows an increase in property values for 2015. Property tax receipts for the District have remained relatively stable over the last two fiscal years.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Ms. Tamra Hurst, Treasurer, Stark County Area Vocational School District, 2800 Richville Drive SE, Massillon, Ohio 44646-9433.

**STARK COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2015

	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and investments	\$ 8,654,424
Receivables:	
Property taxes	2,231,699
Accrued interest	14,024
Intergovernmental	5,196,597
Loans	1,888
Prepayments	5,735
Inventory held for resale.	4,981
Capital assets:	
Nondepreciable capital assets	1,453,851
Depreciable capital assets, net.	5,965,139
Capital assets, net	<u>7,418,990</u>
Total assets.	<u>23,528,338</u>
Deferred outflows of resources:	
Pension - STRS	565,151
Pension - SERS	<u>100,384</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>665,535</u>
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable.	161,006
Contracts payable.	156,325
Accrued wages and benefits payable	696,691
Pension obligation payable	85,635
Intergovernmental payable	34,955
Unearned revenue.	2,222,525
Long-term liabilities:	
Due within one year	142,094
Due in more than one year:	
Net pension liability (See Note 12)	9,507,151
Other amounts due in more than one year.	573,900
Total liabilities.	<u>13,580,282</u>
Deferred inflows of resources:	
Property taxes levied for the next fiscal year.	2,036,015
Pension - STRS.	1,538,062
Pension - SERS.	<u>193,704</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources.	<u>3,767,781</u>
Net position:	
Net investment in capital assets.	7,262,665
Restricted for:	
State funded programs.	2,856,263
Federally funded programs	15,101
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(3,288,219)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 6,845,810</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**STARK COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL 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	\$ 7,879,635	\$ -	\$ 9,110,551	\$ 1,230,916
Special	205,465	-	87,170	(118,295)
Vocational	2,895,397	1,125,341	570,344	(1,199,712)
Adult/continuing.	38,549	26,400	-	(12,149)
Support services:				
Pupil.	914,172	14,293	63,970	(835,909)
Instructional staff	1,503,155	-	1,334,701	(168,454)
Board of education	3,358	-	-	(3,358)
Administration.	918,853	-	853,147	(65,706)
Fiscal.	292,951	-	-	(292,951)
Business.	36,044	-	-	(36,044)
Operations and maintenance	863,669	60,651	85,267	(717,751)
Central	178,120	-	-	(178,120)
Operation of non-instructional services:				
Food service operations	284,908	115,222	160,300	(9,386)
Other non-instructional services	3,653	-	-	(3,653)
Extracurricular activities.	82,520	-	-	(82,520)
Totals	\$ 16,100,449	\$ 1,341,907	\$ 12,265,450	(2,493,092)
General revenues:				
Property taxes levied for:				
General purposes				2,081,960
Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs				3,542,181
Investment earnings				81,536
Miscellaneous				20,928
Total general revenues				5,726,605
Change in net position				3,233,513
Net position at beginning of year (restated)				3,612,297
Net position at end of year				\$ 6,845,810

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**STARK COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2015

	<u>General</u>	<u>Straight "A"</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets:				
Equity in pooled cash and investments.	\$ 5,649,753	\$ 2,963,972	\$ 40,699	\$ 8,654,424
Receivables:				
Property taxes.	2,231,699	-	-	2,231,699
Accrued interest	14,024	-	-	14,024
Interfund loans	2,965,760	-	-	2,965,760
Intergovernmental.	-	5,181,496	15,101	5,196,597
Loans	1,888	-	-	1,888
Prepayments.	5,735	-	-	5,735
Inventory held for resale.	-	-	4,981	4,981
Total assets	<u>\$ 10,868,859</u>	<u>\$ 8,145,468</u>	<u>\$ 60,781</u>	<u>\$ 19,075,108</u>
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 65,223	\$ 95,783	\$ -	\$ 161,006
Contracts payable.	156,325	-	-	156,325
Accrued wages and benefits payable	686,576	-	10,115	696,691
Compensated absences payable	93,284	-	5,319	98,603
Pension obligation payable	80,109	-	5,526	85,635
Intergovernmental payable	22,532	11,925	498	34,955
Interfund loans payable.	-	2,958,972	6,788	2,965,760
Unearned revenue.	-	2,222,525	-	2,222,525
Total liabilities.	<u>1,104,049</u>	<u>5,289,205</u>	<u>28,246</u>	<u>6,421,500</u>
Deferred inflows of resources:				
Property taxes levied for the next fiscal year. . .	2,036,015	-	-	2,036,015
Delinquent property tax revenue not available . .	108,835	-	-	108,835
Intergovernmental revenue not available.	-	1,841,260	15,101	1,856,361
Accrued interest not available	5,694	-	-	5,694
Total deferred inflows of resources.	<u>2,150,544</u>	<u>1,841,260</u>	<u>15,101</u>	<u>4,006,905</u>
Fund balances:				
Nonspendable:				
Prepayments	5,735	-	-	5,735
Restricted:				
Young Entrepreneurs Consortium	-	1,015,003	-	1,015,003
Committed:				
Adult education	-	-	26,001	26,001
Assigned:				
Student instruction	246,861	-	-	246,861
Student and staff support.	175,935	-	-	175,935
Extracurricular activities	2,495	-	-	2,495
Facilities acquisition and construction	888,249	-	-	888,249
School supplies	3,440	-	-	3,440
Other purposes	76,852	-	-	76,852
Unassigned (deficit)	6,214,699	-	(8,567)	6,206,132
Total fund balances	<u>7,614,266</u>	<u>1,015,003</u>	<u>17,434</u>	<u>8,646,703</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 10,868,859</u>	<u>\$ 8,145,468</u>	<u>\$ 60,781</u>	<u>\$ 19,075,108</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**STARK COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

