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MUSKINGUM COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

West Muskingum Local School District
Muskingum County
4880 West Pike
Zanesville, Ohio 43701

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 the West Muskingum Local School District, Muskingum County, Ohio (the School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School 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 School 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 School 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 the West Muskingum Local School District, Muskingum County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

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

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

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

Supplementary and Other Information

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

The Schedule of Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures (the Schedule) presents additional analysis as required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations and is also not a required part of the financial statements.

The Schedule is management's responsibility, and derives from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. We subjected this Schedule to the auditing procedures we applied to the basic financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling the Schedule directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, this Schedule is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 29, 2016, on our consideration of the School 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 School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

February 29, 2016

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West Muskingum Local School District, Ohio

Management's Discussion and Analysis

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Unaudited

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

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2015 are as follows:

- Net position of governmental activities increased \$274,553.
- Capital assets increased \$1,292,128 primarily due to current year capital acquisitions exceeding current year depreciation.
- General revenues accounted for \$15,042,750 in revenue or 77 percent of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services, grants, contributions, and interest accounted for \$4,601,802, 23 percent of total revenues of \$19,644,552.
- The School District had \$19,369,999 in expenses related to governmental activities; only \$4,601,802 of these expenses was offset by program specific charges for services, grants, contributions, and interest. General revenues of \$15,042,750 were adequate to provide for these activities.

Using this Annual Financial Report

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

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

Reporting the School District as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities

While this document contains information about the large number of funds used by the School District to provide programs and activities for students, the view of the School District as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during fiscal year 2015?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities answer this question.

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These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the School District's net position and changes in position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the School District as a whole, the financial position of the School District has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the School 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, all of the School District's activities are reported as governmental including instruction, support services, operation of non-instructional services, debt service, and extracurricular activities.

Reporting the School District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The analysis of the School District's major funds begins on page 12. Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the School District's major funds. The School District uses many funds to account for a multiple of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the School District's most significant funds. The School District's major governmental funds are the General Fund, Debt Service Fund, and the Classroom Facilities Capital Projects Fund.

Governmental Funds Most of the School District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at fiscal year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the School District's general governmental operations and the basic services it provides.

Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

The School District as a Whole

Recall that the Statement of Net Position provides the perspective of the School District as a whole. Table 1 provides a summary of the School District's net position for 2015 compared to 2014.

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Table 1 - Net Position

	Governmental Activities		
	2015	2014	Change
Assets			
Current and Other Assets	\$33,219,679	\$34,127,246	(\$907,567)
Capital Assets	21,641,512	20,349,384	1,292,128
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>54,861,191</u>	<u>54,476,630</u>	<u>384,561</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Deferred Charge on Refunding	737,174	783,885	(46,711)
Pension	1,222,933	983,738	239,195
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<u>1,960,107</u>	<u>1,767,623</u>	<u>192,484</u>
Liabilities			
Other Liabilities	3,465,204	2,238,199	1,227,005
Long-Term Liabilities			
Due Within One Year	964,813	890,518	74,295
Due In More Than One Year:			
Net Pension Liability	16,540,989	19,653,962	(3,112,973)
Other Amounts Due in More Than One Year	20,306,739	21,157,540	(850,801)
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>41,277,745</u>	<u>43,940,219</u>	<u>(2,662,474)</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Property Taxes	4,961,010	4,986,659	(25,649)
Pension	2,990,615	0	2,990,615
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>7,951,625</u>	<u>4,986,659</u>	<u>2,964,966</u>
Net Position			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	1,967,675	(162,984)	2,130,659
Restricted	20,477,906	21,949,757	(1,471,851)
Unrestricted (Deficits)	(14,853,653)	(14,469,398)	(384,255)
Total Net Position	<u>\$7,591,928</u>	<u>\$7,317,375</u>	<u>\$274,553</u>

During fiscal year 2015, the School District adopted GASB Statement No. 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an Amendment of GASB Statement 27," 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 School 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 governmental 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 School 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 School 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 School District's statements prepared on an accrual basis of accounting include an annual pension expense for their proportionate share of each plan's *change* in net pension liability not accounted for as deferred inflows/outflows.

As a result of implementing GASB 68, the School 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 \$25,987,559 to \$7,317,375.

The decrease in current and other assets is primarily due to a decrease in intergovernmental receivables in the amount of \$7,980,625 and a decrease in property taxes receivable in the amount of \$360,132. During fiscal year 2014, the Classroom Facilities Capital Project Fund received a grant award in the amount of \$14,598,522 that was recorded as a receivable due to the Ohio School Facilities Commission project. As a result of amounts received during fiscal year 2015, the intergovernmental receivable decreased by \$7,314,803. The receipt of \$7,314,803 of the grant award during fiscal year 2015 contributed to the increase in the equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents in the amount of \$7,364,968.

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Property taxes receivable decreased during fiscal year 2015 due to a decrease in the amounts certified to be collected by the respective county auditors. The increase in payment in lieu of taxes receivable during fiscal year 2015 was due to an increase in the amounts related to the City of Zanesville restructuring their debt related to the Northpointe Tax Incentive Financing Agreement.

The \$1,292,128 increase in capital assets is primarily due to current year additions in the amount of \$2,341,088 which was offset by current year depreciation in the amount of \$876,127. Capital asset deletions, including accumulated depreciation, totaled \$172,833. Deferred charge on refunding decreased in the amount of \$46,711 due to the amortization for fiscal year 2015.

The \$1,227,005 increase in other liabilities is primarily due to increases in contracts payable, retainage payable, accrued wages and benefits payable, and claims payable. Contracts and retainage payable increased due to the Ohio School Facilities Commission project. The increase of accrued wages and benefits payable during fiscal year 2015 was due to step increases and increases in health insurance. The increase in claims payable is a result of an increase in the number of insurance claims for fiscal year 2015 as compared to fiscal year 2014, based upon information provided by the School District third party administrator for the self-insurance plan. These increases were offset by a decrease in intergovernmental payable in the amount of \$91,190.

Long term liabilities, excluding the pension liability, decreased \$776,506 primarily due to the payment of \$440,000 on the School Facilities Construction and Improvement 2012 Refunding Bonds, \$340,000 payment on the School Facilities Construction and Improvement 2013 Refunding Bonds, and additional capital lease principal payments in the amount of \$67,776. Compensated absences reflect an increase of \$62,302.

Table 2 shows the changes in net position for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, and comparisons to fiscal year 2014.

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Table 2 - Changes in Net Position

Revenues	Governmental Activities		
	2015	2014	Change
Program Revenues			
Charges for Services	\$2,051,768	\$2,078,514	(\$26,746)
Operating Grants, Contributions, and Interest	2,550,034	3,303,196	(753,162)
<i>Total Program Revenues</i>	<u>4,601,802</u>	<u>5,381,710</u>	<u>(779,908)</u>
General Revenue			
Property Taxes	8,176,948	9,594,847	(1,417,899)
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	374,612	207,121	167,491
Grants and Entitlements	6,431,076	20,907,114	(14,476,038)
Investment Earnings	22,375	9,581	12,794
Miscellaneous Revenue	37,739	27,875	9,864
<i>Total General Revenues</i>	<u>15,042,750</u>	<u>30,746,538</u>	<u>(15,703,788)</u>
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>19,644,552</u>	<u>36,128,248</u>	<u>(16,483,696)</u>
Program Expenses			
Instruction			
Regular	8,794,087	8,739,166	54,921
Special	2,766,902	2,441,056	325,846
Intergovernmental	39,675	10,769	28,906
Vocational	174,947	150,487	24,460
Student Intervention Services	13,362	41,701	(28,339)
Support Services			
Pupils	756,368	562,124	194,244
Instructional Staff	650,384	653,261	(2,877)
Board of Education	27,459	19,058	8,401
Administration	1,356,497	1,381,357	(24,860)
Fiscal	480,167	470,939	9,228
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,557,684	1,609,420	(51,736)
Pupil Transportation	1,120,234	1,120,722	(488)
Central	14,446	55,333	(40,887)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:			
Food Service Operations	758,607	809,691	(51,084)
Other Non-Instructional Services	11,140	12,394	(1,254)
Extracurricular Activities	249,528	252,272	(2,744)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	598,512	570,029	28,483
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<u>19,369,999</u>	<u>18,899,779</u>	<u>470,220</u>
<i>Change in Net Position</i>	274,553	17,228,469	(16,953,916)
Net Position Beginning of Year	7,317,375	N/A	
Net Position End of Year	<u><u>\$7,591,928</u></u>	<u><u>\$7,317,375</u></u>	<u><u>\$274,553</u></u>

The information necessary to restate fiscal year 2014 beginning balances and fiscal year 2014 pension expense amounts for the effects of the initial implementation of GASB 68 is not available. Therefore, fiscal year 2014 functional expenses still include pension expense of \$983,738 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, fiscal year 2015 statements report pension expense of \$705,556.

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

Total 2015 program expenses under GASB 68	\$19,369,999
Pension expense under GASB 68	(705,556)
2015 contractually required contribution	<u>1,067,109</u>
Adjusted 2015 program expenses	19,731,552
Total 2014 program expenses under GASB 27	<u>18,899,779</u>
Increase in program expenses not related to pension	<u><u>\$831,773</u></u>

The School District's net position increased \$274,553. Revenues reflect a decrease in the amount of \$16,483,696 primarily due to a decrease in general revenues in the amount of \$15,703,788. Property taxes revenue decreased in the amount of \$1,417,899 and grants and entitlements decreased in the amount of \$14,476,038. The property tax collection dates for fiscal year 2014 and fiscal year 2015 remained consistent; however, the amount available as of fiscal year-end 2015 was \$367,422 less than the fiscal year-end 2014 amount available which resulted in a decrease in the amount recognized as a revenue during fiscal year 2015. Property tax millage was also reduced from \$48.80 per \$1,000 of assessed value during fiscal year 2014 to \$47.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value during fiscal year 2015. The reduction in the bond millage for the emergency levy decreased by 0.2 mills and the bond millage for debt service requirements decreased by 1.0 mills to reflect the amount of collections necessary for each levy. The decrease in grants and entitlements was due primarily to the School District being awarded the Ohio School Facilities Commission grant during fiscal year 2014 in the amount of \$14,598,522 for the construction of a new elementary building.

