

Wickliffe City School District

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



Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Education
Wickliffe City School District
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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Wickliffe City School District, Lake County, prepared by Ciuni & Panichi, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Wickliffe City School District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

February 4, 2016

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Wickliffe City School District

For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Education
Wickliffe City School District
Wickliffe, Ohio

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Wickliffe City School District (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 2. This responsibility includes determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the circumstances. Management is also responsible for 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 express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the District's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District, as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in cash financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund thereof for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 2.

Basis of Accounting

Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(B) requires the District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis applied to these statements, which is a basis other than generally accepted accounting principles. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 3 to the financial statements, during the year ended June 30, 2015, the Government adopted Governmental Accounting Standard No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pension Plans* and Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 68*. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

Other Matters

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 3 through 10 includes tables of net position, changes in net position, total cost of program services from governmental activities, and general fund disbursements. These tables are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. However, these tables are management's responsibility and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. These tables were subject to the auditing procedures we applied to the basic financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling this information 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 information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. Other than the aforementioned procedures applied to the tables, we applied no procedures to any other information in the Management's Discussion and Analysis, and we express no opinion or any other assurances on it.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 17, 2015 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Ciuni & Paricki, Inc.

Cleveland, Ohio
December 17, 2015

Wickliffe City School District

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

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

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2015 are as follows:

- In total, net position decreased \$1,093,156. Net position of governmental activities decreased \$1,152,818 and net position of business-type activities increased \$59,662 from 2014.
- Total general receipts accounted for \$18,283,505 in receipts or 83 percent of all receipts. Program specific receipts in the form of charges for services and sales, grants, and contributions accounted for \$3,742,138 or 17 percent of total receipts of \$22,025,643.
- The District had \$22,718,479 in disbursements related to governmental activities; \$3,285,137 of these disbursements were offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General receipts supporting governmental activities (primarily taxes and unrestricted grants and entitlements) of \$18,283,505 were not adequate to provide for these programs resulting in a decrease of net position from \$5,977,508 to \$4,824,690.
- The District had \$400,320 in disbursements related to business-type activities and \$457,001 of program specific charges for services, grants and contributions. Total program receipts were adequate to provide for these programs by \$56,681. Additionally, other general receipts totaling \$2,981 resulted in an increase of net position from \$82,226 to \$141,888.
- The District's major governmental fund is the General Fund. The General Fund had \$19,378,724 in receipts and other financing sources and \$20,518,271 in disbursements and other financing uses. The General Fund's fund balance decreased \$1,139,547 from \$5,720,378 to \$4,580,831.

Using these Basic Financial Statements

This annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, as applicable to the District's cash basis of accounting.

Report Components

The Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis and the Statement of Activities – Cash Basis provide information about the cash activities of the District as a whole.

Fund financial statements provide a greater level of detail. Funds are created and maintained on the financial records of the District as a way to segregate money whose use is restricted to a particular specified purpose. These statements present financial information by fund, presenting funds with the largest balances or most activity in separate columns.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited) (continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the government-wide and fund financial statements and provide expanded explanation and detail regarding the information reported in the statements.

Basis of Accounting

The basis of accounting is a set of guidelines that determine when financial events are recorded. The District has elected to present its financial statements on a cash basis of accounting, a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Under the cash basis of accounting, receipts and disbursements are recorded when cash is received or paid.

As a result of using the cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related receipts (such as accounts receivable) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable) are not recorded in the financial statements.

Reporting the District as a Whole

The Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis and Statement of Activities – Cash Basis

The Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis and the Statement of Activities – Cash Basis reflect how the District did financially during fiscal year 2015, within the limitations of cash basis accounting. The Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis presents the cash balances and investments of the governmental and business-type activities of the District at the fiscal year-end. The Statement of Activities – Cash Basis compares cash disbursements with program receipts for each governmental program and business-type activity. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services and grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts. The comparison of cash disbursements with program receipts identifies how each governmental function or business-type activity draws from the District's general receipts.

These statements report the District's cash position and the changes in cash position. Keeping in mind the limitations of the cash basis of accounting, you can think of these changes as one way to measure the District's financial health. Over time, increases, or decreases in the District's cash position is one indicator of whether the District's financial health is improving or deteriorating. When evaluating the District's financial condition, you should also consider other nonfinancial factors as well such as the District's property tax base, the condition of the District's capital assets, the extent of the District's debt obligations, the reliance on non-local financial resources for operations and the need for continued growth in the major local receipt sources such as property taxes.

In the Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis and the Statement of Activities – Cash Basis, the District is divided into two distinct kinds of activities:

Governmental Activities – Most of the District's programs and services are reported here including instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, pupil transportation, and extracurricular activities.

Business-type Activities – These services are provided on a charge for goods or services basis to recover all or a significant portion of the expenses of the goods or services provided. The District's food service, rotary fund, and special enterprise operations are reported as business-type activities.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited) (continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the District's major funds – not the District as a whole. The District establishes separate funds to better manage its many activities and to help demonstrate that money that is restricted as to how it may be used is being spent for the intended purpose. The funds of the District are split into three categories: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary.

Governmental Funds

Most of the District's activities are reported in governmental funds. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed view of the District's governmental operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or less financial resources that can be spent to finance the District's programs. The District's significant governmental funds are presented on the financial statements in separate columns. The information for non-major funds (funds whose activity or balances are not large enough to warrant separate reporting) is combined and presented in total in a single column. The District's only major governmental fund is the General Fund. The programs reported in governmental funds are closely related to those reported in the governmental activities section of the entity-wide statements. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis and the Statement of Activities – Cash Basis) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

Proprietary Funds

When the District charges customers for the services it provides, these services are generally reported in proprietary funds. When the services are provided to the general public, the activity is reported as an enterprise fund. The District has several enterprise funds, the food service, rotary and special enterprise funds. When the services are provided to other department of the District, the service is reported in an internal service fund. The District has one internal service fund to account for employee health care claims.

Fiduciary Funds

The District acts in a trustee capacity as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, and/or other funds. These activities are reported in an agency fund. The District's fiduciary activities are reported in separate Statement of Fiduciary Net Position – Cash Basis on page 23 and Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position – Cash Basis on page 24. These activities are excluded from the District's other financial statements because the assets cannot be utilized by the District to finance its operations.

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Management’s Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited) (continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

The District as a Whole

The Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis provides the perspective of the District as a whole. The table below provides a summary of the District’s net position for fiscal years 2015 and 2014.

Table 1
Net Position

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-Type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Assets:						
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,824,690	\$ 5,909,494	\$ 141,888	\$ 82,226	\$ 4,966,578	\$ 5,991,720
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	<u>-</u>	<u>68,014</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,014</u>
Total assets	<u>4,824,690</u>	<u>5,977,508</u>	<u>141,888</u>	<u>82,226</u>	<u>4,966,578</u>	<u>6,059,734</u>
Net position:						
Restricted for:						
Capital projects	8,129	76,143	-	-	8,129	76,143
Other purposes	386,226	274,257	-	-	386,226	274,257
Unrestricted	<u>4,430,335</u>	<u>5,627,108</u>	<u>141,888</u>	<u>82,226</u>	<u>4,572,223</u>	<u>5,709,334</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 4,824,690</u>	<u>\$ 5,977,508</u>	<u>\$ 141,888</u>	<u>\$ 82,226</u>	<u>\$ 4,966,578</u>	<u>\$ 6,059,734</u>

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a District’s financial position.