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

Total governmental fund balances		\$	8,646,703
<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.			7,418,990
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred inflows in the funds.			
Property taxes receivable	\$	108,835	
Accrued interest receivable		5,694	
Intergovernmental receivable		1,856,361	
Total		1,970,890	1,970,890
The net pension liability is not due and payable in the current period, therefore, the liability and related deferred inflows and outflows of resources are not reported in governmental funds.			
Deferred outflows of resources - pension		665,535	
Deferred inflows of resources - pension		(1,731,766)	
Net pension liability		(9,507,151)	
Total		(10,573,382)	(10,573,382)
Long-term liabilities (compensated absences) are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.			(617,391)
			(617,391)
Net position of governmental activities		\$	6,845,810

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**STARK COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL 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>Straight "A"</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues:				
From local sources:				
Property taxes	\$ 2,081,865	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,081,865
Tuition.	985,096	-	30,093	1,015,189
Earnings on investments	81,162	-	133	81,295
Charges for services	-	-	115,222	115,222
Classroom materials and fees	2,930	-	5,600	8,530
Other local revenues	213,574	-	8,499	222,073
Intergovernmental - intermediate	1,821	-	-	1,821
Intergovernmental - state	4,109,667	9,540,429	2,883	13,652,979
Intergovernmental - federal	2,858	-	295,300	298,158
Total revenues	<u>7,478,973</u>	<u>9,540,429</u>	<u>457,730</u>	<u>17,477,132</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular.	1,170,925	6,731,123	-	7,902,048
Special	117,576	-	93,420	210,996
Vocational	3,057,826	-	-	3,057,826
Adult/continuing	-	-	39,442	39,442
Support services:				
Pupil	790,257	-	91,869	882,126
Instructional staff	467,516	1,052,913	1,977	1,522,406
Board of education	3,358	-	-	3,358
Administration	338,519	674,025	-	1,012,544
Fiscal	302,737	-	-	302,737
Business.	36,044	-	-	36,044
Operations and maintenance	725,553	67,365	-	792,918
Central	174,503	-	-	174,503
Operation of non-instructional services:				
Food service operations.	-	-	283,053	283,053
Other non-instructional services	3,701	-	-	3,701
Extracurricular activities	83,114	-	-	83,114
Facilities acquisition and construction.	1,022,149	-	-	1,022,149
Total expenditures	<u>8,293,778</u>	<u>8,525,426</u>	<u>509,761</u>	<u>17,328,965</u>
Net change in fund balances	(814,805)	1,015,003	(52,031)	148,167
Fund balances at beginning of year.	<u>8,429,071</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,465</u>	<u>8,498,536</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 7,614,266</u>	<u>\$ 1,015,003</u>	<u>\$ 17,434</u>	<u>\$ 8,646,703</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**STARK COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL 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	\$	148,167
 <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	\$ 1,274,433	
Current year depreciation	(309,651)	
Total		964,782
 The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, disposals, trade-ins, and donations) is to decrease net position.		
		(5,714)
 Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		
Property taxes	95	
Earnings on investments	374	
Intergovernmental	1,856,361	
Total		1,856,830
 Contractually required contributions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds; however, the statement of net position reports these amounts as deferred outflows of resources.		
		575,370
 Except for amounts reported as deferred inflows/outflows of resources, changes in the net pension liability are reported as pension expense in the statement of activities.		
		(392,169)
 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.		
		86,247
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	3,233,513