In November of 2002, the residents of the School District approved a \$23,950,000 bond levy as part of the Expedited Local Partnership Program. The School District built a new high school and renovated the middle school during phase one and one new elementary building will be built during phase two. Phase one construction costs were funded entirely by local monies. Phase two will be funded with the Ohio School Facilities Commission grant which the School District as mentioned above. On September 18, 2013, the School District Board of Education approved a resolution to move forward with phase two of the project. On September 18, 2013, the local portion of the Ohio School Facilities Commission project was approved. Transfers in the amount of \$600,000 from the General Fund and transfers in the amount of \$2,471,932 from the Permanent Improvement Fund were approved by the Board of Education. The transfers were receipted into the Classroom Facilities Maintenance Special Revenue Fund in the amount of \$700,000 and into the Classroom Facilities Project Capital Project Fund in the amount of \$2,371,932. The School District also took action to approve the receipt of \$120,000 in payment in lieu of taxes into the Classroom Facilities Maintenance Special Revenue Fund for the next twenty-three years. Due to the approval of this agreement between the School District and the Ohio School Facilities Commission, no local levy was necessary for the Classroom Facilities Maintenance Special Revenue Fund and the School District was granted \$14,598,522 by the Ohio School Facilities Commission.

Instructional programs comprise approximately 61 percent of total governmental program expenses. Of the instructional expenses, approximately 75 percent is for regular instruction, 24 percent for special instruction and intergovernmental and 1 percent for vocational instruction.

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Support services comprise approximately 31 percent of governmental program expenses of the School District.

The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services, grants, and contributions offsetting those services. Table 3 shows the total cost of services and the net cost of services. In other words, it identifies the cost of those services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted entitlements.

Table 3 - Governmental Activities

	2015 Total Cost of Services	2015 Net Cost of Services	2014 Total Cost of Services	2014 Net Cost of Services
Program Expenses				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$8,794,087	\$6,916,893	\$8,739,166	\$6,329,243
Special	2,766,902	1,325,053	2,441,056	999,375
Intergovernmental	39,675	0	10,769	0
Vocational	174,947	143,133	150,487	126,271
Student Intervention Services	13,362	13,362	41,701	41,701
Support Services:				
Pupils	756,368	558,452	562,124	502,239
Instructional Staff	650,384	648,866	653,261	372,427
Board of Education	27,459	27,034	19,058	19,058
Administration	1,356,497	1,297,971	1,381,357	1,276,479
Fiscal	480,167	314,634	470,939	274,005
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,557,684	1,525,931	1,609,420	1,578,210
Pupil Transportation	1,120,234	1,088,390	1,120,722	1,120,722
Central	14,446	7,246	55,333	49,096
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:				
Food Service Operations	758,607	174,724	809,691	208,331
Other Non-Instructional Services	11,140	7,578	12,394	9,400
Extracurricular Activities	249,528	120,418	252,272	41,483
Interest and Fiscal Charges	598,512	598,512	570,029	570,029
Totals	\$19,369,999	\$14,768,197	\$18,899,779	\$13,518,069

The dependence upon tax revenues and state subsidies for governmental activities is apparent. For 2015, only 24 percent of the governmental activities performed by the School District are supported through program revenues such as charges for services, grants, contributions, and interest. The remaining 76 percent is provided through taxes and entitlements.

The School District Funds

The School District's major funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. All governmental funds had total revenues of \$27,463,721, expenditures of \$21,496,794, and other financing sources and (uses) of \$81,242.

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General Fund

The fund balance of the General Fund at June 30, 2015 is \$3,900,415, an increase of \$218,940 from fiscal year 2014. The increase is due to revenues exceeding expenditures during the fiscal year as the School District closely monitors expenditures to make sure that the School District continues to maintain a healthy fund balance.

Other Governmental Major Funds

Debt Service Fund

The fund balance of the Debt Service Fund at June 30, 2015 is \$3,330,558, a decrease of \$53,007 from the prior year. This decrease is due to the debt service payments exceeding the revenue received.

Classroom Facilities Fund

The fund balance of the Classroom Facilities Capital Projects Fund at June 30, 2015 is \$8,226,858, an increase of \$5,115,225 from the prior year. Fiscal year 2015 represents the second year of the School District's Ohio School Facilities Commission program for the construction of a new elementary school building. The School District was awarded \$14,598,522 from the Ohio School Facilities Commission program for the construction of this new building. The local share of the project had been provided through via transfers from General Fund in the amount of \$600,000 and transfers from the Permanent Improvement Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$1,771,932 during fiscal year 2014.

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

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

During the course of fiscal 2015, the School District approved original appropriations in the amount of \$16,874,335. The original appropriations were increased and final appropriations were \$16,909,454. Final appropriations exceeded final expenditures by \$699,831.

The School District received \$191,849 more in revenues and other financing sources than was expected during fiscal year 2015. Budget basis revenues and other financing sources were \$15,846,333 for the original budgeted revenues and \$15,946,333 for the final budgeted revenues. The increase from the original budgeted revenue to the final budgeted revenues was due to an increase in intergovernmental revenues.

The School District's ending General Fund budgetary balance was \$1,669,365.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2015, the School District had \$21,641,512 invested in land, land improvements, construction in progress, buildings, furniture and equipment, and vehicles. Table 4 shows fiscal year 2015 balances compared to 2014.

West Muskingum Local School District, Ohio
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015
Unaudited

Table 4
Capital Assets at June 30
(Net of Depreciation)

	Government Activities	
	2015	2014
Land and Land Improvements	\$1,175,936	\$1,326,229
Construction in Progress	2,501,371	287,100
Buildings and Improvements	17,484,421	18,216,822
Furniture and Equipment	171,929	227,506
Vehicles	307,855	291,727
Totals	\$21,641,512	\$20,349,384

See Note 9 for additional information regarding capital assets.

Debt

At June 30, 2015, the School District had \$19,198,185 outstanding in 2012 refunding bonds and 2013 refunding bonds (including premiums, discounts, and capital appreciation bonds accretion), with \$825,000 being due within one year. The bonds were issued for school facilities construction and improvements. During fiscal year 2015, the School District made principal payments in the amount of \$780,000. Both bonds will be fully repaid by fiscal year 2031. Capital leases outstanding at June 30, 2015 were \$1,417,918 with \$71,011 due in one year. See Note 16 for more detailed information of the School District's debt. The net pension liability under GASB 68 is also reported as a long-term obligation that has been previously disclosed within the management's discussion and analysis.

Economic Factors

The current state of the economy has forced the School District to closely monitor the five year forecast and to continue to seek ways to avoid deficit spending. The School District has been making budget cuts since 2005. The West Muskingum Board of Education was pleased that after eight consecutive operating levy defeats, a 5.9 mill, Five Year, Emergency Levy was placed on the ballot and approved by the voters on Election Day, May 7, 2013. The passage of the 5.9 mill, 5 year, emergency levy has allowed the School District a proactive opportunity to maintain current programs and services moving forward. For fiscal year 2015, the School District received its first full year of collections from the new 5.9 mill emergency levy. The levy is anticipated to generate an estimated \$1,777,741 per year, less estimated delinquencies through fiscal year 2018. In fiscal year 2019 the School District will receive an estimated final half year allocation of levy proceeds in the amount of \$888,871. Total levy proceeds the School District will receive over the five year period is estimated to be \$8,888,706.

Contacting the School District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to show the School District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Kimberly Moyer, Treasurer at West Muskingum Local School District, 4880 West Pike, Zanesville, Ohio 43701. You may also e-mail the treasurer at kmoyer@laca.org.

West Muskingum Local School District, Ohio

Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2015

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$17,513,087
Accounts Receivable	7,216
Intergovernmental Receivable	6,589,790
Prepaid Items	87,700
Inventory Held for Resale	29,201
Accrued Interest Receivable	1,598
Materials and Supplies Inventory	21,687
Property Taxes Receivable	8,690,584
Payment in Lieu of Taxes Receivable	278,816
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	3,096,686
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	18,544,826
<i>Total Assets</i>	54,861,191
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Deferred Charge on Refunding	737,174
Pension	1,222,933
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	1,960,107
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	108,426
Accrued Wages and Benefits	1,237,879
Contracts Payable	1,292,177
Accrued Interest Payable	37,478
Intergovernmental Payable	326,452
Retainage Payable	37,860
Claims Payable	424,932
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Due Within One Year	964,813
Due In More Than One Year:	
Net Pension Liability (See Note 13)	16,540,989
Other Amounts Due in More Than One Year	20,306,739
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	41,277,745
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Property Taxes	4,961,010
Pension	2,990,615
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	7,951,625
Net Position	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	1,967,675
Restricted for:	
Capital Projects	16,164,410
Debt Service	3,044,563
Classroom Facilities Maintenance	1,060,000
Other Purposes	208,933
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(14,853,653)
<i>Total Net Position</i>	\$7,591,928

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

West Muskingum Local School District, Ohio

Balance Sheet

Governmental Funds

June 30, 2015

	General	Debt Service	Classroom Facilities	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets					
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$2,163,087	\$2,895,209	\$9,560,476	\$2,545,593	\$17,164,365
Accounts Receivable	7,166	0	0	50	7,216
Payment in Lieu of Taxes Receivable	0	2,652	0	276,164	278,816
Interfund Receivable	10,917	0	0	0	10,917
Intergovernmental Receivable	48,639	0	6,257,267	283,884	6,589,790
Accrued Interest Receivable	1,598	0	0	0	1,598
Prepaid Items	73,450	0	14,250	0	87,700
Inventory Held for Resale	0	0	0	29,201	29,201
Materials and Supplies Inventory	20,424	0	0	1,263	21,687
Property Taxes Receivable	7,601,759	1,088,825	0	0	8,690,584
Total Assets	\$9,927,040	\$3,986,686	\$15,831,993	\$3,136,155	\$32,881,874
Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	\$94,598	\$0	\$1,358	\$12,470	\$108,426
Accrued Wages and Benefits	969,281	0	0	151,541	1,120,822
Contracts Payable	0	0	1,292,177	0	1,292,177
Retainage Payable	0	0	37,860	0	37,860
Interfund Payable	0	0	0	10,917	10,917
Intergovernmental Payable	275,054	0	16,473	34,925	326,452
Total Liabilities	1,338,933	0	1,347,868	209,853	2,896,654
Deferred Inflows of Resources					
Property Taxes	4,353,120	607,890	0	0	4,961,010
Unavailable Revenues	334,572	48,238	6,257,267	346,879	6,986,956
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	4,687,692	656,128	6,257,267	346,879	11,947,966
Fund Balances					
Nonspendable	93,874	0	14,250	1,263	109,387
Restricted	0	3,330,558	8,212,608	1,271,420	12,814,586
Committed	279,169	0	0	43,854	323,023
Assigned	3,421,827	0	0	1,265,500	4,687,327
Unassigned (Deficit)	105,545	0	0	(2,614)	102,931
Total Fund Balances	3,900,415	3,330,558	8,226,858	2,579,423	18,037,254
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	\$9,927,040	\$3,986,686	\$15,831,993	\$3,136,155	\$32,881,874

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

West Muskingum Local School District, Ohio
*Reconciliation of Total Governmental Funds Balances to
 Net Position of Governmental Activities
 June 30, 2015*