Total assets decreased by \$1,093,156 from 2014 to 2015. The decrease was primarily due to an increase in support services and facilities acquisition and construction expenditures.

In order to further understand what makes up the changes in net position for the current year, the following table gives readers further details regarding the results of activities for the current year and the prior year.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited) (continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Table 2
Changes in Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
Cash receipts:						
Program cash receipts:						
Charges for services	\$ 741,664	\$ 933,396	\$ 182,582	\$ 161,088	\$ 924,246	\$ 1,094,484
Operating grants and contributions	<u>2,543,473</u>	<u>2,114,689</u>	<u>274,419</u>	<u>260,973</u>	<u>2,817,892</u>	<u>2,375,662</u>
Total program cash receipts	<u>3,285,137</u>	<u>3,048,085</u>	<u>457,001</u>	<u>422,061</u>	<u>3,742,138</u>	<u>3,470,146</u>
General cash receipts:						
Property taxes	11,756,895	11,461,451	-	-	11,756,895	11,461,451
Grants and entitlements	5,773,229	5,647,042	-	-	5,773,229	5,647,042
Investment earnings	15,301	56,265	-	-	15,301	56,265
Miscellaneous	188,080	63,716	-	-	188,080	63,716
Inception of capital lease	<u>550,000</u>	<u>238,855</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>550,000</u>	<u>238,855</u>
Total general cash receipts	18,283,505	17,467,329	-	-	18,283,505	17,467,329
Transfers	<u>(2,981)</u>	<u>(2,831)</u>	<u>2,981</u>	<u>2,831</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total cash receipts	<u>21,565,661</u>	<u>20,512,583</u>	<u>459,982</u>	<u>424,892</u>	<u>22,025,643</u>	<u>20,937,475</u>
Cash disbursements:						
Program cash disbursements:						
Instruction:						
Regular education	8,473,011	8,010,131	-	-	8,473,011	8,010,131
Special education	3,095,021	3,059,017	-	-	3,095,021	3,059,017
Vocational education	-	6,282	-	-	-	6,282
Other	1,147,381	1,159,273	-	-	1,147,381	1,159,273
Support services:						
Pupil	1,266,282	1,190,880	-	-	1,266,282	1,190,880
Instructional staff	1,388,578	1,010,321	-	-	1,388,578	1,010,321
Board of education	119,651	160,955	-	-	119,651	160,955
Administration	1,503,774	1,504,869	-	-	1,503,774	1,504,869
Fiscal	602,287	601,619	-	-	602,287	601,619
Business	84,888	86,090	-	-	84,888	86,090
Operation and maintenance – plant	1,959,743	1,814,532	-	-	1,959,743	1,814,532
Pupil transportation	896,380	960,196	-	-	896,380	960,196
Central services	266,299	232,860	-	-	266,299	232,860
Operations of non-instructional services	735,434	680,661	-	-	735,434	680,661
Extracurricular activities	403,789	424,252	-	-	403,789	424,252
Facilities acquisition and construction	775,961	9,920	-	-	775,961	9,920
Food service	-	-	337,222	344,155	337,222	344,155
Rotary	-	-	345	3,665	345	3,665
Special enterprise	-	-	<u>62,753</u>	<u>57,245</u>	<u>62,753</u>	<u>57,245</u>
Total cash disbursements	<u>22,718,479</u>	<u>20,911,858</u>	<u>400,320</u>	<u>405,065</u>	<u>23,118,799</u>	<u>21,316,923</u>
Change in net position	\$ <u>(1,152,818)</u>	\$ <u>(399,275)</u>	\$ <u>59,662</u>	\$ <u>19,827</u>	\$ <u>(1,093,156)</u>	\$ <u>(379,448)</u>

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Management’s Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited) (continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Governmental Activities

Net position of the District’s governmental activities decreased \$1,152,818. Total governmental disbursements of \$22,718,479, which does not include a transfer-out made to Business-Type Activities in the amount of \$2,981, were offset by program receipts of \$3,285,137 and general receipts of \$18,283,505. Program receipts supported 14 percent of the total governmental disbursements.

The primary sources of receipts for governmental activities are derived from property taxes and grants and entitlements. These two receipt sources represent 81 percent of total governmental receipts. Property taxes support 52 percent of total disbursements while grants and entitlements supported 25 percent of total disbursements.

The Statement of Activities – Cash Basis shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants off-setting those services. The following table shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services for 2015. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax receipts and unrestricted State grants and entitlements.

Table 3
Total Cost of Program Services from Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of Services		Net (Cost) of Services	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Program cash disbursements:				
Instruction:				
Regular education	\$ 8,473,011	\$ 8,010,131	\$ (7,459,273)	\$ (7,296,598)
Special education	3,095,021	3,059,017	(2,057,935)	(2,103,844)
Vocational education	-	6,282	-	(6,282)
Other	1,147,381	1,159,273	(1,147,381)	(1,159,273)
Support services:				
Pupil	1,266,282	1,190,880	(1,195,020)	(1,124,260)
Instructional staff	1,388,578	1,010,321	(1,388,578)	(1,010,321)
Board of Education	119,651	160,955	(119,651)	(160,955)
Administration	1,503,774	1,504,869	(1,503,774)	(1,504,869)
Fiscal	602,287	601,619	(602,287)	(601,619)
Business	84,888	86,090	(84,888)	(86,090)
Operation and maintenance - plant	1,959,743	1,814,532	(1,958,482)	(1,814,042)
Pupil transportation	896,380	960,196	(896,380)	(960,196)
Central services	266,299	232,860	(262,699)	(227,460)
Operations of non-instructional services	735,434	680,661	(389,597)	(118,636)
Extracurricular activities	403,789	424,252	408,564	320,592
Facilities acquisition and construction	775,961	9,920	(775,961)	(9,920)
Total cash disbursements	\$ <u>22,718,479</u>	\$ <u>20,911,858</u>	\$ <u>(19,433,342)</u>	\$ <u>(17,863,773)</u>

The dependence upon tax receipts during fiscal year 2015 for governmental activities is apparent, as 84 percent of 2015 instruction activities are supported through taxes and other general receipts. The District’s taxpayers, as a whole, are by far the primary support for District’s students.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited) (continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Business-Type Activities

Business-type activities include food service operation, rotary fund and special enterprise fund. These programs had revenues, including transfers, of \$459,982 and disbursements of \$400,320 for fiscal year 2015. This resulted in an increase to net position for the fiscal year of \$59,662.

The District's Funds

Total governmental funds had receipts, including other financing sources, of \$21,923,293 and disbursements, including other financing uses, of \$23,076,009. The District's only major fund is the General Fund. The fund balance of the General Fund decreased \$1,139,547 primarily due to an increase in instructional staff and building improvement services expenditures.

The table that follows assists in illustrating the disbursements of the General Fund:

	<u>2015</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Change</u>
Disbursement by Function:			
Instruction	\$ 11,510,840	\$ 11,280,009	2.05%
Support services	7,740,088	7,062,311	9.60
Operations of non-instructional services	14,248	15,407	(7.52)
Extracurricular activities	285,586	284,606	0.34
Facilities acquisition and construction	<u>775,961</u>	<u>9,920</u>	7,722.19
Total	<u>\$ 20,326,723</u>	<u>\$ 18,652,253</u>	

The most significant percentage change was in facilities acquisition and construction.

General Fund Budget Information

The District's budget is prepared in accordance with Ohio law and is based on the cash basis of accounting, utilizing cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund.