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**STARK COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL 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:				
Property taxes	\$ 2,168,570	\$ 2,167,808	\$ 2,139,634	\$ (28,174)
Tuition	1,075,378	1,075,000	985,096	(89,904)
Earnings on investments	-	-	56,291	56,291
Other local revenues	-	-	70,213	70,213
Intergovernmental - intermediate	-	-	1,821	1,821
Intergovernmental - state	4,220,411	4,218,929	4,109,667	(109,262)
Intergovernmental - federal	-	-	2,858	2,858
Total revenues	<u>7,464,359</u>	<u>7,461,737</u>	<u>7,365,580</u>	<u>(96,157)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	1,094,155	1,210,847	1,167,976	42,871
Special	150,808	166,892	160,983	5,909
Vocational	3,063,304	3,390,005	3,269,979	120,026
Support services:				
Pupil	803,559	889,259	857,774	31,485
Instructional staff	494,038	546,727	527,370	19,357
Board of education	6,026	6,669	6,433	236
Administration	347,093	384,111	370,511	13,600
Fiscal	265,086	293,358	282,971	10,387
Business	43,577	48,224	46,517	1,707
Operations and maintenance	734,775	813,139	784,349	28,790
Central	212,972	235,686	227,341	8,345
Operation of non-instructional services	3,463	3,833	3,697	136
Extracurricular activities	79,974	88,504	85,370	3,134
Facilities acquisition and construction	1,983,370	2,194,897	2,117,185	77,712
Total expenditures	<u>9,282,200</u>	<u>10,272,151</u>	<u>9,908,456</u>	<u>363,695</u>
Excess of expenditures over revenues	<u>(1,817,841)</u>	<u>(2,810,414)</u>	<u>(2,542,876)</u>	<u>267,538</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Refund of prior year's expenditures	-	676	676	-
Advances in	-	43,784	43,784	-
Advances (out)	-	(3,011,521)	(3,011,432)	89
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,967,061)</u>	<u>(2,966,972)</u>	<u>89</u>
Net change in fund balance	(1,817,841)	(5,777,475)	(5,509,848)	267,627
Fund balance at beginning of year	8,176,987	8,176,987	8,176,987	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	1,353,758	1,353,758	1,353,758	-
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 7,712,904</u>	<u>\$ 3,753,270</u>	<u>\$ 4,020,897</u>	<u>\$ 267,627</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**STARK COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
STRAIGHT "A" FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Revenues:				
From local sources:				
Intergovernmental - state	\$ 13,604,215	\$ 13,604,215	\$ 10,645,243	\$ (2,958,972)
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	10,523,166	10,523,166	10,523,166	-
Support Services:				
Instructional staff	1,470,123	1,470,123	1,470,123	-
Administration.	1,173,050	1,173,050	1,173,050	-
Operations and maintenance.	437,876	437,876	437,876	-
Total expenditures	<u>13,604,215</u>	<u>13,604,215</u>	<u>13,604,215</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess of expenditures over revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,958,972)</u>	<u>(2,958,972)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Advances in.	-	5,000	2,963,972	2,958,972
Advances (out)	-	(5,000)	(5,000)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,958,972</u>	<u>2,958,972</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	-	-	-
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**STARK COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2015

	<u>Private Purpose Trust</u>	
	<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Assets:		
Equity in pooled cash and investments	\$ 4,549	\$ 30,593
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable.	-	\$ 552
Loans payable	772	1,116
Due to students.	-	28,925
Total liabilities	<u>772</u>	<u>\$ 30,593</u>
Net position:		
Held in trust for scholarships	<u>3,777</u>	
Total net position.	<u>\$ 3,777</u>	

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**STARK COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL 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
Additions:	
Gifts and contributions.	\$ 6,750
Deductions:	
Scholarships awarded	9,548
Change in net position	(2,798)
Net position at beginning of year.	6,575
Net position at end of year	\$ 3,777

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**STARK COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL 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 Stark County Area Vocational Board of Education was formed on June 30, 1970. The Stark County Area Vocational School District (the "District") is a joint vocational school district as defined by Section 3311.18 of the Ohio Revised Code and 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. A vocational school exposes students to job training leading to employment upon graduation from high school. The District includes six member schools: Brown Local, Fairless Local, Louisville City, Minerva Local, Northwest Local and Tuslaw Local.