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$18,037,254
 <i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because of the following:</i>	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	21,641,512
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, shown as deferred inflows of resources in the funds:	
Property Taxes Receivable	350,771
Payment in Lieu of Taxes Receivable	278,816
Accrued Interest Receivable	612
Tuition and Fees	83
Intergovernmental Receivable	6,356,029
Miscellaneous Revenue	645
	6,986,956
An internal service fund is used by management to charge the costs of insurance to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service fund are included in governmental activities in the statement of net position.	(193,267)
Accrued interest payable is not due and payable in the current period and therefore is not reported in the funds.	(37,478)
Deferred outflows of resources represent deferred charges on refundings which are not reported in the funds.	737,174
Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, not reported in the funds:	
Bonds Payable	(17,878,905)
Bond Premium	(1,100,057)
Bond Discount	77,532
Capital Appreciation Bonds Accretion	(296,755)
Capital Leases Payable	(1,417,918)
Compensated Absences	(655,449)
	(21,271,552)
The net pension liability is not due and payable in the current period; therefore, the liability and related deferred inflows/outflows are not reported in the governmental funds:	
Deferred Outflows - Pension	1,222,933
Net Pension Liability	(16,540,989)
Deferred Inflows - Pension	(2,990,615)
	(18,308,671)
Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$7,591,928

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

West Muskingum Local School District, Ohio
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

	General	Debt Service	Classroom Facilities	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues					
Property Taxes	\$7,089,170	\$1,054,839	\$0	\$0	\$8,144,009
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	0	2,652	0	276,164	278,816
Intergovernmental	7,086,326	165,533	7,314,803	2,361,598	16,928,260
Interest	21,101	0	443	38	21,582
Tuition and Fees	1,657,313	0	0	0	1,657,313
Extracurricular Activities	52,618	0	0	128,535	181,153
Rentals	300	0	0	0	300
Charges for Services	0	0	0	212,919	212,919
Contributions and Donations	0	0	0	2,275	2,275
Miscellaneous	34,874	0	0	2,220	37,094
Total Revenues	15,941,702	1,223,024	7,315,246	2,983,749	27,463,721
Expenditures					
Current:					
Instruction:					
Regular	7,753,028	0	0	576,367	8,329,395
Special	1,760,710	0	0	920,799	2,681,509
Vocational	148,723	0	0	0	148,723
Student Intervention Services	19,238	0	0	0	19,238
Support Services:					
Pupils	571,375	0	0	172,400	743,775
Instructional Staff	329,523	0	0	282,896	612,419
Board of Education	27,459	0	0	0	27,459
Administration	1,287,642	0	0	274	1,287,916
Fiscal	455,646	26,334	0	1	481,981
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,494,354	0	0	0	1,494,354
Pupil Transportation	1,119,566	0	0	0	1,119,566
Central	6,713	0	0	7,200	13,913
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:					
Food Service Operations	0	0	0	674,965	674,965
Other Non-Instructional Services	7,405	0	0	3,735	11,140
Extracurricular Activities	69,549	0	0	149,668	219,217
Intergovernmental	0	0	0	39,675	39,675
Capital Outlay	0	0	2,200,021	0	2,200,021
Debt Service:					
Principal Retirement	67,776	780,000	0	0	847,776
Interest and Fiscal Charges	74,055	469,697	0	0	543,752
Total Expenditures	15,192,762	1,276,031	2,200,021	2,827,980	21,496,794
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures:	748,940	(53,007)	5,115,225	155,769	5,966,927
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	5,000	0	0	76,242	81,242
Transfers In	0	0	0	535,000	535,000
Transfers Out	(535,000)	0	0	0	(535,000)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(530,000)	0	0	611,242	81,242
Net Change in Fund Balances	218,940	(53,007)	5,115,225	767,011	6,048,169
Fund Balances Beginning of Year	3,681,475	3,383,565	3,111,633	1,812,412	11,989,085
Fund Balances End of Year	<u>\$3,900,415</u>	<u>\$3,330,558</u>	<u>\$8,226,858</u>	<u>\$2,579,423</u>	<u>\$18,037,254</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

West Muskingum Local School District, 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 \$6,048,169

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

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.

This is the amount by which capital outlay exceeded depreciation in the current year:

Capital Assets Additions	2,341,088	
Current Year Depreciation	<u>(876,127)</u>	1,464,961

Governmental funds only report the disposal of assets to the extent proceeds are received from the sale. In the statement of activities, a gain or loss is reported for each disposal. This is the amount of the proceeds and the loss on disposal of assets:

Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	(81,242)	
Loss on the Sale of Capital Assets	<u>(91,591)</u>	(172,833)

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

Property Taxes	32,939	
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	95,796	
Accounts Receivable	645	
Intergovernmental	(7,949,435)	
Tuition and Fees	83	
Interest	<u>(1)</u>	(7,819,973)

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

Compensated Absences		(62,302)
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Interest is reported as an expenditure when due in the governmental funds, but is accrued on outstanding debt on the statement of activities. The accretion of capital appreciation bonds and the amortization of premiums and discounts are reported on the statement of activities:

Premium Amortization	134,053	
Discount Amortization	(4,924)	
Accretion of the Capital Appreciation Bonds	(138,097)	
Accrued Interest Payable	<u>919</u>	(8,049)

Repayment of principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.

847,776

The difference between the net carrying amount of the refunded debt and the acquisition price is allocated over the life of the outstanding debt on the statement of activities.

(46,711)

The internal service fund used by management to charge the costs of insurance to individual funds is not reported in the district-wide statement of activities. The net loss of the internal service fund is reported with governmental activities.

(338,038)

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

1,067,109

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

(705,556)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities

\$274,553

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

West Muskingum Local School District, Ohio
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis)
General Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final	Actual	
Revenues				
Property Taxes	\$7,422,061	\$7,422,061	\$7,312,877	(\$109,184)
Intergovernmental	6,794,355	6,894,355	7,110,779	216,424
Interest	10,000	10,000	17,198	7,198
Tuition and Fees	1,591,000	1,591,000	1,656,986	65,986
Rent	0	0	300	300
Miscellaneous	28,917	28,917	35,042	6,125
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>15,846,333</u>	<u>15,946,333</u>	<u>16,133,182</u>	<u>186,849</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	8,200,728	7,985,458	7,943,633	41,825
Special	1,867,879	1,906,928	1,822,787	84,141
Vocational	142,848	149,670	151,373	(1,703)
Student Intervention Services	46,359	26,200	13,670	12,530
Support Services:				
Pupils	498,831	464,860	581,553	(116,693)
Instructional Staff	380,046	383,556	322,569	60,987
Board of Education	38,986	33,807	27,565	6,242
Administration	1,273,925	1,299,829	1,254,117	45,712
Fiscal	537,180	495,815	472,566	23,249
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,813,149	1,883,359	1,657,408	225,951
Pupil Transportation	1,356,933	1,511,662	1,232,432	279,230
Central	16,000	16,000	6,713	9,287
Non-Instructional Services	6,950	6,950	7,405	(455)
Extracurricular Activities	37,057	87,896	58,367	29,529
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	53,000	53,000	53,000	0
Interest and Fiscal Charges	69,464	69,464	69,465	(1)
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>16,339,335</u>	<u>16,374,454</u>	<u>15,674,623</u>	<u>699,831</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under)</i>				
<i>Expenditures</i>	<u>(493,002)</u>	<u>(428,121)</u>	<u>458,559</u>	<u>886,680</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	0	0	5,000	5,000
Transfers Out	(535,000)	(535,000)	(535,000)	0
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<u>(535,000)</u>	<u>(535,000)</u>	<u>(530,000)</u>	<u>5,000</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	(1,028,002)	(963,121)	(71,441)	891,680
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	1,155,086	1,155,086	1,155,086	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	585,720	585,720	585,720	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u>\$712,804</u>	<u>\$777,685</u>	<u>\$1,669,365</u>	<u>\$891,680</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

West Muskingum Local School District, Ohio

Statement of Fund Net Position

Internal Service Fund

June 30, 2015

	<u>Self- Insurance</u>
Current Assets	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$348,722</u>
Current Liabilities	
Unearned Revenue	117,057
Claims Payable	<u>424,932</u>
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>541,989</u>
Net Position	
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u><u>(\$193,267)</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

West Muskingum Local School District, Ohio
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position
Internal Service Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Self- Insurance
Operating Revenues	
Charges for Services	\$2,099,796
Operating Expenses	
Purchased Services	549,224
Claims	1,889,414
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	2,438,638
<i>Operating Loss</i>	(338,842)
Non-Operating Revenues	
Interest Income	804
<i>Change in Net Position</i>	(338,038)
<i>Net Position at Beginning of Year</i>	144,771
<i>Net Position (Deficit) at End of Year</i>	(\$193,267)

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

West Muskingum Local School District, Ohio

Statement of Cash Flows

Internal Service Fund

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

	<u>Self- Insurance</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities	
Cash Received from Transactions with Other Funds	\$2,114,337
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Services	(549,224)
Cash Payments for Claims	<u>(1,849,389)</u>
<i>Net Cash Used for Operating Activities</i>	(284,276)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	
Interest on Investments	<u>857</u>
<i>Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents</i>	(283,419)
<i>Cash and Cash Equivalents Beginning of Year</i>	<u>632,141</u>
<i>Cash and Cash Equivalents End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$348,722</u></u>
Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	
Operating Loss	(\$338,842)
Changes in Assets and Liabilities	
Increase in Unearned Revenue	14,541
Increase in Claims Payable	<u>40,025</u>
<i>Net Cash Used for Operating Activities</i>	<u><u>(\$284,276)</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

West Muskingum Local School District, Ohio

Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities

Agency Funds

June 30, 2015

Assets	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$61,667
Cash and Cash Equivalents in Segregated Accounts	<u>47,114</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u><u>\$108,781</u></u>
Liabilities	
Due to Students	\$61,667
Intergovernmental Payable	<u>47,114</u>
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u><u>\$108,781</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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West Muskingum Local School District, Ohio

*Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015*

Note 1 - Description of the School District and Reporting Entity

West Muskingum Local School District (the "School District") is organized under Article VI, Sections 2 and 3 of the Constitution of the State of Ohio. The School District was formed in 1960 and operates under a locally-elected Board form of government consisting of five members elected at-large for staggered four year terms. The School District provides educational services as authorized by State statute and federal guidelines.

The School District is staffed by 70 classified employees, 109 certificated full-time teaching personnel, and 12 administrative employees who provide services to 1,575 students and other community members. The School District currently operates four instructional buildings and one administrative building.

Reporting Entity

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

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

The School District participates in five jointly governed organizations and two insurance purchasing pools. These organizations are the Licking Area Computer Association, the Mid-East Career and Technology Center, the Metropolitan Educational Technology Association, the Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools, the Educational Regional Service System Region 12, the Ohio SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Program, and the Ohio School Plan. These organizations are presented in Notes 17 and 18 to the basic financial statements.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

West Muskingum Local School District, Ohio

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

A. Basis of Presentation

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

Government-wide Financial Statements The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the School District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. The activity of the internal service fund is eliminated to avoid doubling up revenues and expenses. The statements usually distinguish between those activities of the School District that are governmental (primarily supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues) and those that are considered business-type activities (primarily supported by fees and charges). The School District has no business-type activities.