During 2015, the District amended its General Fund budget in anticipation of approval of the Governor's education budget. Final disbursements, not including other financing uses, were budgeted at \$20,905,768 while actual disbursements, not including other financing uses, were \$20,881,553.

The change between original and final budgeted receipts was due to a decrease in property taxes and intergovernmental revenues. The most significant variance from final budget to actual receipts was in Property Taxes in the amount of \$2,219,115 over expected receipts, as the District collected amounts greater than what the Office of the Budget Commission of Lake County estimated, as the estimate does not include total collection or delinquent amounts.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited) (continued)

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The most significant change between original and final budgeted disbursements was for Regular Instruction with a decrease of \$56,540 due to allocation of retirement and insurance benefits.

In summary, receipts were above final expectations. The District ended above budgeted expectations by \$3,501,258; however, the actual General Fund decreased in fund balance by \$1,765,639 for fiscal year 2015.

Capital Assets

The District does not report capital assets, but rather the acquisitions are recorded as disbursements when paid. Capital assets are tracked separately by the District throughout the fiscal year.

Current Financial Related Activities

Wickliffe City School District has continued to maintain services to its students, parents, and community. The Board of Education and administration closely monitor its revenues and expenditures in accordance with its financial forecast.

The financial future of the District is not without its challenges. These challenges are internal and external in nature. The internal challenges will continue to exist as the District must rely heavily on local property taxes to fund its operations. External challenges continue to evolve as the federal, state, and local funding policies dictate.

The District relies heavily on its taxpayers to support its operations. The community support for the schools is strong. The District passed a continuing operating levy in November 2015 and will start collecting on the increased levy in January 2016. The District has communicated to the community that they rely upon their support for the majority of its operations. The community also realizes the income generated by local levies remains relatively constant, therefore, forcing the District to come back to the voters to ask for additional support.

Wickliffe City School District has not anticipated any growth in State revenue. With 55 percent of the taxes for the District coming from local taxpayers, one can see the significant impact this growth would have on the District and ultimately, the residential taxpayers.

As a result of the challenges mentioned above, it is imperative the District's management continue to carefully and prudently plan in order to provide the resources required to meet changing educational needs.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Susan M. Haffey, Treasurer/CFO, at Wickliffe City School District, 2221 Rockefeller Road, Wickliffe, Ohio 44092 or by email at Susan.Haffey@wickliffeschools.org.

Wickliffe City School District

Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis

June 30, 2015

	Primary Government		
	Governmental	Business-	
	Activities	Type	Total
		Activities	
Assets:			
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ <u>4,824,690</u>	\$ <u>141,888</u>	\$ <u>4,966,578</u>
Net position:			
Restricted for:			
Capital projects	8,129	-	8,129
Other purposes	386,226	-	386,226
Unrestricted	<u>4,430,335</u>	<u>141,888</u>	<u>4,572,223</u>
Total net position	\$ <u><u>4,824,690</u></u>	\$ <u><u>141,888</u></u>	\$ <u><u>4,966,578</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Wickliffe City School District

Statement of Activities – Cash Basis

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Cash <u>Disbursements</u>	Program Cash Receipts	
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>
Governmental activities:			
Instruction:			
Regular education	\$ 8,473,011	\$ 44,856	\$ 968,882
Special education	3,095,021	188,058	849,028
Other	1,147,381	-	-
Support services:			
Pupil	1,266,282	71,262	-
Instructional staff	1,388,578	-	-
Board of education	119,651	-	-
Administration	1,503,774	-	-
Fiscal	602,287	-	-
Business	84,888	-	-
Operations and maintenance – plant	1,959,743	1,261	-
Pupil transportation	896,380	-	-
Central services	266,299	-	3,600
Operations and non-instructional services	735,434	345,837	-
Extracurricular activities	403,789	90,390	721,963
Facilities acquisition and construction	<u>775,961</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>22,718,479</u>	<u>741,664</u>	<u>2,543,473</u>
Business-type activities:			
Food service	337,222	112,718	274,419
Rotary	345	679	-
Special enterprise fund	<u>62,753</u>	<u>69,185</u>	<u>-</u>
Total business-type activities	<u>400,320</u>	<u>182,582</u>	<u>274,419</u>
Totals	\$ <u>23,118,799</u>	\$ <u>924,246</u>	\$ <u>2,817,892</u>

General cash receipts:
 Property tax levies for:
 General purpose
 Grant and entitlements not restricted to
 specific programs
 Investment earnings
 Miscellaneous
 Inception of capital lease
 Total general cash receipts
 Transfers
 Total general cash receipts and transfers

Change in net position

Net position at beginning of year

Net position at end of year

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<u>Primary Government</u>		
<u>Governmental</u> <u>Activities</u>	<u>Business -</u> <u>Type</u> <u>Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$ (7,459,273)	\$ -	\$ (7,459,273)
(2,057,935)	-	(2,057,935)
(1,147,381)	-	(1,147,381)
(1,195,020)	-	(1,195,020)
(1,388,578)	-	(1,388,578)
(119,651)	-	(119,651)
(1,503,774)	-	(1,503,774)
(602,287)	-	(602,287)
(84,888)	-	(84,888)
(1,958,482)	-	(1,958,482)
(896,380)	-	(896,380)
(262,699)	-	(262,699)
(389,597)	-	(389,597)
408,564	-	408,564
<u>(775,961)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(775,961)</u>
<u>(19,433,342)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(19,433,342)</u>
-	49,915	49,915
-	334	334
<u>-</u>	<u>6,432</u>	<u>6,432</u>
<u>-</u>	<u>56,681</u>	<u>56,681</u>
<u>(19,433,342)</u>	<u>56,681</u>	<u>(19,376,661)</u>
11,756,895	-	11,756,895
5,773,229	-	5,773,229
15,301	-	15,301
188,080	-	188,080
<u>550,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>550,000</u>
18,283,505	-	18,283,505
<u>(2,981)</u>	<u>2,981</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>18,280,524</u>	<u>2,981</u>	<u>18,283,505</u>
(1,152,818)	59,662	(1,093,156)
<u>5,977,508</u>	<u>82,226</u>	<u>6,059,734</u>
\$ <u>4,824,690</u>	\$ <u>141,888</u>	\$ <u>4,966,578</u>

Wickliffe City School District

Balance Sheet – Cash Basis Governmental Funds

June 30, 2015

	<u>General</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets:			
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ <u>4,580,831</u>	\$ <u>239,518</u>	\$ <u>4,820,349</u>
Fund balances:			
Restricted	\$ 11,000	\$ 383,355	\$ 394,355
Assigned	703,257	-	703,257
Unassigned (deficit)	<u>3,866,574</u>	<u>(143,837)</u>	<u>3,722,737</u>
Total fund balances	\$ <u>4,580,831</u>	\$ <u>239,518</u>	\$ <u>4,820,349</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Wickliffe City School District

Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to Net Position of Governmental Activities – Cash Basis

June 30, 2015

Total Governmental Funds Balances \$ 4,820,349

Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis are different because:

Internal Service Funds are used by management to charge the costs of certain activities, such as insurance, to individual funds. The assets of the Internal Service Funds are included in Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis .

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Net position of governmental activities \$ 4,824,690

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Wickliffe City School District

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances – Cash Basis Governmental Funds

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Cash receipts:			
Property taxes	\$ 11,756,895	\$ -	\$ 11,756,895
Investment earnings	14,391	910	15,301
Extracurricular activities	144,375	59,455	203,830
Classroom materials and fees	44,856	928	45,784
Charges for services	-	1,261	1,261
Tuition and fees	188,058	-	188,058
Miscellaneous	479,167	12,054	491,221
Intergovernmental	<u>5,993,222</u>	<u>2,323,070</u>	<u>8,316,292</u>
Total cash receipts	<u>18,620,964</u>	<u>2,397,678</u>	<u>21,018,642</u>
Cash disbursements:			
Instruction:			
Regular education	7,621,128	851,883	8,473,011
Special education	2,806,296	288,725	3,095,021
Other	1,083,416	63,965	1,147,381
Support Services:			
Pupils	1,029,469	236,813	1,266,282
Instructional staff	1,382,123	6,455	1,388,578
Board of education	119,651	-	119,651
Administration	1,412,026	91,748	1,503,774
Fiscal	602,287	-	602,287
Business	84,888	-	84,888
Operations and maintenance – plant	1,959,743	-	1,959,743
Pupil transportation	883,602	12,778	896,380
Central services	266,299	-	266,299
Food service operations	26	-	26
Operations of non-instructional services	14,222	721,084	735,306
Extracurricular activities:			
Academic and subject oriented	27,010	8,420	35,430
Sports oriented	234,711	109,783	344,494
Co-curricular	23,865	-	23,865
Facilities acquisition and construction:			
Building improvement services	767,379	-	767,379
Other facilities acquisition and construction services	<u>8,582</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,582</u>
Total cash disbursements	<u>20,326,723</u>	<u>2,391,654</u>	<u>22,718,377</u>
Total excess (deficiency) of cash receipts over (under) cash disbursements	<u>(1,705,759)</u>	<u>6,024</u>	<u>(1,699,735)</u>

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Wickliffe City School District

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances – Cash Basis Governmental Funds (continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

	<u>General</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Other financing sources (uses):			
Inception of capital lease	550,000	-	550,000
Advances – in	207,760	92,919	300,679
Advances – out	(134,595)	(166,084)	(300,679)
Transfers – in	-	53,972	53,972
Transfers – out	(56,953)	-	(56,953)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>566,212</u>	<u>(19,193)</u>	<u>547,019</u>
Net change in fund balance	(1,139,547)	(13,169)	(1,152,716)
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>5,720,378</u>	<u>252,687</u>	<u>5,973,065</u>
Fund balance at end of year	\$ <u>4,580,831</u>	\$ <u>239,518</u>	\$ <u>4,820,349</u>

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Wickliffe City School District

Reconciliation of the Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities – Cash Basis

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Net Change in Fund Balances – Total Governmental Funds \$ (1,152,716)

Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities – Cash Basis are different because:

Internal Service Funds are used by management to charge to costs of certain activities, such as insurance to individual funds. The net receipts (disbursements) of the Internal Service Funds are reported with Governmental Activities.

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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ (1,152,818)

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Wickliffe City School District

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual – Budget Basis – General Fund

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Budget		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final		Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Cash receipts:				
Property taxes	\$ 9,765,235	\$ 9,537,780	\$ 11,756,895	\$ 2,219,115
Investment earnings	11,953	11,675	14,391	2,716
Extracurricular activities	75,078	73,329	90,390	17,061
Classroom materials and fees	37,257	36,389	44,856	8,467
Tuition and fees	156,200	152,562	188,058	35,496
Miscellaneous	383,644	374,708	461,890	87,182
Intergovernmental	4,977,949	4,862,001	5,993,222	1,131,221
Total cash receipts	<u>15,407,316</u>	<u>15,048,444</u>	<u>18,549,702</u>	<u>3,501,258</u>
Cash disbursements:				
Instruction:				
Regular	7,921,849	7,865,309	7,856,198	9,111
Special	2,917,030	2,896,210	2,892,856	3,354
Other	1,126,167	1,118,129	1,116,834	1,295
Supporting services:				
Pupils	1,009,024	1,001,822	1,000,662	1,160
Instructional staff	1,436,660	1,426,407	1,424,754	1,653
Board of education	124,372	123,485	123,342	143
Administration	1,467,743	1,457,268	1,455,580	1,688
Fiscal	626,053	621,584	620,864	720
Business	88,238	87,608	87,506	102
Operation and maintenance – plant	2,037,073	2,022,534	2,020,191	2,343
Pupil transportation	918,468	911,913	910,857	1,056
Central services	276,807	274,831	274,513	318
Operation of non-instructional services	14,810	14,705	14,687	18
Extracurricular activities:				
Academic subject oriented activities	16,396	16,279	16,261	18
Sports oriented	243,972	242,231	241,951	280
Co-curricular activities	24,807	24,630	24,601	29
Facilities acquisition and construction:				
Building improvement services	797,659	791,966	791,049	917
Other facilities acquisition and construction services	8,921	8,857	8,847	10
Total cash disbursements	<u>21,056,049</u>	<u>20,905,768</u>	<u>20,881,553</u>	<u>24,215</u>
Total excess (deficiency) of cash receipts over (under) cash disbursements	<u>(5,648,733)</u>	<u>(5,857,324)</u>	<u>(2,331,851)</u>	<u>3,525,473</u>

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Wickliffe City School District

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual – Budget Basis – General Fund (continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Budget		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Other financing sources (uses):				
Inception of capital lease	550,000	550,000	550,000	-
Advances – in	207,760	207,760	207,760	-
Advances – out	(134,595)	(134,595)	(134,595)	-
Transfers – out	(56,953)	(56,953)	(56,953)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>566,212</u>	<u>566,212</u>	<u>566,212</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	(5,082,521)	(5,291,112)	(1,765,639)	3,525,473
Fund balance at beginning of year	5,126,280	5,126,280	5,126,280	-
Prior year encumbrances	<u>505,933</u>	<u>505,933</u>	<u>505,933</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance (deficit) at end of year	\$ <u>549,692</u>	\$ <u>341,101</u>	\$ <u>3,866,574</u>	\$ <u>3,525,473</u>

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Wickliffe City School District

Statement of Fund Net Position – Cash Basis Proprietary Funds

June 30, 2015

	<u>Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds</u>	<u>Governmental Activities Internal Service Funds</u>
Assets:		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ <u>141,888</u>	\$ <u>4,341</u>
Total assets	<u>141,888</u>	<u>4,341</u>
Net position:		
Unrestricted	<u>141,888</u>	<u>4,341</u>
Total net position	\$ <u><u>141,888</u></u>	\$ <u><u>4,341</u></u>

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Wickliffe City School District

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Net Position – Cash Basis Proprietary Funds

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Business-Type Activities <u>Enterprise Funds</u>	Governmental Activities <u>Internal Service Funds</u>
Operating cash receipts:		
Tuition and fees	\$ 679	\$ -
Charges for services	112,718	-
Miscellaneous	69,185	-
Intergovernmental	274,419	-
Total operating cash receipts	<u>457,001</u>	<u>-</u>
Operating cash disbursements:		
Salaries and wages	110,626	-
Fringe benefits	58,122	-
Contractual services	90,639	-
Capital outlay	900	-
Materials and supplies	140,033	102
Total operating cash disbursements	<u>400,320</u>	<u>102</u>
Operating income before transfers and advances	56,681	(102)
Advances – in	41,676	-
Advances – out	(41,676)	-
Transfers – in	2,981	-
Change in net position	59,662	(102)
Total net position at beginning of year	<u>82,226</u>	<u>4,443</u>
Total net position at end of year	\$ <u>141,888</u>	\$ <u>4,341</u>

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Wickliffe City School District

Statement of Fiduciary Net Position – Cash Basis
Fiduciary Funds

June 30, 2015

	<u>Trust Funds</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Assets:		
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ <u>3,500</u>	\$ <u>45,496</u>
Liabilities:		
Due to students	<u>-</u>	\$ <u>45,496</u>
Net position:		
Held in trust	\$ <u>3,500</u>	

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Wickliffe City School District

Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position – Cash Basis
Fiduciary Funds

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

	<u>Trust Funds</u>
Operating revenues:	
Miscellaneous revenue	\$ 24
Net position at beginning of year	<u>3,476</u>
Net position at end of year	<u>\$ 3,500</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Wickliffe City School District

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Note 1: Description of the School District and Reporting Entity

The Wickliffe City School District (the “District”) is located in Lake County in Northeastern Ohio. The District was organized in accordance with Sections 2 and 3, Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio. Under such laws, there is no authority for a school district to have a charter or adopt local laws. The legislative power of the District is vested in the Board of Education, consisting of five members elected at large for staggered four year terms. The District provides educational services as authorized by State statute and/or federal guidelines.