The District operates under a seven-member Board of Education consisting of 1 member from each member school's Board of Education and 1 additional rotating member allowing each member school to have 2 members every 7 years. The District provides educational services as authorized and mandated by State or federal agencies. The District employs 23 non-certified and 54 certified employees to provide services to approximately 489 students.

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 ORGANIZATION

The District is a member of the Stark-Portage Area Computer Consortium (SPARCC), a jointly governed organization, which provides computer services to the school districts within the boundaries of Stark and Portage Counties. Each District's superintendent serves as a representative on the Board, which consists of approximately 30 member districts. However, SPARCC is primarily governed by a five-member executive board, which is made up of two representatives from Stark County, two from Portage County and a Treasurer. The Board meets monthly to address any current issues.

INSURANCE PURCHASING POOL

The Stark County Schools Council of Government (the "Council") is governed by an assembly, which consists of one representative from each participating school district (usually the superintendent or designee). The assembly elects officers for one-year terms to serve as the Board of Directors. The assembly exercises control over the operation of the Council. All Council revenues are generated from charges for services. The Council has a Health Benefits Program, which is a shared risk pool comprised of 90 member school districts, educational service centers and related agencies.

The Council also sponsors a workers' compensation group rating plan, which is an insurance purchasing pool.

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 are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and deferred outflows less liabilities and deferred inflows 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.

Straight "A" fund - This fund is used to account for grant revenue from the Ohio Department of Education which is used for a multi-year initiative to create an innovative model for community engagement and increasing the flow of young entrepreneurs in the state.

Other governmental funds of the District are used to account for specific revenue sources that are restricted, committed or assigned to an expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects.

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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 scholarship programs 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 services.

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.

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 a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

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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 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 sixty days of fiscal year end.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied (See Note 6).

Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the 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, student fees and rentals.

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 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.

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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, payments in lieu of taxes and unavailable revenue. Property taxes and payments in lieu of 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.

E. Budgets

The District is required by State statute to adopt an annual appropriated cash basis budget for all funds, except agency funds. The specific timetable is as follows:

1. On October 25, 2005, the Stark County Budget Commission voted to waive the requirement 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 alternate tax budget be submitted by January 20 which no longer requires specific Board approval.
2. By no later than January 20, the Board-adopted budget is filed with the Stark County Budget Commission for tax rate determination.

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3. Prior to 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 balances from the preceding year as reported by the District Treasurer. 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 set forth in the original and final certificates of estimated resources issued for fiscal year 2015.
4. By July 1, the annual appropriation resolution is legally enacted by the Board of Education at the object level of expenditures for the general fund and the fund level of expenditures for all other funds, which is the legal level of budgetary control. 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. Appropriations by fund must be within the estimated resources as certified by the County Budget Commission and the total of expenditures and encumbrances may not exceed the appropriation totals at any level of control.
5. Any revisions that alter the legal level of budgetary control must be approved by the Board of Education.
6. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for all funds, other than agency funds, consistent with statutory provisions.
7. Appropriation amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Board of Education through the year by supplemental appropriations, which either reallocated or increased the original appropriated amounts. The Board may pass supplemental fund appropriations so long as the total appropriations by fund do not exceed the amounts set forth in the most recent certificate of estimated resources. All supplemental appropriations were legally enacted by the Board during fiscal year 2015. The amounts reported in the budgetary statement reflect the original and final appropriations approved by the Board of Education during fiscal year 2015.
8. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end. Encumbered appropriations are carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and need not be reappropriated. Expenditures plus encumbrances may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the legal level of budgetary control.

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 federal agency securities, commercial paper, U.S. Government money market funds and investments in the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio). Investments are reported at fair value, which is based on quoted market prices.

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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. Interest revenue credited to the general fund during fiscal year 2015 amounted to \$81,162, which includes \$14,462 assigned from other 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 fiscal year end is provided in Note 4.

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 and are expended/expensed when used. Inventories are accounted for using the consumption method.

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 activities reported in the 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's capitalization threshold is \$5,000. 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 and construction in progress 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:

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Description	Governmental Activities Estimated Lives
Land improvements	50 years
Buildings and improvements	15 - 50 years
Furniture and equipment	5 - 20 years
Vehicles	6 - 15 years

I. Interfund Balances

On fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as “interfund loans receivable/payable”. These amounts are eliminated in the governmental activities column on the statement of net position. Loans between governmental activities and fiduciary funds are classified as “loans receivable/payable” on the government wide and fund financial statements.