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

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

B. Fund Accounting

The School District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self balancing set of accounts. 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 of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources is reported as fund balance. The General Fund, Debt Service Fund, and the Classroom Facilities Capital Projects Fund are the major funds of the School District. The following is a description of these funds:

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General Fund The General Fund accounts for and reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The General Fund balance is available to the School District for any purpose, provided it is expended and transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Debt Service Fund The Debt Service Fund accounts for and reports property tax revenues restricted for the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs.

Classroom Facilities Fund The Classroom Facilities Capital Projects Fund is used to account for the receipts and expenditures from the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission for the construction of a new elementary school building.

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

Proprietary Fund Type Proprietary fund reporting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows. Proprietary funds are classified as enterprise or internal service; the School District has no enterprise funds.

Internal Service Fund The Internal Service Fund accounts for the financing of services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the School District on a cost reimbursement basis. The School District's only Internal Service Fund accounts for the operation of the School District's self-insurance program for employee medical, surgical, prescription drug, dental, and vision claims.

Fiduciary Fund Type 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 School District under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are therefore not available to support the School District's own programs. The School District does not have any trust funds. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The School District's agency funds account for student managed activities, payroll activities, and tournament activities.

C. Measurement Focus

Government-wide Financial Statements The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and deferred outflows of resources and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of the School District are included on the statement of net position. The statement of activities presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net position.

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

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Like the government-wide statements, the proprietary fund is accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and deferred outflows of resources and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of this fund are included on the statement of net position. The statement of changes in fund net position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the School District finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activity.

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. Proprietary and fiduciary funds also use the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and the modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue in the recording of deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

Revenues - Exchange and Non-Exchange Transactions Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. 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 School District, available means expected to be received within 60 days of fiscal year end.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the School District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. On the accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied (See Note 7). Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the School District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School District on a reimbursement basis.

On a modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized. Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at fiscal year end: property taxes available as an advance, payment in lieu of taxes, interest, tuition, grants, fees, and rentals.

Unearned revenue represents amounts under the accrual and modified accrual basis of accounting for which asset recognition criteria have been met, but for which revenue recognition criteria have not yet been met because such amounts have not yet been earned.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources In addition to assets, the statements of financial position will sometimes 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 School District, deferred outflows of resources are reported on the government-wide statement of net position for pension. A deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt. The deferred outflows of resources related to pension are explained in Note 13.

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In addition to liabilities, the statements of financial position 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 School District deferred inflows of resources include property taxes, pension, and unavailable revenue. Property taxes represent amounts for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of June 30, 2015, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2016 operations. These amounts have been recorded as a deferred inflow 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 School District unavailable revenue includes delinquent property taxes and intergovernmental grants. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period the amounts become available. Deferred inflows of resources related to pension are reported on the government-wide statement of net position. (See Note 13)

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

The purpose of 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. Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

The School District has a segregated bank account for payroll. This checking account is presented on the financial statements as cash and cash equivalents in segregated accounts since it is kept separate from the School District treasury.

During fiscal year 2015, investments were limited to federal agency securities.

Following Ohio statutes, the Board of Education has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest revenue credited to the General Fund during fiscal year 2015 amounted to \$21,101, which includes \$13,666 assigned from other School District funds.

Investments of the cash management pool and investments with original maturities of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the School District are presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months not purchased from the pool are reported as investments.

F. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2015, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and an expenditure/expense is reported in the fiscal year in which services are consumed.

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G. Inventory

Inventories are presented at cost on a first-in, first-out basis and are expended/expensed when used.

Inventories of governmental funds consist of expendable supplies held for consumption and donated and purchased food held for resale.

H. Capital Assets

The School District's only capital assets are general capital assets. General capital assets are those assets not specifically related to activities reported in proprietary funds. These assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the fiscal year. The School District was able to estimate the historical cost for the initial reporting of capital assets by backtrending (i.e., estimating the current replacement cost of the assets to be capitalized and using an appropriate price-index to deflate the costs to the acquisition year or estimated acquisition year). Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The School District maintains a capitalization threshold of five thousand dollars. The School District does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not.

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

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Land Improvements	10-20 years
Buildings and Improvements	20-40 years
Furniture and Fixtures	5-25 years
Vehicles	8 years

I. Interfund Balances

On fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans and unpaid amounts for interfund services are classified as "interfund receivables/payables". These amounts are eliminated in the governmental and business-type activities columns of the statement of net position.

J. Restricted Assets

Assets are reported as restricted assets when limitations on their use change the normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either externally imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, or laws of other government or imposed by laws through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. See Note 21 for additional information regarding set asides.

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K. Compensated Absences

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

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the vesting method. The liability includes the employees who are currently eligible to receive termination benefits and those the School District has identified as probable of receiving payment in the future. The amount is based on accumulated sick leave and employees' wage rates at fiscal year end, taking into consideration any limits specified in the School District's termination policy. The School District records a liability for accumulated unused sick leave after fifteen years of current service with the School District.

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

On the governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences are recognized as liabilities and expenditures to the extent payments come due each period upon the occurrence of employee resignations and retirements. These amounts are recorded in the account "matured compensated absences payable" in the funds from which these payments will be made. For fiscal year 2015, there was no matured compensated absences payable.

L. 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.

M. 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, compensated absences, and contractually required pension contributions that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current year. Bonds and capital leases are recognized as a liability on the governmental fund financial statements when due.

N. Internal Activity

Transfers within governmental activities are eliminated on the government-wide statements. Internal allocations of overhead expenses from one program to another or within the same program are eliminated on the Statement of Activities. Payments for interfund services provided and used are not eliminated.

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

O. Fund Balance

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

Nonspendable: The nonspendable fund balance category includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form, or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The “not in spendable form” includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash. It also includes the long-term amount of loans and notes receivable, prepaids, as well as property acquired for resale, unless the use of the proceeds from the collection of those receivables or from the sale of those properties is restricted, committed, or assigned.

Restricted: The restricted fund balance category includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by State constitution or external resource providers. Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation (School District Board of Education resolutions).

Enabling legislation authorizes the School District to assess, levy, charge, or otherwise mandates payment of resources (from external resources providers) and includes a legally enforceable requirement that those resources be used only for the specific purposes stipulated in the legislation. Legal enforceability means that the School District can be compelled by an external party such as citizens, public interest groups, or the judiciary to use resources created by enabling legislation only for the purposes specified by the legislation.

Committed: The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action (resolution) of the School District Board of Education. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the School 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 the use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned: Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the School District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. These amounts are assigned by the School District Board of Education. In the General Fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by the School District Board of Education or by State statute. State statute authorizes the School District’s Treasurer to assign fund balance for purchases on order provided such amounts have been lawfully appropriated.

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The School District's Board of Education assigned fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in 2016's appropriated budget.

Unassigned: The unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund and includes amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report deficit balances.

The School District applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are 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 the amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

P. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. Net position restricted for other purposes include music and athletic programs and local, federal, and state grants restricted to expenditure for specified purposes.

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

Q. Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the proprietary fund. For the School District, these revenues are charges for services for self-insurance programs. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the good or service that is the primary activity of the fund. Revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating.

R. 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.

S. Estimates

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

T. Budgetary Data

All funds, other than agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the appropriation resolution, and the certificate of estimated resources, which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting.

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The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amounts that the Board of Education may appropriate. The appropriation resolution is the Board's authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at a level of control selected by the Board. The legal level of control has been established by the Board of Education at the fund level. The Treasurer has been authorized to allocate Board appropriations to the function and object level.

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

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

U. Bond Premium and Discount

On the government-wide financial statement, bond premiums and bond discounts are deferred and amortized over the term of the bonds using the bonds-outstanding method, which approximates the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

V. Deferred Charge on Refunding

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

Note 3 – Changes in Accounting Principles

For fiscal year 2015, the School District has implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions," and Statement No. 71, "Pension Transition for Contributions made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68." GASB Statement No. 68 establishes standards for measuring and recognizing pension liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and expense/expenditure. The implementation of this pronouncement had the following effect on net position as reported June 30, 2014:

Net Position June 30, 2014	\$25,987,599
Adjustments:	
Net Pension Liability	(19,653,962)
Deferred Outflow - Payments Subsequent to Measurement Date	983,738
Restated Net Position June 30, 2014	<u><u>\$7,317,375</u></u>

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

Note 4 – Accountability

The following fund had deficit fund balances as of June 30, 2015:

	<u>Deficit Fund Balances</u>
<u>Special Revenue Fund:</u>	
Food Service	(\$1,351)
<u>Internal Service Fund:</u>	
Self-Insurance	(193,267)

The deficit in the special revenue fund and internal service fund were a result of the application of generally accepted accounting principles. The general fund provides transfers to cover deficit balances; however, this is done when cash is needed rather than when accruals occur.

Note 5 - Budgetary Basis of Accounting

While the School District is 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, disbursements and encumbrances. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis) presented for the General Fund is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the budget basis and GAAP (modified accrual) basis are as follows:

1. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis).
2. Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis).
3. Prepaid items and fair value adjustments for investments are reported on the balance sheet (GAAP basis), but not on the budgetary basis.
4. Encumbrances are treated as expenditures (budget) rather than committed or assigned fund balance (GAAP).
5. Budgetary revenues and expenditures of the Public School Support Fund are reclassified to the General Fund for GAAP Reporting.

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

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Net Change in Fund Balance

GAAP Basis	\$218,940
Net Adjustment for Revenue Accruals	248,502
Net Adjustment for Expenditure Accruals	(48,599)
Beginning of Fiscal Year:	
Prepaid Items	69,881
Fair Value Adjustment for Investments	(5,979)
End of Fiscal Year:	
Prepaid Items	(73,450)
Fair Value Adjustment for Investments	1,575
To reclassify excess of revenues and other sources of financial resources under expenditures and other uses of financial resources into financial statement fund types	(3,170)
Adjustment for Encumbrances	(479,141)
Budget Basis	<u><u>(\$71,441)</u></u>

Note 6 - Deposits and Investments

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

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

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

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

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

1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other 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;

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3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
6. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations describe in division (1) or (2) above;
7. The State Treasurer’s investment pool (STAR Ohio); and,
8. Commercial paper and bankers acceptances if training requirements have been met.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions.

Deposits: Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the School District will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At year end, \$300,318 of the School District’s bank balance of \$16,949,597 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized. Although all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, non-compliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the School District to a successful claim by the FDIC.