The District serves an area of approximately four square miles consisting of the corporate limits of the City of Wickliffe. The District employs 73.5 support employees and 122.5 certified employees who provide services to 1,473 pupils and other community members. The District currently operates three school buildings.

Reporting Entity

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

There are various non-public schools within the District’s boundaries. Current State legislature provides funding to these non-public schools. These monies are received and disbursed on behalf of the non-public school by the District Treasurer, as directed by the non-public school. These transactions are reflected as a governmental activity of the District.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the District is financially accountable. The District is financially accountable for an organization if the District appoints a voting majority of the organization’s governing board and (1) the District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization’s resources; the District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization or the District is obligated for the debt of the organization.

Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the District in that the District approves the budget, the issuance of debt, or the levying of taxes for the organization. Component units also include legally separate, tax-exempt entities whose resources are for the direct benefit of the District, are accessible to the District and are significant in amount to the District. The financial statements of the reporting entity include only those of the District (the primary government). The District has no component units.

The District is the primary government and constitutes the entire reporting entity. The Wickliffe Public Library, located in the District, is a related organization to the District. The Library is not included in the District’s financial statements.

Wickliffe City School District

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Note 1: Description of the School District and Reporting Entity (continued)

Reporting Entity (continued)

The District is associated with one jointly governed organization, one claims servicing pool, and one related organization. These organizations are the Ohio School's Council Association, Lake County Council of Governments Health Care Benefits Self Insurance Program, and Wickliffe Public Library. These organizations are described in detail in Notes 12, 13, and 14.

The District's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the District is financially accountable.

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

As discussed further in Note 2.C, these financial statements are presented on the cash basis of accounting. The cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the cash basis of accounting. Following are the more significant of the District's accounting policies.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

A. Basis of Presentation

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

Government-wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis and the Statement of Activities – Cash Basis display information about the 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” receipts and disbursements.

The Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis presents the financial condition of the District as a whole at fiscal year-end. The Statement of Activities – Cash Basis presents a comparison between direct disbursements and program receipts for each program or function of the District as a whole. Direct disbursements are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program receipts 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.

Wickliffe City School District

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

A. Basis of Presentation (continued)

Government-wide Financial Statements (continued)

Receipts which are not classified as program receipts are presented as general receipts of the District, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general receipts of the District.

Fund Financial Statements

During the year, the District segregates transactions related to certain 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 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. Non-major 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.

Proprietary fund statements distinguish operating transactions from non-operating transactions. Operating receipts generally result from exchange transactions such as charges for services directly relating to the fund's principal services. Operating disbursements include costs of sales and services and administrative costs. The fund statements report all other receipts and disbursements as non-operating.

B. Fund Accounting

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain District functions or activities. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The various funds of the District are grouped into the categories governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds focus on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. The District classifies funds financed primarily from taxes, intergovernmental receipts (e.g. grants), and other nonexchange transactions as governmental funds. The District's only major fund is the General Fund.

General Fund

The General Fund is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The General Fund balance is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Wickliffe City School District

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

B. Fund Accounting (continued)

Other governmental funds of the District are used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the repayment of, general long-term debt principal, interest and related costs, if any; and for grants and other resources whose use is restricted to a particular purpose.

Proprietary Funds

Proprietary funds focus on the determination of operating income/loss, changes in net position, financial position and cash flows, and are classified as either enterprise or internal service.

Enterprise Funds

Enterprise Funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent is that costs (expenses) of providing services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges or where it has been decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

Internal Service Fund

The Internal Service Funds are used to account for the financing of goods or services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the District, or to other governments, on a cost-reimbursement basis.

Fiduciary Funds

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

Wickliffe City School District

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

C. Basis of Accounting

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

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

D. Budgetary Process

All funds, other than agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents are the tax budget, the appropriation resolution, and the certificate of estimated resources, which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. 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 of Education's authorization to spend resources and set annual limits on cash disbursements plus encumbrances at a level of control selected by the Board of Education. The legal level of control has been established by the Board of Education at the fund level.

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

The appropriation resolution is subject to amendment by the Board of Education throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. 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 of Education during the year.

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash received by the District is pooled for investment purposes. Interest in the pool is presented as "equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents" on the financial statements. Individual fund integrity is maintained through District records.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents (continued)

The District complies with GASB Statement No. 31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools*. As a governmental entity other than an external investment pool in accordance with GASB 31, the District's investments are stated at fair value, except for nonparticipating interest-earning investment contracts, money market investments, and external investment pools (see Note 5).

In applying GASB Statement No. 31, the District utilized the following methods and assumptions as of June 30, 2015:

The portfolio was limited to nonparticipating interest-earning investment contracts and U.S. Government Securities.

Most of the District's investments are reported at fair value, which is the quoted market price as of the balance sheet date. Exceptions to the fair value requirement include nonparticipating interest-earning investment contracts and money market investments.

Nonparticipating investment contracts, such as nonnegotiable certificates of deposit and repurchase agreements are reported at cost. Money market investments, including U.S. Treasury and agency obligations that had a remaining maturity of one year or less at the time of purchase by the District, are reported at amortized cost.

Aside from investments clearly identified as belonging to a specific fund, any unrealized gain/loss resulting from the valuation will be recognized within the General Fund to the extent its cash and investments balance exceeds the cumulative value of those investments subject to GASB Statement No. 31.

The gain/loss resulting from valuation will be reported within the investment earnings account on the Statement of Activities – Cash Basis and the Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances – Cash Basis.

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 \$14,391, which includes \$453 assigned from other funds of the District.

Based upon the reporting requirements of GASB Statement No. 31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools*, the District does not sponsor an external investment pool.

For presentation on the financial statements, investments of the cash management pool and investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the District are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months that are not purchased from the pool are reported as investments.

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Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

F. Restricted Assets

Assets are reported as restricted when limitations on their use change the nature or normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, or laws of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Restricted assets represent amounts required by State statute to be set aside for the acquisition and construction of capital improvements. The District did not have any restricted assets at June 30, 2015.

G. Inventory and Prepaid Items

The District reports disbursements for inventory and prepaid items when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

H. Capital Assets

Acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

I. Interfund Receivables/Payables

The District reports advances-in and advances-out for interfund loans. These items are not reflected as assets and liabilities in the accompanying financial statements.

J. Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans

The District recognizes the disbursements for employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 9 and 10, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for post-employment health care benefits.