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 June 30, 2015, 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 with one year of service are 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 applicable additional salary related payments.

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

For governmental fund financial statements, the current portion of unpaid compensated absences is the amount expected to be paid using expendable available resources upon the occurrence of relevant events. These amounts are recorded in the account “compensated absences payable” in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated unpaid leave are paid. The noncurrent portion of the liability is not reported.

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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, claims and judgments and 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. 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.

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.

M. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets plus deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. The net position component "net investment in capital assets," consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation. Deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources and liabilities that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets, including contracts payable, and related debt also are 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.

N. 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 statement of net position and 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.

O. 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.

P. 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.

Q. 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. During fiscal year 2015, the District had no extraordinary or special items.

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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 12 to the financial statements, and added required supplementary information which is presented on pages 60-66.

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.

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	\$ 14,368,880
Deferred outflows - payments subsequent to measurement date	548,963
Net pension liability	(11,305,546)
Restated net position at July 1, 2014	\$ 3,612,297

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.

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NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE - (Continued)

B. Deficit Fund Balance

Fund balances at June 30, 2015 included a deficit of \$8,567 in the food service fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). The general fund is liable for any deficit in this fund and provides transfers when cash is required, not when accruals occur. The deficit fund balance 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.

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);

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

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 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.

A. Deposits with Financial Institutions

At June 30, 2015, the carrying amount of all District deposits was \$993,107. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures", as of June 30, 2015, \$851,981 of the District's bank balance of \$1,101,981 was exposed to custodial credit risk as discussed below, while \$250,000 was covered by the FDIC.

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.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

B. Investments

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

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Investment Maturities</u>				
		<u>6 months or less</u>	<u>7 to 12 months</u>	<u>13 to 18 months</u>	<u>19 to 24 months</u>	<u>Greater than 24 months</u>
FFCB	\$ 1,752,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,013	\$ -	\$ 1,502,487
FHLB	751,167	-	-	-	249,867	501,300
FHLMC	2,051,600	-	-	-	1,254,528	797,072
FNMA	1,358,297	-	-	-	500,025	858,272
Commercial Paper	464,858	464,858	-	-	-	-
STAR Ohio	190,045	190,045	-	-	-	-
U.S. Government money market	1,127,992	1,127,992	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 7,696,459	\$ 1,782,895	\$ -	\$ 250,013	\$ 2,004,420	\$ 3,659,131

The weighted average maturity of investments is 1.66 years.

Interest Rate Risk: Interest rate risk arises as potential purchasers of debt securities will not agree to pay face value for those securities if interest rates subsequently increase. As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates and according to State law, the District's investment policy limits investment portfolio maturities to five years or less.

Credit Risk: STAR Ohio and U.S. Government money market mutual funds carry a rating of AAAM by Standard and 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 investments in federal agency securities were rated AA+ and Aaa by Standard and Poor's and Moody's Investor Services, respectively. The District's investment in commercial paper was rated A-1+ by Standard and Poor's. The District's investment policy does not specifically address credit risk beyond requiring the District to only invest in securities authorized by State statute.

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 federal agency securities, commercial paper and U.S. Government obligations are exposed to custodial credit risk in that they are uninsured, unregistered and held by the counterparty's trust department or agency, but not in the District's name. The District has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial risk beyond the requirement of the State statute that prohibits payment for investments prior to the delivery of the securities representing such investments to the Treasurer or qualified trustee.

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Concentration of Credit Risk: The District places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. The following table includes the percentage of each investment type held by the District at June 30, 2015:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
FFCB	\$ 1,752,500	22.77
FHLB	751,167	9.76
FHLMC	2,051,600	26.66
FNMA	1,358,297	17.65
Commercial paper	464,858	6.04
STAR Ohio	190,045	2.47
U.S. Government money market	<u>1,127,992</u>	<u>14.65</u>
Total	<u>\$ 7,696,459</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	\$ 993,107
Investments	<u>7,696,459</u>
Total	<u>\$ 8,689,566</u>
 <u>Cash and investments per statement of net position</u>	
Governmental activities	\$ 8,654,424
Private-purpose trust fund	4,549
Agency funds	<u>30,593</u>
Total	<u>\$ 8,689,566</u>

NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

- A. Interfund balances at June 30, 2015, as reported on the fund statements, consist of the following individual interfund loans receivable and payable:

<u>Receivable fund</u>	<u>Payable fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General fund	Straight "A" fund	\$ 2,958,972
	Nonmajor governmental funds	6,788

The primary purpose of the interfund balances is to cover costs in specific funds where revenues were not received by June 30. These interfund balances will be repaid once the anticipated revenues are received. All interfund balances are expected to be repaid within one year.