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

Investments: As of June 30, 2015, the School District had the following investments:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Maturity</u>
Federal Farm Credit Bank Bonds	\$249,723	11/21/2016
Federal Farm Credit Bank Bonds	249,682	1/30/2018
Federal National Mortgage Association Bonds	258,313	4/30/2018
Total	<u>\$757,718</u>	

Interest Rate Risk: The School District’s investment policy addresses interest rate risk to the extent that it allows the Treasurer to invest funds to a maximum maturity of five years except for commercial paper and bankers’ acceptances which will be limited to 180 days. The Treasurer cannot make investments which she does not reasonably believe can be held until the maturity date.

Credit Risk: The Federal Farm Credit Bank Bonds and the Federal National Mortgage Association Bonds carried a rating by Moody’s of Aaa. The School District has no investment policy that addresses credit risk.

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Concentration of Credit Risk: Concentration of credit risk is defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board as having five percent or more invested in the securities of a single issuer. The School District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer. The following is the School District's allocation as of June 30, 2015:

Investment Issuer	Percentage of Investments
Federal Farm Credit Bank Bonds	65.91
Federal National Mortgage Association Bonds	34.09

Note 7 - Property Taxes

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

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located in the School District. Real property tax revenue received in calendar year 2015 represents collections of calendar year 2014 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2015 were levied after April 1, 2014, on the assessed value listed 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 semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax revenue received in calendar year 2015 represents collections of calendar year 2014 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2014 became a lien 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 currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value.

The School District receives property taxes from Muskingum and Licking Counties. The County Auditors periodically advance to the School District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the County by June 30, 2015, are available to finance fiscal year 2015 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

Accrued property taxes receivable includes real property and public utility property taxes which were measurable as of June 30, 2014 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 reflected as revenue at fiscal year-end. The portion of the receivable not levied to finance current fiscal year operations is offset to deferred inflows of resources – property taxes.

The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2015, was \$3,378,803, \$2,943,454 was available to the General Fund and \$435,349 was available to the Debt Service Fund. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2014, was \$3,746,225, \$3,167,161 was available to the General Fund and \$579,064 was available to the Debt Service Fund.

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

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

	2014 Second- Half Collections		2015 First- Half Collections	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Real Estate	\$289,545,350	96.22%	\$297,465,370	96.25%
Public Utility Personal	11,382,710	3.78%	11,599,350	3.75%
Total	<u>\$300,928,060</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$309,064,720</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$48.80		\$47.60	

The tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation decreased by a 1.2 mills from fiscal year 2014 to fiscal year 2015. The reduction in the bond millage for the emergency levy decreased by 0.2 mills and the bond millage for debt service requirements decreased by 1.0 mills to reflect the amount of collections necessary.

Note 8 - Receivables

Receivables at June 30, 2015, consisted of property taxes, payment in lieu of taxes, accounts (rent, student fees and tuition), intergovernmental grants, and interest. 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. All receivables except property taxes and payment in lieu of taxes are expected to be received within one year.

Property taxes, although ultimately collectible, include some portion of delinquencies that will not be collected within one year.

A summary of principal items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

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	<u>Amounts</u>
Governmental Activities	
Title I Grant	\$106,474
Early Childhood Education	20,535
Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Refund	2,898
Title II-A Grant	74,486
Title VI-B Special Education Grant	53,571
School Employees Retirement System Refund	20,529
E-Rate Reimbursement	27,371
Bureau of Workers' Compensation Refund	521
Ohio Teacher Incentive Grant	14,462
Medicaid Reimbursement	1,302
Trip Reimbursements	943
Ohio School Facilities Commission Program	6,257,267
National School Lunch Program	6,408
Title VI-B Rural and Low Income Grant	3,023
Total	<u>\$6,589,790</u>

On July 22, 2004, Muskingum County entered into an enterprise zone agreement with Worthington Foods, Inc. for the purpose of constructing a new facility, improving an existing building, and acquiring inventory to establish a new distribution facility. To encourage these improvements, the property owner was granted a 100 percent exemption from paying real and personal property taxes on the new construction; however, the property owner is required to make payment in lieu of taxes. The School District has agreed to this project and is being made whole for lost real and personal property taxes by receiving payments in lieu of taxes in an amount equal to the real and personal property taxes that otherwise would have been due each year, pursuant to the financing agreement. Subsequent to the phase out of tangible personal property taxes, the School District will continue to receive payments in lieu of taxes in an amount equal to real property that otherwise would have been due each year. The property owner makes payment in lieu of taxes to Muskingum County which is distributed to the School District. These payments are being use to finance improvements and will continue over ten years.

On December 27, 2006, the City of Zanesville entered into a tax increment financing agreement with Sam's Club, Community Bank, and the Golden Corral for the purpose of public infrastructure improvements consisting of designing, engineering, improving, and constructing a new four-lane roadway and constructing water and sewer upgrades therewith. To encourage these improvements, property owners were granted an exemption from paying real property taxes on the new construction. Sam's Club was granted a 100 percent, thirty-year real property taxes exemption and the Community Bank and Golden Corral were granted a 75 percent, ten year real property taxes exemption. The School District has agreed to this project and is being made whole for lost real property taxes that otherwise would have been due each year, pursuant to the financing agreement. The property owners make payment in lieu of taxes to the City of Zanesville which are distributed to the School District. These payments are being used to finance infrastructure improvements and will continue over ten to thirty years. Based upon the provisions of the agreement, the payments in lieu of taxes include scheduled increases over the thirty year period of the school compensation agreement.

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Note 9 - Capital Assets

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

	Balance June 30, 2014	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2015
Nondepreciable Capital Assets				
Land	\$237,184	\$0	(\$57,708)	\$179,476
Land Improvements	415,839	0	0	415,839
Construction in Progress	287,100	2,214,271	0	2,501,371
Total Non-Depreciable Capital Assets	940,123	2,214,271	(57,708)	3,096,686
Depreciable Capital Assets				
Land Improvements	1,664,266	0	0	1,664,266
Building and Improvements	27,026,454	0	(162,000)	26,864,454
Furniture and Equipment	2,541,968	19,928	0	2,561,896
Vehicles	1,481,199	106,889	(138,367)	1,449,721
Total at Historical Cost	32,713,887	126,817	(300,367)	32,540,337
Less Accumulated Depreciation				
Land Improvements	(991,060)	(92,585)	0	(1,083,645)
Buildings and Improvements	(8,809,632)	(621,026)	50,625	(9,380,033)
Furniture and Equipment	(2,314,462)	(75,505)	0	(2,389,967)
Vehicles	(1,189,472)	(87,011)	134,617	(1,141,866)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(13,304,626)	(876,127) *	185,242	(13,995,511)
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	19,409,261	(749,310)	(115,125)	18,544,826
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$20,349,384	\$1,464,961	(\$172,833)	\$21,641,512

* Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Instruction:	
Regular	\$405,135
Special	79,168
Vocational	30,005
Support Services:	
Pupils	14,213
Instructional Staff	45,615
Administration	56,270
Operation of Maintenance and Plant	72,457
Pupil Transportation	79,989
Central	533
Extracurricular Activities	30,311
Food Service Operations	62,431
Total Depreciation Expense	\$876,127

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Note 10 – Interfund Transactions

Interfund balances at June 30, 2015, consist of the following individual fund receivables and payables:

	<u>Receivable</u>	<u>Payable</u>
Major Fund:		
General Fund	<u>\$10,917</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds:		
Early Childhood Education	0	1,356
Title I	0	397
Title VI-R	0	9,164
Total Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds	<u>0</u>	<u>10,917</u>
Total All Funds	<u><u>\$10,917</u></u>	<u><u>\$10,917</u></u>

Interfund balance/transfers are used to move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them and unrestricted revenues collected in the General Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorization; to segregate and to return money to the fund from which it was originally provided once a project is completed.

	<u>Interfund Transfer In</u>	<u>Interfund Transfer Out</u>
Major Fund:		
General Fund	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$535,000</u>
Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds:		
Permanent Improvement	500,000	0
Technology	35,000	0
Total Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds	<u>535,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total All Funds	<u><u>\$535,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$535,000</u></u>

During fiscal year 2015, the General Fund transferred \$500,000 to the Permanent Improvement Capital Projects Fund for future improvement expenditures. The General Fund also transferred \$35,000 to the Technology Capital Projects Fund for the purchase of technological equipment.

Note 11 - Risk Management

A. Property and Liability

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2015, the School District joined together with other school districts in Ohio to participate in the Ohio School Plan (OSP), a public entity insurance purchasing pool, for insurance coverage. Each individual school district enters into an agreement with the OSP and its premium is based on types of coverage, limits of coverage, and deductibles that it selects. The School District pays this annual premium to the OSP. (See Note 18)

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The types and amounts of coverage are as follows:

Building and Contents-replacement cost (\$1,000 deductible)	\$54,454,441
Flood (\$25,000 deductible)	1,000,000
Earthquake (\$25,000 deductible)	1,000,000
Automobile Liability (\$0 deductible)	2,000,000
Auto Medical Payments	5,000
Uninsured Motorists (\$0 deductible)	1,000,000
General Liability	
Per occurrence	1,000,000
Aggregate Per Year	3,000,000
Educational General Liability (no deductible)	
Per occurrence – Bodily Injury, Property Damage, Sexual Abuse Injury, and Personal and Advertising Injury	2,000,000
General Aggregate Per Year	4,000,000
Products Completed Operations Aggregate	2,000,000
Educational Legal Liability (\$2,500 deductible)	
Errors and Omissions Injury Limit	2,000,000
Aggregate Per Year	4,000,000

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. There has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage from coverage in fiscal year 2014.

B. Worker's Compensation

The School District participates in the workers' compensation program provided by the State of Ohio. The School District participates in the Ohio SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Program (Program), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 18). The Program is intended to achieve lower workers' compensation rates while establishing safer working conditions and environments for participants. The participating school districts continue to pay their own premiums and have the opportunity to receive retrospective premium adjustments based upon the combined performance of the group. Depending upon that performance, the participating school districts can either receive a premium refund or assessment. Employers will pay experience or based rated premiums under the same terms as if they were not in a retro group. The total premium for the entire group is the standard premium of the group. The standard premium serves as the benchmark that is adjusted up and down retroactively. In order to allocate the savings derived by formation of the Program, the Program's executive committee annually calculates the group-retrospective premium based on developed incurred claim losses for the whole group. The new premium is compared to the standard premium. If the retrospective premium is lower than the standard premium, a refund will be distributed to the employers of the group. If the retrospective premium is higher, an assessment will be charged to each participant.

Participation in the Program is limited to school districts that can meet the Program's selection criteria. The firm of Comp Management, Inc. serves as the third party administrator of the Program and provides administrative, cost control, and actuarial services. Each year, the School District pays an enrollment fee to the Program to cover the cost of administering the Program.

The School District may withdraw from the Program if written notice is provided sixty days prior to the prescribed application deadline of the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation. However, the participant is not relieved of the obligation to pay any amounts owed to the Program prior to withdrawal.