K. Long-Term Obligations

The District's cash basis financial statements do not report liabilities for bonds and other long-term obligations. Proceeds of debt are reported when cash is received and principal and interest payments are reported when paid. Since recording a capital asset when entering into a capital lease is not the result of a cash transaction, neither another financing source nor a capital outlay expenditure are reported at inception unless the cash was provided to the District to make the purchases. Lease payments are reported when paid. These items are not reflected as liabilities on the accompanying financial statements.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

L. Accumulated Leave

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

M. Net Position

Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. There are no restricted assets due to enabling legislation. Net position restricted for other purposes include resources restricted for federal and state grants restricted to cash disbursements for specified purposes. The District's policy is to first apply restricted resources when a cash disbursement is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

N. Fund Balance Reserves

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

Nonspendable: The nonspendable fund balance category includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form, or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash.

Restricted: Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints 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.

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

Assigned: Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the General Fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the General Fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by policies of the District's Board of Education.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

N. Fund Balance Reserves (continued)

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

The 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 amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

O. Interfund Activity

Transfers between governmental and business-type activities on the government-wide statements are reported in the same manner as general receipts.

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as receipts in the seller funds and as disbursements 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 and after nonoperating receipts/disbursements in proprietary funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular disbursements to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

P. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the Board of Education and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. During the fiscal year, the District had neither special items nor extraordinary items.

Q. Pensions

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

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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Note 3: New Accounting Pronouncements

For 2015, the District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pension Plans*, GASB Statement No. 69, *Government Combinations and Disposals of Government Operations*, GASB Statement No. 70, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Financial Guarantees* and GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 68*.

GASB Statement No. 68 replaces the requirements of GASB Statements No. 27 and No. 50 related to pension plans that are administered through trust or equivalent arrangements. The implementation of this Statement resulted in additional disclosure of the Net Pension Liability in Note 9.

GASB Statement No. 69 is effective for government combinations and disposals of government operations and had no effect on the financial statements. The implementation of this statement has no impact on the District’s financial statements or disclosures.

GASB Statement No. 70 will enhance the comparability of financial statements among governments by requiring consistent reporting by those governments that extend nonexchange financial guarantees and by those governments that receive nonexchange financial guarantees. The implementation of this statement has no impact on the District’s financial statements or disclosures.

GASB Statement No. 71 amends GASB Statement No. 68 to require that, at transition, a government recognize a beginning deferred outflow of resources for its pension contributions, if any, made subsequent to the measurement date of the beginning net pension liability. The implementation of this statement has no impact on the District’s financial statements or disclosures.

Note 4: Fund Balances

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

Fund Balances	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Restricted for:			
Community activities	\$ -	\$ 9,302	\$ 9,302
Athletics	-	24,886	24,886
Auxiliary services	-	229,031	229,031
English proficiency	-	4,465	4,465
Other purposes	11,000	107,542	118,542
Capital improvements	-	8,129	8,129
Total restricted	11,000	383,355	394,355

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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Note 4: Fund Balances (continued)

<u>Fund Balances</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assigned to:			
Other purposes	<u>703,257</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>703,257</u>
Unassigned (deficit)	<u>3,866,574</u>	<u>(143,837)</u>	<u>3,722,737</u>
Total fund balances	\$ <u>4,580,831</u>	\$ <u>239,518</u>	\$ <u>4,820,349</u>

Note 5: Deposits and Investments

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

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

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

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

1. United States Treasury notes, bills, bonds, or other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to payment of principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to, Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed 30 days;

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Note 5: Deposits and Investments (continued)

4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
5. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) of this section and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
6. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAROhio);
7. Certain banker's acceptance and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed 180 days in an amount not to exceed 25 percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time; and
8. Under limited circumstances, corporate debt interests rated in either of the two highest rating classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

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

Cash on Hand

At fiscal year-end, the District had \$715 in undeposited cash on hand which is included on the basic financial statements of the District as part of "equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents".

Deposits

Custodial Credit Risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the District will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. The District has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of the State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits be either insured or be protected by eligible securities pledged to and deposited either with the District or a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment or by a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value at all times shall be at least 105 percent of the deposits being secured.

At fiscal year-end, the District held a book balance of \$4,311,320 and a bank balance of \$4,354,252. Of the bank balance, \$2,740,995 was covered by federal depository insurance while the remaining \$1,613,257 was collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institutions' trust department or agent, but not in the District's name.

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Note 5: Deposits and Investments (continued)

Investments

Investments are reported as fair value. At June 30, 2015, the District had the following investments:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	
		<u>Six months or less</u>	<u>More than six months</u>
Federal National Mortgage Association	\$ 84,407	\$ -	\$ 84,407
Fannie Mae	250,408	250,408	-
Municipal Bonds	76,330	76,330	-
Money Market Mutual Fund	<u>292,394</u>	<u>292,394</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Portfolio	\$ <u>703,539</u>	\$ <u>619,132</u>	\$ <u>84,407</u>

Interest Rate Risk arises because potential purchasers of debt securities will not agree to pay face value for those securities if interest rates subsequently increase. The District's investment policy addresses interest rate risk requiring that the District's investment portfolio be structured so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations and/or long-term debt payments, thereby avoiding the need to sell securities on the open market prior to maturity and by investing operating funds primarily in short-term investments. The District investment policy also limits security purchases to those that mature within five years unless specifically matched to a specific cash flow. To date, no investments have been purchased with a remaining life greater than five years.

Custodial Risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the District will not be able to recover the value of investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. All financial institutions and broker/dealers who desire to become qualified for investment transactions with the District must meet a set of prescribed standards and be periodically reviewed.

Credit Risk is risk that in the event of bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District's investment policy requires that all investments are authorized by Ohio Revised Code and that portfolio be diversified both by types of investment and issuer. Investments of the District are registered and carry a rating of AA by Standard & Poor's or are not rated.

Concentration of Credit Risk is defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board as five percent or more in the securities of a single issuer. The District's investment policy requires diversification of the portfolio but does not indicate specific percentage allocations. At June 30, 2015, the District's investments greater than five percent are as follows:

<u>Investment Issuer</u>	<u>Percentage of Investments</u>
Federal National Mortgage Association	12.00%
Fannie Mae	35.59
Municipal Bonds	10.85
Money Market Mutual Fund	41.56

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Note 6: Property Taxes

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

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located in the District. Real property tax receipts received in calendar year 2015 represent the collection of calendar year 2014 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2015 are levied after April 1, 2014, on the assessed value as of January 1, 2014, the lien date. Assessed values are established by State law at 35 percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semiannually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits later payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax revenue received in calendar 2015 represents collections of calendar year 2014 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2015 became a lien December 31, 2013, were levied after April 1, 2014 and were collected in 2014 with real property taxes. Public utility property is assessed at 35 percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value.

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

	<u>2014 Second-Half Collections</u>		<u>2015 First-Half Collections</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Agricultural/Residential and Other Real Estate	\$ 269,515,420	96.68%	\$ 267,094,100	95.98%
Public Utility Personal	<u>9,266,640</u>	<u>3.32%</u>	<u>11,190,040</u>	<u>4.02%</u>
	<u>\$ 278,782,060</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 278,284,140</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$ 75.21		\$ 75.21	

The Lake County Treasurer collects property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts in the county, including Wickliffe City School District. The County Auditor periodically advances to the District its portion of the taxes. 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.

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Note 7: Interfund Transfers

Interfund transfers for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, consisted of the following, as reported on the fund statements.