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NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS - (Continued)

Interfund balances between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements; therefore, no internal balances at June 30, 2015 are reported on the statement of net position.

- B.** Advances outstanding at June 30, 2015 between governmental funds and fiduciary funds consist of \$772 due from the District's private purpose trust fund and \$1,116 due from the agency funds to the general fund. The advances are reported as loans on the financial statements. These loans are expected to be repaid within one year.

NOTE 6 - 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.

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, Carroll, Summit, Tuscarawas, Columbiana and Wayne Counties. The County Auditors/Fiscal Officers periodically advance to the District their 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 \$86,849 in the general fund. This amount is recorded as revenue. The amount available for advance at June 30, 2014 was \$144,618 in the general 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.

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NOTE 6 - 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	\$ 1,161,445,500	95.42	\$ 1,170,654,290	94.84
Public utility personal	<u>55,731,750</u>	<u>4.58</u>	<u>63,667,780</u>	<u>5.16</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,217,177,250</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,234,322,070</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$2.00		\$2.00	

NOTE 7 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2015 consisted of property taxes, accrued interest, intergovernmental grants and entitlements and loans. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of State programs and the current year guarantee of federal funds.

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

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NOTE 8 - CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	Balance			Balance
	<u>06/30/14</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>06/30/15</u>
Governmental activities:				
<i>Capital assets, not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$ 144,865	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 144,865
Construction in progress	287,844	1,021,142	-	1,308,986
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>432,709</u>	<u>1,021,142</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,453,851</u>
<i>Capital assets, being depreciated:</i>				
Land improvements	67,523	-	-	67,523
Buildings and improvements	11,543,523	11,180	-	11,554,703
Furniture and equipment	1,847,183	242,111	(74,808)	2,014,486
Vehicles	129,453	-	-	129,453
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>13,587,682</u>	<u>253,291</u>	<u>(74,808)</u>	<u>13,766,165</u>
<i>Less: accumulated depreciation</i>				
Land improvements	(6,752)	(1,351)	-	(8,103)
Buildings and improvements	(6,514,358)	(215,128)	-	(6,729,486)
Furniture and equipment	(938,809)	(84,028)	69,094	(953,743)
Vehicles	(100,550)	(9,144)	-	(109,694)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(7,560,469)</u>	<u>(309,651)</u>	<u>69,094</u>	<u>(7,801,026)</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 6,459,922</u>	<u>\$ 964,782</u>	<u>\$ (5,714)</u>	<u>\$ 7,418,990</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

<u>Instruction:</u>	
Vocational	\$ 162,148
<u>Support services:</u>	
Pupil	56,775
Instructional staff	8,457
Administration	1,691
Fiscal	1,691
Operations and maintenance	72,149
Central	3,617
Food service operations	<u>3,123</u>
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 309,651</u>

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NOTE 9 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

- A. The long-term liabilities at June 30, 2014 have been restated as described in Note 3.A. During fiscal year 2015, the following changes occurred in governmental activities long-term obligations:

	Restated Balance Outstanding <u>06/30/14</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	Balance Outstanding <u>06/30/15</u>	Amounts Due in <u>One Year</u>
Governmental activities:					
Compensated absences payable	\$ 917,926	\$ 149,771	\$ (351,703)	\$ 715,994	\$ 142,094
Net pension liability	<u>11,305,546</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,798,395)</u>	<u>9,507,151</u>	<u>-</u>
Total long-term obligations, governmental activities	<u>\$12,223,472</u>	<u>\$ 149,771</u>	<u>\$(2,150,098)</u>	<u>\$ 10,223,145</u>	<u>\$ 142,094</u>

Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employee is paid, which is primarily the general fund. See Note 12 for more detail on the net pension liability.

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 \$111,088,986 and an unvoted debt margin of \$1,234,322.

NOTE 10 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

A. Compensated Absences

The criteria for determining vested vacation and sick leave benefits are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Classified employees and administrators earn 10 to 20 days of vacation per 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 to a maximum of 350 days. Upon retirement, payment is made for 25% of the total sick leave accumulation, up to a maximum accumulation of 73 days severance pay at the daily rate of the employee. In addition, upon retirement the District Superintendent receives a payment of \$5,000 for each year of service.