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C. Employee Medical Benefits

Medical/surgical and dental insurance is offered to employees through a Self-Insurance Internal Service Fund. Monthly premiums are paid to the fiscal agent who in turn pays the claims on the School District's behalf. The claims liability of \$424,932 reported in the Internal Service Fund at June 30, 2015, is based on an estimate provided by the third party administrator and the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 30, which requires that a liability for unpaid claim costs, including estimates of costs relating to incurred but not reported claims, be reported. The estimate was not affected by incremental claim adjustment expenses and does not include other allocated or unallocated claim adjustment expenses. The School District purchased an aggregate stop-loss coverage policy in the amount of \$1,000,000 annually. In addition, the School District has contracted for an excess stop-loss coverage with a maximum allowable covered expense per individual of \$50,000 annually.

Changes in the fund's claims liability amount in fiscal years 2014 and 2015 were:

	Balance at Beginning of Year	Current Year Claims	Claim Payments	Balance at End of Year
2014	\$270,909	\$1,877,147	\$1,763,149	\$384,907
2015	384,907	1,889,414	1,849,389	424,932

Note 12 - Employee Benefits

A. Compensated Absences

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave benefits are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Classified employees and administrators who are contracted to work 260 days per year earn ten to twenty-five days of vacation per fiscal year, depending upon length of service. Accumulated, unused vacation time is paid to classified employees and administrators upon termination of employment. Teachers do not earn vacation time.

Teachers, administrators, and classified employees earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Sick leave may be accumulated up to a maximum of 230 days for certified and classified employees. Upon retirement, certified and classified employees receive payment for one-fourth of their total sick leave accumulation up to 57.5 days.

B. Insurance

The School District provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to most employees from Assurant Employee Benefits through School Claims Services.

C. Retirement Incentive

Upon reaching 30 years of retirement credit in the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS), teachers become eligible to receive a \$12,000 retirement bonus (incentive), providing they retire in their 30th year. The benefit will be paid in a lump sum payment at the time of retirement. Teachers who receive the bonus and who have worked 25 years or more in the School District receive an additional \$2,000.

Non-certified employees who retire with a minimum of 25 years of SERS service, ten of which have been earned as an employee of the School District, receive an additional five days of severance pay calculated at the employee's rate of pay at the time of retirement.

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At June 30, 2015, no retirement incentives were accrued as a liability.

Note 13 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

Ohio Revised Code limits the School District's obligation for this liability to annually required payments. The School District cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions are financed; however, the School 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 intergovernmental payable on both the accrual and modified accrual bases of accounting.

Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

Plan Description – School 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.

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Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

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

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

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

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

Funding Policy – Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the School 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 School District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$248,615 for fiscal year 2015. Of this amount \$16,937 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

Plan Description – School 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

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25 years of service, or 30 years of service regardless of age. Age and service requirements for retirement will increase effective August 1, 2015, and will continue to increase periodically until they reach age 60 with 35 years of service or age 65 with five years of service on August 1, 2026.

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

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

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

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 School 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 School District's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$818,494 for fiscal year 2015. Of this amount \$110,043 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

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

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the School 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:

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	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$3,062,883	\$13,478,106	\$16,540,989
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.060520%	0.05541196%	
Pension Expense	\$180,866	\$524,690	\$705,556

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

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$26,068	\$129,756	\$155,824
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	248,615	818,494	1,067,109
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$274,683</u>	<u>\$948,250</u>	<u>\$1,222,933</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	<u>\$497,114</u>	<u>\$2,493,501</u>	<u>\$2,990,615</u>

\$1,067,109 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from School 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	(\$117,696)	(\$590,936)	(\$708,632)
2017	(117,696)	(590,936)	(708,632)
2018	(117,696)	(590,936)	(708,632)
2019	<u>(117,958)</u>	<u>(590,937)</u>	<u>(708,895)</u>
Total	<u>(\$471,046)</u>	<u>(\$2,363,745)</u>	<u>(\$2,834,791)</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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<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	15.00	7.50
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

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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 School 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%)
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$4,369,823	\$3,062,883	\$1,963,633

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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<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	100.00 %	

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 School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate The following table presents the School 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 School 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>
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$19,295,379	\$13,478,106	\$8,558,652

B. Social Security System

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the School Employees Retirement System or the State Teachers Retirement System have an option to choose Social Security or the School Employees Retirement System / State Teachers Retirement System. As of June 30, 2015, three members of the Board of Education elected Social Security. The Board's liability is 6.2 percent of wages paid.

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Note 14 - Postemployment Benefits

A. School Employees Retirement System

Health Care Plan Description - The School 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 School District's surcharge obligation was \$130,048.

The School District's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015, 2014, and 2013, were \$47,551, \$31,297, and \$30,275, respectively. For fiscal year 2015, 31.84 percent has been contributed, with the balance being reported as an intergovernmental payable. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal years 2014 and 2013.

B. State Teachers Retirement System

Plan Description - The School 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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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 School District’s contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were \$0, \$52,739, and \$61,732, respectively. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal years 2014 and 2013.

Note 15 - Capitalized Leases

In prior fiscal years, the School District has entered into capitalized leases for copiers, fitness equipment, and to construct, renovate, improve, furnish, and equip an addition to the School District’s existing middle school. Each lease meets the criteria of a capital lease which is defined as a lease which transfers benefits and risks of ownership to the lessee. Capital lease payments are reflected as debt service expenditures in the basic financial statements for the governmental funds.

During fiscal year 2006, the School District entered into a capital lease with the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) Expanded Asset Pooled Financing Program to construct, renovate, improve, furnish, and equip an addition to the School District’s existing middle school. The building and equipment constructed and acquired by the lease has been capitalized in the government-wide statements in the amount of \$1,800,000, which is equal to the present value of the future minimum lease payments at the time of acquisition.

The copiers were originally capitalized in the amount of \$79,500. This amount represents the present value of the minimum lease payments at the time of acquisition.

The accumulated depreciation on the building and equipment as of June 30, 2015, was \$399,750. Principal payments in fiscal year 2014 totaled \$67,776 in the governmental funds.

The following is a schedule of capital assets acquired through capital leases at June 30, 2015 for governmental funds:

Capitalized Leased Assets	Present Value of Future Minimum Lease Payments	Less Accumulated Depreciation 6/30/2015	Net of Accumulated Depreciation
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>			
Building	\$1,800,000	\$360,000	\$1,440,000
Equipment	79,500	39,750	39,750
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$1,879,500</u>	<u>\$399,750</u>	<u>\$1,479,750</u>

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The agreements provide for minimum annual rental payments as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>OASBO Expanded Asset Pooled Financing Program</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
2016	\$117,084	\$19,466	\$136,550
2017	117,590	19,366	136,956
2018	116,960	16,139	133,099
2019	117,239	0	117,239
2020	117,382	0	117,382
2021-2025	586,244	0	586,244
2026-2030	586,643	0	586,643
2031-2032	234,010	0	234,010
Total Minimum Lease Payments	<u>1,993,152</u>	<u>54,971</u>	<u>2,048,123</u>
Less: Amount Representing Interest	<u>(624,152)</u>	<u>(6,053)</u>	<u>(630,205)</u>
Present Value of Minimum Lease Payments	<u><u>\$1,369,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$48,918</u></u>	<u><u>1,417,918</u></u>

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Note 16 - Long Term Obligations

The changes in the School District's long-term obligations during the year consist of the following:

	Principal Outstanding 6/30/2014	Additions	Reductions	Principal Outstanding 6/30/2015	Amounts Due in One Year
Governmental Activities					
<i>School Facilities Construction and Improvement Refunding Bonds 2012</i>					
Serial Bonds - \$6,105,000 1.50%-3.125%	\$5,915,000	\$0	\$440,000	\$5,475,000	\$445,000
Term Bonds - \$1,735,000 3.00%	1,735,000	0	0	1,735,000	0
Capital Appreciation Bonds - \$159,593 2.15%-2.37%	159,593	0	0	159,593	0
Capital Appreciation Bonds Accretion	107,913	76,191	0	184,104	0
Serial Bond Premium	73,348	0	4,315	69,033	0
Capital Appreciation Bonds Premium	475,200	0	79,200	396,000	0
Serial/Term Bond Discount	(40,953)	0	(2,409)	(38,544)	0
<i>School Facilities Construction and Improvement Refunding Bonds 2013</i>					
Serial Bonds - \$9,795,000 2.00%-3.00%	9,620,000	0	340,000	9,280,000	380,000
Term Bonds - \$1,170,000 3.00%	1,170,000	0	0	1,170,000	0
Capital Appreciation Bonds - \$59,312	59,312	0	0	59,312	0
Capital Appreciation Bonds Accretion	50,745	61,906	0	112,651	0
Serial Bond Premium	197,676	0	20,969	176,707	0
Capital Appreciation Bonds Premium	487,886	0	29,569	458,317	0
Serial/Term Bond Discount	(41,503)	0	(2,515)	(38,988)	0
Total General Obligation Bonds	19,969,217	138,097	909,129	19,198,185	825,000
<i>Net Pension Liability:</i>					
SERS	3,598,930	0	536,047	3,062,883	0
STRS	16,055,032	0	2,576,926	13,478,106	0
Total Net Pension Liability	19,653,962	0	3,112,973	16,540,989	0
<i>Capital Leases</i>	1,485,694	0	67,776	1,417,918	71,011
<i>Compensated Absences Payable</i>	593,147	162,576	100,274	655,449	68,802
Total Governmental Activities Long-Term Liabilities	\$41,702,020	\$300,673	\$4,190,152	\$37,812,541	\$964,813

On May 8, 2012, the School District issued \$7,999,593 School Facilities Construction and Improvement Refunding Bonds that were issued to partially refund the 2003 School Facilities Construction and Improvement General Obligation Bonds. The bonds were issued for a nineteen year period with a final maturity at December 1, 2030. The \$7,999,593 bond issue consists of serial bonds of \$6,105,000, \$1,735,000 term bonds, and \$159,593 in capital appreciation bonds. The serial bonds were issued at a premium in the amount of \$81,978. The capital appreciation bonds were issued at a premium in the amount of \$633,600.

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The term bonds and a few serial bonds were issued at a discount in the amount of \$45,771. Issuance costs were \$123,849. The partial advance refunding resulted in a difference between the net carrying amount of the debt and the acquisition price, in the amount of \$500,617. This difference is being reported in the accompanying financial statements as deferred outflows of resources – deferred charge on refunding and is being amortized to interest expense over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. The issuance resulted in a difference (savings) between the cash flows required to service the old debt and the cash flows required to service the new debt in the amount of \$1,257,489. The issuance resulted in a total economic gain in the amount of \$980,556. At the date of refunding, \$8,540,801 was deposited in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the partially refunded 2003 School Facilities Construction and Improvement General Obligation Bonds. As all of the legal steps had been taken to refund the debt, the balance of the outstanding bonds refunded was removed from the School District’s financial statements. On December 2, 2013, the partially refunded 2003 School Facilities Construction and Improvement General Obligation Bonds were called and paid in full and the escrow account was closed.