<u>Transfer from</u>	<u>Transfer to</u>		
	<u>Other Governmental</u>	<u>Other Business Type</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Fund	\$ <u>53,972</u>	\$ <u>2,981</u>	\$ <u>56,953</u>

Transfers are used to move revenues from the fund that statute or budget required to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them and to use unrestricted revenues collected in the General Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

Note 8: Risk Management

A. Property and Liability

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and nature disasters. During fiscal year 2015, the District contracted with Ohio Casualty, a member of Liberty Mutual, for property, fleet, liability, inland marine, crime, general liability, errors and omissions, and sexual misconduct and molestation liability coverage. Additionally, the District has an umbrella policy. Coverages provided with Ohio Casualty are as follows:

	<u>Coverage</u>
Buildings and Contents – replacement costs	\$ 55,726,321
Inland Marine	200,000
Crime Insurances	10,000
Automobile Liability	1,000,000
Uninsured Motorists	500,000
General Liability:	
Per Occurrence	1,000,000
Total per year	2,000,000

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years. There has not been a reduction in insurance coverage from the prior year.

B. Employee Medical Coverage

The District has elected to provide medical coverage through premium payment to the Lake County Council of Governments Health Care Benefits Self Insurance Program. The District paid \$2,255,317 in premiums during fiscal year 2015.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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Note 8: Risk Management (continued)

C. Worker's Compensation

For fiscal year 2015, the District participated in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (Plan), an insurance purchasing pool. The intent of the Plan is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the Plan. The workers' compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the Plan. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the Plan rather than its individual rate. Total savings are then calculated and each participant's individual performance is compared to the overall savings percentage of the Plan. A participant will then either receive money from or be required to contribute to the "Equity Pooling Fund". This "equity pooling" arrangement ensures that each participant shares equally in the overall performance of the Plan. Participation in the Plan is limited to school districts that can meet the Plan's selection criteria. Comp Management provides administrative, cost control, and actuarial services to the Plan.

Note 9: Defined Benefit Pension Plans

A. Net Pension Liability

For fiscal year 2015, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions" and GASB Statement No. 71, "Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date—an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68" were effective. These GASB pronouncements had no effect on beginning net position as reported June 30, 2014, as the net pension liability is not reported in the accompanying financial statements. The net pension liability has been disclosed below.

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

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

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Note 9: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

A. Net Pension Liability (continued)

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.

B. Plan Description – School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

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

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

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

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

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

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

Funding Policy – Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS’ Retirement Board up to statutory

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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Note 9: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

B. Plan Description – School Employees Retirement System (SERS) (continued)

maximum amounts of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the System's funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 13.18 percent. The remaining 0.82 percent of the 14 percent employer contribution rate was allocated to the Health Care Fund.

The District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$296,695 for fiscal year 2015.

C. Plan Description – State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

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

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

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

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

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Note 9: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

C. Plan Description – State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) (continued)

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

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

Funding Policy – Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. The statutory maximum employee contribution rate was increased one percent July 1, 2014, and will be increased one percent each year until it reaches 14 percent on July 1, 2016. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, plan members were required to contribute 12 percent of their annual covered salary. The 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 District's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$1,143,606 for fiscal year 2015.

D. Net Pension Liability

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

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 4,605,863	\$ 18,603,359	\$ 23,209,222
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.091008%	0.0764832%	

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Note 9: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

E. Actuarial Assumptions - SERS

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

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

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.

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Note 9: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

E. Actuarial Assumptions – SERS (continued)

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:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return
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	100.00 %	

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

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

	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 6,571,198	\$ 4,605,863	\$ 2,952,847

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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Note 9: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

F. 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:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return
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

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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Note 9: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

F. Actuarial Assumptions – STRS (continued)

be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2014. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.75 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payment to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2014.

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

	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 26,479,773	\$ 18,603,359	\$ 11,813,210

G. 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, two members of the Board of Education had elected Social Security. The Board's liability is 6.2 percent of wages paid.

Note 10: Post-Employment Benefits

A. School Employee Retirement System

The District participates in two cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) plans administered by SERS for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries, a Medicare Part B Plan and a Health Care Plan.

The Medicare B plan reimburses Medicare Part B premiums paid by eligible retirees and beneficiaries as set forth in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3309.69. Qualified benefit recipients who pay Medicare Part B premiums may apply for and receive a monthly reimbursement from SERS. The reimbursement amount is limited by statute to the lesser of the January 1, 1999 Medicare Part B premium or the current premium. The Medicare Part B monthly premium for calendar year 2015 was \$104.90 for most participants, but could be as high as \$335.70 per month depending on their income. SERS' reimbursement to retirees was \$45.50 if they participated in one of the SERS' health care plans.

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For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Note 10: Post-Employment Benefits (continued)

A. School Employee Retirement System (continued)

The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the current employer contribution rate to the Medicare Part B Fund. For fiscal year 2015, the actuarially required allocation is 0.74 percent. The District's contributions to Medicare Part B for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were \$16,658, \$19,066, and \$17,739, respectively, 74.61 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2015 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2014 and 2013.

The Health Care Plan is funded through employer contributions as set forth in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) sections 3309.375 and 3309.69 to eligible retirees and beneficiaries. SERS' Retirement Board reserves the right to change or discontinue any health plan or program. SERS offers several types of health plans from various vendors, including HMO's, PPO's, Medicare Advantage, and traditional indemnity plans. A prescription drug program is also available to those who elect health coverage. SERS employs two third-party administrators and a pharmacy benefit manager to manage the self-insurance and prescription drug plans, respectively.

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

The Health Care Fund was established under, and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code 105(e). Each year after allocation for statutorily required benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer 14 percent contribution to the Health Care Fund. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, the health care allocation was 0.82 percent. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. 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 minimum compensation level was established at \$20,450. The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015, 2014, and 2013 the District's contributions assigned to health care were \$64,284, \$50,135, and \$45,347, respectively, 74.61 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2015 and 100 percent for fiscal years 2014 and 2013.

The SERS Retirement Board establishes the rules for the premiums paid by the retirees for health care coverage for themselves and their dependents or for their surviving beneficiaries. Premiums vary depending on the plan selected, qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

The financial reports of SERS' Health Care and Medicare B plans are included in its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The report can be on SERS' website at www.ohsers.org under *Employers/Audit Resources*.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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Note 10: Post-Employment Benefits (continued)

B. State Teachers Retirement System

STRS Ohio administers a pension plan that is comprised of: a Defined Benefit Plan, a self-directed Defined Contribution Plan, and a Combined Plan that is a hybrid of the Defined Benefit Plan and the Defined Contribution Plan.

Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer a cost-sharing, multiple-employer health care plan. STRS Ohio provides access to health care coverage to eligible retirees who participated in the Defined Benefit or Combined Plans. Coverage under the current program includes hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs, and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums.

Pursuant to Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Retirement Board has discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the associated health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. All health care plan enrollees, for the most recent year, pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium.

STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report. Interested parties can view the most recent *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report* by visiting www.strsoh.org or by requesting a copy by calling toll-free 1-888-227-7877.

Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. Of the 14 percent employer contribution rate, 1 percent of covered payroll was allocated to post-employment health care for June 30, 2014 and June 30 2013. Effective July 1, 2014, 0 percent of covered payroll was allocated to post-employment health care. The 14 percent employer contribution rate is the maximum rate established under Ohio law. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015, 2014, and 2013 the District's contributions to postemployment health care were \$-0-, \$79,711, and \$78,852, respectively, 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2014 and 2013.