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NOTE 10 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - (Continued)

B. Retirement Incentive Bonus

The District offers a retirement incentive bonus for certified employees in the amount of \$17,500 and for classified employees in the amount of \$12,500. Employees retiring the first time they are eligible to retire based on the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio and School Employees Retirement System eligibility criteria will receive the bonus. In addition, employees with less than 30 years of service credit who choose not to retire when first eligible can qualify for the bonus by declaring to the Superintendent in writing by April 1 of that year that their retirement will occur when they have reached 30 years of service credit. In fiscal year 2015, two certified employees and two classified employees met the criteria and elected to retire.

C. Life Insurance

The District provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to most employees. Life insurance is provided through the Stark County Schools Council of Government Health Benefits Program.

NOTE 11 - 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 contracted with Liberty Mutual for all insurance. Buildings are 100% co-insured. A summary of coverages provided are as follows:

	<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Deductible</u>
Buildings, Contents and Boiler	\$29,369,100	\$ 5,000
Automobile Liability	1,000,000	-
Uninsured Motorists	50,000	-
General Liability:		
Per Occurrence	1,000,000	-
Aggregate	2,000,000	-
Excess Liability	5,000,000	10,000

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.

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NOTE 11 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)

B. Employee Health, Dental and Vision

The District has contracted with the Stark County Schools Council of Government (Council) Health Benefits Program to provide employee medical/surgical, dental and vision benefits. The Council's Health Benefits Program is a shared risk pool comprised of member school districts, educational service centers and related agencies. Rates are set through an annual calculation process. The District pays a monthly contribution, which is paid in a common fund from which claim payments are made for all participants regardless of claims flow. The Board of Directors has the right to return monies to an exiting District subsequent to the settlements of all expenses and claims. The District pays 90% of the premium for medical and dental coverage and 100% of the premium for vision coverage. Employees pay the remaining 10% of the premium for medical and dental coverage. The following amounts are the total monthly premiums paid in fiscal year 2015:

	<u>Family</u>	<u>Single</u>
Medical	\$1,509.63	\$621.44
Dental	194.66	78.91
Vision	41.34	16.65

C. Workers' Compensation

The District also participates in a program within the Council to obtain workers' compensation coverage. This program is administered by CompManagement, Inc. The experience rating of each of the participating districts is calculated as one experience rate and applied to all participants in the program. Premiums paid to the State are based on this calculation. Total savings are then determined and each participant's performance is compared to the overall savings percentage of the program. The districts will then either receive money back or be required to contribute additional money to the program. This process insures that each participant pays an equitable share of the cost.

NOTE 12 - 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.

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NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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.

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 obligation 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 on or before August 1, 2017 *	Eligible to Retire 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.

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NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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.

The District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$90,256 for fiscal year 2015.

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.

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NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years of credited service who is determined to be disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. 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 \$485,114 for fiscal year 2015.

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	\$ 1,193,472	\$ 8,313,679	\$ 9,507,151
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.02358200%	0.03417967%	
Pension Expense	\$ 69,676	\$ 322,493	\$ 392,169

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

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NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 10,128	\$ 80,037	\$ 90,165
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>90,256</u>	<u>485,114</u>	<u>575,370</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 100,384</u>	<u>\$ 565,151</u>	<u>\$ 665,535</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	<u>\$ 193,704</u>	<u>\$1,538,062</u>	<u>\$1,731,766</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$ 193,704</u>	<u>\$1,538,062</u>	<u>\$1,731,766</u>

\$575,370 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:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2016	\$ 45,894	\$ 364,507	\$ 410,401
2017	45,894	364,507	410,401
2018	45,894	364,507	410,401
2019	<u>45,894</u>	<u>364,504</u>	<u>410,398</u>
Total	<u>\$ 183,576</u>	<u>\$ 1,458,025</u>	<u>\$ 1,641,601</u>

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.

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.

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NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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

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

<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>	

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NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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	\$ 1,702,729	\$ 1,193,472	\$ 765,142

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.

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:

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NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

<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	1.00	3.00
Total	<u>100.00 %</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:

	<u>1% Decrease (6.75%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (7.75%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (8.75%)</u>
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 11,901,937	\$ 8,313,679	\$ 5,279,219

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NOTE 13 - 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 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 \$9,815.

The District's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were \$15,237, \$8,495, and \$11,754, respectively. 100 percent has been contributed for all three fiscal years.

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.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 13 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)

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, \$36,452, and \$36,936 respectively. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal years 2014 and 2013.

NOTE 14 - 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 and Straight A 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 or restriction 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);
- (e) Investments are reported at fair value (GAAP basis) as opposed to cost (budget basis); and,
- (f) Some funds are included in the general fund (GAAP basis), but have separate legally adopted budgets (budget basis).