The term bonds maturing on December 1, 2029 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at a redemption price of 100 percent of the principal amount to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption, on December 1 in the years and in the respective principal amounts as follows:

Year	Principal Amount to be Redeemed
2027	\$565,000
2028	575,000
Total	<u>\$1,140,000</u>

The remaining principal amount of such bonds (\$595,000) will be paid at stated maturity on December 1, 2029.

Principal and interest requirements to retire the 2012 refunding bonds outstanding at June 30, 2015, are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Serial/Term Bonds		Capital Appreciation Bonds		Total
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	
2016	\$445,000	\$185,688	\$0	\$0	\$630,688
2017	445,000	179,013	0	0	624,013
2018	455,000	172,263	0	0	627,263
2019	0	168,850	89,745	375,255	633,850
2020	0	168,850	69,848	395,152	633,850
2021-2025	2,440,000	686,253	0	0	3,126,253
2026-2030	2,810,000	311,644	0	0	3,121,644
2031	615,000	9,608	0	0	624,608
Totals	<u>\$7,210,000</u>	<u>\$1,882,169</u>	<u>\$159,593</u>	<u>\$770,407</u>	<u>\$10,022,169</u>

On January 15, 2013, the School District issued \$11,024,312 School Facilities Construction and Improvement Refunding Bonds that were issued to partially refund the 2003 School Facilities Construction and Improvement General Obligation Bonds. The bonds were issued for an eighteen year period with a final maturity at December 1, 2030. The \$11,024,312 bond issue consists of serial bonds of \$9,795,000, \$1,170,000 term bonds, and \$59,312 in capital appreciation bonds. The serial bonds were issued at a premium in the amount of \$229,131. The capital appreciation bonds were issued at a premium in the amount of \$532,239. The term bonds and serial bonds were issued at a discount in the amount of \$45,276. Issuance costs were \$186,170.

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The partial advance refunding resulted in a difference between the net carrying amount of the debt and the acquisition price, in the amount of \$366,506. This difference is being reported in the accompanying financial statements as deferred outflows of resources – deferred charge on refunding and is being amortized to interest expense over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. The issuance resulted in a difference (savings) between the cash flows required to service the old debt and the cash flows required to service the new debt in the amount of \$2,285,545. The issuance resulted in a total economic gain in the amount of \$1,821,596. At the date of refunding, \$11,548,699 was deposited in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the partially refunded 2003 School Facilities Construction and Improvement General Obligation Bonds. As all of the legal steps had been taken to refund the debt, the balance of the outstanding bonds refunded was removed from the School District’s financial statements. On December 2, 2013, the partially refunded 2003 School Facilities Construction and Improvement General Obligation Bonds were called and paid in full and the escrow account was closed.

The term bonds maturing on December 1, 2028 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at a redemption price of 100 percent of the principal amount to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption, on December 1 in the years and in the respective principal amounts as follows:

	Principal Amount to be
<u>Year</u>	<u>Redeemed</u>
2027	\$555,000

The remaining principal amount of such bonds (\$615,000) will be paid at stated maturity on December 1, 2028.

Principal and interest requirements to retire the 2013 refunding bonds outstanding at June 30, 2015, are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Serial/Term Bonds		Capital Appreciation Bonds		Total
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	
2016	\$380,000	\$272,375	\$0	\$0	\$652,375
2017	325,000	267,089	15,060	69,940	677,089
2018	360,000	261,330	10,205	79,795	711,330
2019	275,000	255,203	15,239	194,761	740,203
2020	110,000	251,058	18,808	386,192	766,058
2021-2025	3,255,000	1,071,376	0	0	4,326,376
2026-2030	4,615,000	531,650	0	0	5,146,650
2031	1,130,000	16,950	0	0	1,146,950
Totals	<u>\$10,450,000</u>	<u>\$2,927,031</u>	<u>\$59,312</u>	<u>\$730,688</u>	<u>\$14,167,031</u>

Capital leases will be paid from the General Fund. Compensated absences will be paid from the General Fund and Food Service Fund.

The School District’s overall legal debt margin at June 30, 2015, was \$13,267,478, with an unvoted debt margin of \$309,065.

The School District pays obligations related to employee compensation from the fund benefitting from their service. For additional information related to the net pension liability, see Note 13.

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Note 17- Jointly Governed Organizations

A. Licking Area Computer Association

The School District is a participant in the Licking Area Computer Association (LACA) which is a computer consortium. LACA is an association which services over thirty entities within the boundaries of Licking, Muskingum, Fairfield, Perry, Knox, Medina, and Franklin Counties. These entities consist of public school districts, private schools, and educational service centers. The organization was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to administrative and instructional functions among member school districts. The governing board of LACA consists of the superintendents from all participating school districts. The continued existence of LACA is not dependent on the School District's continued participation and no equity interest exists.

The LACA constitution states that any school district withdrawing from the Association prior to dissolution forfeits their claim to the Association's capital assets. The School District's total payments to LACA for fiscal year 2015 were \$91,938. Financial statements for LACA can be obtained from their fiscal agent the Career and Technology Education Center of Licking County, 150 South Quentin Road, Newark, OH 43055.

B. Mid-East Career and Technology Center

The Mid-East Career and Technology Center is a jointly governed organization providing vocational education services to its fourteen member school districts. The Center is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a Board consisting of one member from each of the participating school district's boards. The Board exercises total control over the operations of the Center including budgeting, appropriating, contracting, and designating management. The continued existence of the Center is not dependent on the School District's continued participation and no equity interest exists. During fiscal year 2015, the School District made no contributions to the Center. To obtain financial information write to the Mid-East Career and Technology Center, Rick White, Treasurer, at 1965 Chandlersville Road, Zanesville, Ohio 43701.

C. Metropolitan Educational Technology Association

The School District participates in the Metropolitan Educational Technology Association (META), a jointly governed organization created as a regional council of governments pursuant to Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code. META operates as, and has all the powers of, a data acquisition site/information technology center pursuant to applicable provisions of the Ohio Revised Code. The organization was formed for the purpose of identifying, developing, and providing to members and non-members innovative educational and technological services and products, as well as expanded opportunities for cooperative purchasing. The General Assembly of META consists of one delegate from every member school district. The delegate is the superintendent of the school district or the superintendent's designee. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the General Assembly. The General Assembly exercises total control over the operation of META including budgeting, appropriating, contracting, and designating management. The School District paid \$629 to META during fiscal year 2015 for membership fees. Financial information can be obtained from Scott Armstrong, CFO, 100 Executive Drive, Marion, Ohio 43302.

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D. Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools

The Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools is a jointly governed organization including over 130 school districts and other educational institutions in the 35-county region of Ohio designated as Appalachia. The Coalition is operated by a Board which is composed of seventeen members, one elected and one appointed member from each of the seven regions into which the 35 Appalachian counties are divided, and three from Ohio University College of Education. The Board exercises total control over the operations of the Coalition including budgeting, appropriating, contracting, and designating management. The Coalition provides various in-service training programs for school district administrative personnel; gathers data regarding the level of education provided to children in the region; cooperates with other professional groups to assess and develop programs designed to meet the needs of member school districts; and provides staff development programs for school district personnel. The Coalition is not dependent on the continued participation of the School District and the School District does not maintain an equity interest in or financial responsibility for the Coalition. During fiscal year 2015, the School District's paid \$120 to the Coalition for professional development.

E. Educational Regional Service System Region 12

The School District participates in the Educational Regional Service System Region 12 (ERSS), a jointly governed organization consisting of educational entities within Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Monroe, Muskingum, Noble and Tuscarawas counties. The purpose of the ERSS is to provide support services to school districts, community schools, and chartered nonpublic schools within the region by supporting State and school initiatives and efforts to improve school effectiveness and student achievement with a specific reference to the provision of special education and related services. The ERSS is governed by an advisory council, which is the policymaking body for the educational entities within the region, who identifies regional needs and priorities for educational services and develops corresponding policies to coordinate the delivery of services. They are also charged with the responsibility of monitoring the implementation of State and regional initiatives and school improvement efforts. The Advisory Council is made up of the director of the ERSS, the superintendent of each educational service center within the region, the superintendent of the region's largest and smallest school district, the director and an employee from each education technology center, one representative of a four-year institution of higher education and appointed by the Ohio Board of Regents, one representative of a two-year institution of higher education and appointed by the Ohio Association of Community Colleges, three board of education members (one each from a city, exempted village, and local school district within the region), and one business representative. The Advisory Council exercises total control over the operations of ERSS including budgeting, appropriating, contracting, and designating management. Financial information can be obtained from the Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center, 205 N. Seventh Street, Zanesville, Ohio, 43701.

Note 18 - Insurance Purchasing Pools

A. Ohio SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Program

The Ohio SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Program (Program) is a shared risk pool among school districts in Ohio. Section 4123.29, Ohio Revised Code, permits the establishment of employer group retrospective rating plans for workers' compensation rating purposes. The Program is governed by the Ohio School Board Association (OSBA) Executive Committee that consists of seven members as follows: the president of OSBA, Immediate Past President of OSBA, and five representatives elected from the participating school districts.

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The Program, a Bureau of Workers' Compensation certified sponsor, established the program based upon guidelines set forth by the Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC). The Program created a group of school districts that will practice effective workplace safety and claims management to achieve lower premiums for workers compensation coverage than they would individually. The participating school districts continue to pay their own premiums and have the opportunity to receive retrospective premium adjustments based upon the combined performance of the group. Depending upon that performance, the participating school districts can receive either a premium refund or assessment. The Program's third party administrator (TPA), Comp Management, Inc., provides administrative, cost control, and actuarial services to the Program. The cost of the TPA will be paid by each school district in proportion to its payroll to the total payroll of the group. During fiscal year 2015, the School District paid \$3,865 in enrollment fees to the Program.

B. Ohio School Plan

The School District participates in the Ohio School Plan (OSP), and insurance purchasing pool. The OSP is created and organized pursuant to and as authorized by Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code. The OSP is an unincorporated, non-profit association of its members and an instrumentality for each member for the purpose of enabling members of the Plan to provide for a formalized, joint insurance purchasing program to maintain adequate insurance protection, risk management programs and other administrative services. The OSP's business and affairs are conducted by a twelve member Board of Directors consisting of school district superintendents and treasurers. Hylant Administrative Services, LLC is the Administrator of the OSP and is responsible for providing underwriting, claims management, risk management, accounting, system support services, sales, and marketing.

Note 19 - Contingencies

A. Grants

The School District received financial assistance from federal and state 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 General Fund or other applicable funds. However, the effect of any such disallowed claims on the overall financial position of the School District at June 30, 2015, if applicable, cannot be determined at this time.