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NOTE 14 - 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 are as follows:

Net Change in Fund Balance

	<u>General fund</u>	<u>Straight "A" fund</u>
Budget basis	\$ (5,509,848)	\$ -
Net adjustment for revenue accruals	(32,898)	(1,104,814)
Net adjustment for expenditure accruals	232,129	2,114,817
Net adjustment for other sources/uses	2,966,972	(2,958,972)
Funds budgeted elsewhere	24,057	-
Adjustment for encumbrances	<u>1,504,783</u>	<u>2,963,972</u>
GAAP basis	<u>\$ (814,805)</u>	<u>\$ 1,015,003</u>

Certain funds that are legally budgeted in separate special revenue funds are considered part of the general fund on a GAAP basis. This includes the special rotary fund, special trust fund and uniform school supplies fund.

NOTE 15 - 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 at June 30, 2015.

B. Litigation

The District is involved in no material litigation as either plaintiff or defendant.

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 16 - 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	127,349
Current year qualifying expenditures	<u>(1,327,758)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (1,200,409)</u>
Balance carried forward to fiscal year 2016	<u>\$ -</u>
Set-aside balance June 30, 2015	<u>\$ -</u>

NOTE 17 - COMMITMENTS

A. Contractual Commitments

The District has entered into the following contracts related to the construction project in progress at June 30, 2015:

Contractor	Contract Amount	Expended	Balance 6/30/15
Abbott Electric	\$ 412,420	\$ -	\$ 412,420
Jeffrey Carr Construction	318,100	-	318,100
Harris-Day Architects	102,000	68,021	33,979
Standard Plumbing	<u>285,075</u>	-	<u>285,075</u>
	<u>\$ 1,117,595</u>	<u>\$ 68,021</u>	<u>\$ 1,049,574</u>

In addition to the amounts expended above, the District has recorded contracts payable of \$156,325.

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NOTE 17 - COMMITMENTS - (Continued)

B. Encumbrances

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>Fund Type</u>	<u>Year-End Encumbrances</u>
General fund	\$ 1,317,263
Straight "A" fund	2,856,377
Nonmajor governmental funds	<u>7,729</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,181,369</u>

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**STARK COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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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	0.02358200%	0.02358200%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 1,193,472	\$ 1,402,346
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 685,238	\$ 663,013
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	174.17%	211.51%
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.

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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	0.03417967%	0.03417967%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 8,313,679	\$ 9,903,200
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 3,492,223	\$ 3,693,646
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	238.06%	268.11%
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.

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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>	<u>2011</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 90,256	\$ 94,974	\$ 91,761	\$ 104,413	\$ 92,635
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(90,256)</u>	<u>(94,974)</u>	<u>(91,761)</u>	<u>(104,413)</u>	<u>(92,635)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 684,795	\$ 685,238	\$ 663,013	\$ 776,305	\$ 736,953
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	13.18%	13.86%	13.84%	13.45%	12.57%

<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
\$ 110,010	\$ 75,441	\$ 69,851	\$ 76,076	\$ 67,758
<u>(110,010)</u>	<u>(75,441)</u>	<u>(69,851)</u>	<u>(76,076)</u>	<u>(67,758)</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 812,482	\$ 766,677	\$ 711,314	\$ 712,322	\$ 640,435
13.54%	9.84%	9.82%	10.68%	10.58%

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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>	<u>2011</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 485,114	\$ 453,989	\$ 480,174	\$ 469,004	\$ 469,555
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(485,114)</u>	<u>(453,989)</u>	<u>(480,174)</u>	<u>(469,004)</u>	<u>(469,555)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>				
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 3,465,100	\$ 3,492,223	\$ 3,693,646	\$ 3,607,723	\$ 3,611,962
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	14.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%

<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
\$ 449,858	\$ 443,640	\$ 441,850	\$ 430,019	\$ 475,869
<u>(449,858)</u>	<u>(443,640)</u>	<u>(441,850)</u>	<u>(430,019)</u>	<u>(475,869)</u>
<u>\$ -</u>				
\$ 3,460,446	\$ 3,412,615	\$ 3,398,846	\$ 3,307,838	\$ 3,660,531
13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%

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**NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
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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.



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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

Stark County Area Vocational School District
Stark County
2800 Richville Drive SE
Massillon, Ohio 44646-9433

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 Stark County Area Vocational 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 April 7, 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.



Dave Yost
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

April 7, 2016



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STARK COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL 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

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MAY 10, 2016