B. Litigation

As of June 30, 2015, the School District had no pending litigation.

C. School Foundation

School District Foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of each student. Effective for the 2014-2015 school year, traditional school 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 School 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 School District, therefore, any financial statement impact is not determinable at this time.

ODE and management believe this will result in either a receivable to or a liability of the School District.

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Note 20 – Significant Commitments

A. Encumbrances

Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilitate effective cash planning and control. At year end, the amount of encumbrances expected to be honored upon performance by the vendor in the next year were as follows:

Governmental Funds:	
General Fund	\$479,141
Classroom Facilities	14,468,042
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	50,719
Total	<u>\$14,997,902</u>

B. Contractual Commitments

Vendor	Original Contract	Paid to Date	Amount Remaining
Fanning/Howey Associates, Inc.	\$1,305,743	\$921,282	\$384,461
Osborn Engineering	49,298	13,902	35,396
Quandel Construction	15,226,220	2,015,939	13,210,281
Total	<u>\$16,581,261</u>	<u>\$2,951,123</u>	<u>\$13,630,138</u>

Note 21 - Set Asides

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

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

	Capital Improvements Reserve
Set-aside Reserve Balance as of June 30, 2014	\$0
Current Year Set-aside Requirement	259,935
Current Year Offsets	(2,143,157)
Qualifying Disbursements	(79,515)
Total	<u>(\$1,962,737)</u>
Set-aside Balance Carried Forward to Future Fiscal Years	<u>\$0</u>

The School District had qualifying disbursements and offsets during the fiscal year that reduced the set-aside amount below zero. The excess in the capital maintenance set-aside may not be carried forward to reduce the set-aside requirement in future years.

West Muskingum Local School District, Ohio

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Note 22 – Fund Balances

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

Fund Balances	General	Debt Service	Classroom Facilities	Other Governmental Funds	Total
<u>Nonspendable:</u>					
Prepays	\$73,450	\$0	\$14,250	\$0	\$87,700
Materials and Supplies					
Inventory	20,424	0	0	1,263	21,687
<i>Total Nonspendable</i>	<u>93,874</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14,250</u>	<u>1,263</u>	<u>109,387</u>
<u>Restricted for:</u>					
Athletics and Music	0	0	0	590	590
State and Federal Grant					
Expenditures	0	0	0	41,286	41,286
Local Grant Expenditures	0	0	0	4,854	4,854
Debt Service Payments	0	3,330,558	0	0	3,330,558
Capital Improvements	0	0	8,212,608	1,224,690	9,437,298
<i>Total Restricted</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,330,558</u>	<u>8,212,608</u>	<u>1,271,420</u>	<u>12,814,586</u>
<u>Committed to:</u>					
Scholarships	0	0	0	5,422	5,422
Capital Projects	0	0	0	38,432	38,432
Purchases on Order	279,169	0	0	0	279,169
<i>Total Committed</i>	<u>279,169</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>43,854</u>	<u>323,023</u>
<u>Assigned to:</u>					
Capital Improvements	0	0	0	1,265,500	1,265,500
Public School Support	26,648	0	0	0	26,648
Assigned to Subsequent Year's					
Appropriations	3,283,923	0	0	0	3,283,923
Purchases on Order	111,256	0	0	0	111,256
<i>Total Assigned</i>	<u>3,421,827</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,265,500</u>	<u>4,687,327</u>
Unassigned:	105,545	0	0	(2,614)	102,931
<i>Total Fund Balances</i>	<u>\$3,900,415</u>	<u>\$3,330,558</u>	<u>\$8,226,858</u>	<u>\$2,579,423</u>	<u>\$18,037,254</u>

West Muskingum Local School District
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
School Employees Retirement System of Ohio
Last Two Fiscal Years (1)

	2014	2013
School District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.605200%	0.605200%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$3,062,883	\$3,598,930
School District's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$1,773,936	\$1,722,084
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	172.66%	208.99%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	71.70%	65.52%

(1) Information prior to 2013 is not available.

Amounts presented as of the School District's measurement date which is the prior fiscal year end.

West Muskingum Local School District
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio
Last Two Fiscal Years (1)

	2014	2013
School District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.05541196%	0.05541196%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$13,478,106	\$16,055,032
School District's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$5,675,928	\$6,173,231
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	237.46%	260.08%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	74.70%	69.30%

(1) Information prior to 2013 is not available.

Amounts presented as of the School District's measurement date which is the prior fiscal year end.

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West Muskingum Local School District
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the School District Contributions
School Employees Retirement System of Ohio
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$248,615	\$245,867	\$238,336	\$233,999
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(248,615)</u>	<u>(245,867)</u>	<u>(238,336)</u>	<u>(233,999)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
School District Covered-Employee Payroll	\$1,886,307	\$1,773,936	\$1,722,084	\$1,739,769
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	13.18%	13.86%	13.84%	13.45%

<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
\$216,885	\$216,358	\$165,613	\$175,738	\$177,225	\$176,887
<u>(216,885)</u>	<u>(216,358)</u>	<u>(165,613)</u>	<u>(175,738)</u>	<u>(177,225)</u>	<u>(176,887)</u>
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
\$1,725,419	\$1,597,917	\$1,683,058	\$1,789,589	\$1,659,410	\$1,671,900
12.57%	13.54%	9.84%	9.82%	10.68%	10.58%

West Muskingum Local School District
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the School District Contributions
State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$818,494	\$737,871	\$802,520	\$725,031
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(818,494)</u>	<u>(737,871)</u>	<u>(802,520)</u>	<u>(725,031)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
School District Covered-Employee Payroll	\$5,846,386	\$5,675,928	\$6,173,231	\$5,577,162
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	14.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%

<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
\$803,815	\$824,661	\$843,525	\$853,938	\$815,951	\$839,146
<u>(803,815)</u>	<u>(824,661)</u>	<u>(843,525)</u>	<u>(853,938)</u>	<u>(815,951)</u>	<u>(839,146)</u>
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
\$6,183,192	\$6,343,546	\$6,488,654	\$6,568,754	\$6,276,546	\$6,454,969
13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%

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**WEST MUSKINGUM LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

FEDERAL GRANTOR/ Pass Through Grantor Program Title	Grant Year	Federal CFDA Number	Receipts	Disbursements
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</u>				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education:</i>				
Child Nutrition Cluster:				
Non-Cash Assistance (Food Distribution):				
School Breakfast Program	2014/2015	10.553	\$ 2,486	\$ 2,486
National School Lunch Program	2014/2015	10.555	47,225	47,225
Non-Cash Assistance (Food Distribution) Subtotal			<u>49,711</u>	<u>49,711</u>
Cash Assistance:				
School Breakfast Program	2014/2015	10.553	56,583	56,583
National School Lunch Program	2014/2015	10.555	253,262	253,262
Cash Assistance Subtotal			<u>309,845</u>	<u>309,845</u>
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			<u>359,556</u>	<u>359,556</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			359,556	359,556
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</u>				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education:</i>				
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	2014 2015	84.010	83,402 <u>450,326</u>	83,402 <u>450,723</u>
Total Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies			533,728	534,125
Special Education Grants to States	2014 2015	84.027	52,500 <u>271,136</u>	52,500 <u>271,136</u>
Total Special Education Grants to States			323,636	323,636
Rural Education	2014 2015	84.358	2,834 <u>23,162</u>	2,834 <u>23,162</u>
Total Rural Education			25,996	25,996
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	2014 2015	84.367	9,166 <u>73,784</u>	9,166 <u>81,692</u>
Total Improving Teacher Quality State Grants			82,950	90,858
Teacher Incentive Fund:				
Teacher Incentive Fund	2014	84.374	24,425	22,142
Teacher Incentive Fund	2015		230,805	232,061
Assessment Literacy	2014		23,170	10,199
Teacher Leader	2015		39,141	39,141
Total Teacher Incentive Fund			<u>317,541</u>	<u>303,543</u>
ARRA - Race to the Top, Recovery Act:				
Race to the Top Incentives Grant	2014	84.395	5,033	5,033
Race to the Top Incentives Grant	2015		79,057	79,057
Ohio Appalachian Collaboration	2014		51,835	14,774
Total ARRA - Race to the Top, Recovery Act			<u>135,925</u>	<u>98,864</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>1,419,776</u>	<u>1,377,022</u>
Total Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures			<u>\$ 1,779,332</u>	<u>\$ 1,736,578</u>

The Notes to the Schedule of Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures is an integral part of the Schedule.

**WEST MUSKINGUM LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

NOTE A – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

NOTE B – CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER

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

NOTE C – FOOD DONATION PROGRAM

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



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

West Muskingum Local School District
Muskingum County
4880 West Pike
Zanesville, Ohio 43701

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 West Muskingum Local School District, Muskingum County, Ohio (the School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 29, 2016. We noted the School District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement (GASB) No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27* and 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 School 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 School 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 School 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 School 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 School District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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

Dave Yost
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

February 29, 2016



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

West Muskingum Local School District
Muskingum County
4880 West Pike
Zanesville, Ohio 43701

To the Board of Education:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the West Muskingum Local School District's, Muskingum County, Ohio (the School District), compliance with the applicable requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133, Compliance Supplement* that could directly and materially affect each of the School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2015. The *Summary of Auditor's Results* in the accompanying schedule of findings identifies the School District's major federal programs.

Management's Responsibility

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on the School District's compliance for each of the School District's major federal programs based on our audit of the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. Our compliance audit followed auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards for financial audits included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. These standards and OMB Circular A-133 require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether noncompliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the School District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our compliance opinion on the School District's major programs. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the School District's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

The School District's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our compliance audit, we considered the School District's internal control over compliance with the applicable requirements that could directly and materially affect a major federal program, to determine our auditing procedures appropriate for opining on each major federal program's compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or to timely detect and correct, noncompliance with a federal program's applicable compliance requirement. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a federal program compliance requirement will not be prevented, or timely detected and corrected. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with federal program's applicable compliance requirement that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

This report only describes the scope of our internal control over compliance tests and the results of this testing based on OMB Circular A-133 requirements. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Dave Yost
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

February 29, 2016

**WEST MUSKINGUM LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MUSKINGUM COUNTY**

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

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

<i>(d)(1)(i)</i>	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	Were there any material control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(iii)</i>	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
<i>(d)(1)(v)</i>	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(vi)</i>	Are there any reportable findings under § .510(a)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(vii)</i>	Major Programs (list): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Nutrition Cluster – CFDA Nos. 10.553 and 10.555 • Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies - CFDA No. 84.010 	
<i>(d)(1)(viii)</i>	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: > \$300,000 Type B: all others
<i>(d)(1)(ix)</i>	Low Risk Auditee?	No

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

None.

3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None.

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WEST MUSKINGUM LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MUSKINGUM COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
MARCH 17, 2016**