Note 11: Leases

A. Lessor

The District has entered into a lease agreement with T-Mobile Central, LLC (T-Mobile) where T-Mobile will use the District's property to access utilities commencing June 27, 2007 for five years with five successive five year options to renew. In June 2012, the first five year option was exercised. Commencing July 2010, T-Mobile subleased the property to Clear Wireless, LLC. Total revenue from the lease and sublease in fiscal year 2015 was \$26,565 and \$9,623, respectively. The base rent on the lease was \$1,800 per month, which is to increase by three percent annually on the anniversary of the commencement date. Per the master lease agreement, the District is to receive additional rent in the amount of 50 percent of all payments received from each sublease. The base additional rent being received by the District from the sublease is \$713 per month and will be increased by three percent annually.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Note 11: Leases (continued)

A. Lessor (continued)

The future minimum rent to be received from the lease and sublease are as follows for the fiscal years ending June 30:

	T-Mobile <u>Lease</u>	Clear Wireless <u>Sublease</u>	<u>Total</u>
2016	\$ 27,362	\$ 9,912	\$ 37,274
2017	<u>28,183</u>	<u>10,209</u>	<u>38,392</u>
	<u>\$ 55,545</u>	<u>\$ 20,121</u>	<u>\$ 75,666</u>

B. Lessee

The District entered into a lease purchase agreement to lease server switches commencing June 28, 2012. Annual payments of \$23,158 are to be made with an interest rate not to exceed 3.59 percent, and the final payment was due during fiscal year 2015. Expenses related to this lease for the year ended June 30, 2015 totaled \$23,157.

The District entered into a lease purchase agreement to lease computer equipment commencing January 10, 2014. Monthly payments of \$6,864 are to be made with an interest rate of 2.22 percent. The future minimum lease payments are as follows for the fiscal years ending June 30:

	<u>Lease Payment</u>
2016	\$ 82,373
2017	<u>41,187</u>
Total payments	123,560
Interest	<u>(2,382)</u>
Principal	<u>\$ 121,178</u>

Expenses related to this lease for the year ended June 30, 2015 totaled \$82,373.

The District entered into a lease purchase agreement to lease technology equipment commencing January 9, 2014 with first payment due in July 2015. Annual payments of \$192,315 are to be made with an interest rate of 3.43 percent with final payment due in July 2017. The future minimum lease payments are as follows for the fiscal years ending June 30:

	<u>Lease Payment</u>
2016	\$ 192,315
2017	192,315
2018	<u>192,314</u>
Total payments	576,944
Interest	<u>(26,944)</u>
Principal	<u>\$ 550,000</u>

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Note 12: Jointly Governed Organizations

Ohio Schools' Council Association

The Ohio Schools' Council Association (the "Council") is a jointly governed organization among 200 school districts. The jointly governed organization was created by school districts for the purpose of saving money through volume purchases. Each school district supports the Council by paying an annual participation fee. Each school district member superintendent serves as a representative of the Council.

The Council elects five of its Board of Directors members and the remaining four are representatives of the Greater Cleveland School Superintendents' Association. The Council operates under a nine-member Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is the policy making authority of the Council. The Board of Directors meets monthly September through June. The Board of Directors appoints an Executive Director who is responsible for receiving and disbursing funds, investing available funds, preparing financial reports for the Board of Directors and Assembly and carrying out such other responsibilities as designated by the Board of Directors. The degree of control exercised by any school district is limited to its representation on the Board of Directors. In fiscal year 2015, the District paid \$97,146 to the Council. Financial information can be obtained by contacting William Zelei, the Executive Director of the Ohio Schools' Council Association at 6393 Oak Tree Blvd., Suite 377, Independence, Ohio 44131.

The District participates in the natural gas program. This program allows the District to purchase natural gas at reduced rates. Compass Energy was selected as the new natural gas supplier and program manager. The new program runs from April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2016. There are currently 151 participants in the program. The participants make monthly payments based on estimated usage.

Each September, these estimated payments are compared to their actual usage for the year (July to June). Districts that paid more in estimated billings than their actual billings are issued credits on future billings in September until the credits are exhausted, and school districts that did not pay enough on estimated billings are invoiced for the difference on the September monthly estimated billing.

The District also participates in the Council's electric purchase program. The Council provided 110 school districts in the First Energy territory (Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, Ohio Edison, Toledo Edison) the ability to purchase electricity at the reduced rates. Each month, the Council invoices participants based on estimated payments which are compared to their usage for the year (July to June). Refund checks are issued to school districts that consumed less than their projected usage of electrical energy and school districts that over-consumed are invoiced. The District purchases its electricity from Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company. In late October 2009, the District joined a new Ohio Schools' Council Association consortium electricity purchasing program which provides for additional discounts above what the District would receive otherwise.

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Note 13: Claims Servicing Pool

Lake County Council of Governments Health Care Benefits Self Insurance Benefits Program

The District participates in the Lake County Council of Governments Health Care Benefits (HCBP) Self Insurance Program, a claims servicing pool comprised of nine Lake County school districts. Each school district has a representative on the assembly (usually the superintendent or designee). Each member pays an administrative fee to the pool. The Plan's business and affairs are conducted by a five member Board of Directors elected by the HCBP's assembly. The assembly elects officers for one year terms to serve on the Board of Directors. Financial information can be obtained from the Lake County Educational Service Center at 382 Blackbrook Road, Painesville, Ohio 44077.

Note 14: Related Organizations

Wickliffe Public Library

The Wickliffe Public Library is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio created under Chapter 3375 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Library is governed by a Board of Trustees appointed by the District's Board of Education. The Board of Trustees possesses its own contracting and budgeting authority, hires and fires personnel and does not depend on the District for operational subsidies. Although the District does serve as the taxing authority and may issue tax related debt on behalf of the Library, its role is limited to a ministerial function. The determination to request approval of a tax, the rate and the purpose are discretionary decisions made solely by the Board of Trustees. Financial information can be obtained from the Wickliffe Public Library, Rick Zalecky, Fiscal Officer, 1713 Lincoln Road, Wickliffe, Ohio 44092.

Note 15: Contingencies

A. Grants

The District received financial assistance from Federal and State agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds. However, the effect of any such disallowed claims on the overall financial position of the District at June 30, 2015, if applicable, cannot be determined at this time.

B. Litigation

As of June 30, 2015, the District is not a defendant in legal proceedings that would, in the District's opinion, have a material effect on the basic financial statements.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Note 15: Contingencies (continued)

C. School District Foundation Funding

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 the enrollment adjustments to the June 30, 2015 Foundation funding for the school district; therefore, the financial statement impact is not determinable at this time. ODE and management believe this will result in an adjustment in 2016 for the School District.

Note 16: Set-Aside Calculations

The District is required by State statute to annually set aside in the General Fund an amount based on a statutory formula for the acquisition and construction of capital improvements. Amounts not spent by 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 year-end set-aside amounts for capital acquisition. Disclosure of this information is required by State statute.

	Capital Improvements Reserve
Set-Aside Reserve Balance as of June 30, 2014	\$ 68,014
Current Year Set-Aside Requirements	234,262
Qualifying Disbursements	<u>(1,002,313)</u>
Total	<u>(700,037)</u>
Set-Aside Reserve Balance as of June 30, 2015	\$ <u><u>-</u></u>

Although the District had qualifying disbursements and offsets during the fiscal year that reduced the set-aside amount to below zero for the capital acquisition set-aside, this amount may not be used to reduce the set-aside requirement for future fiscal years. This negative balance is therefore not presented as being carried forward to future fiscal years.

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Note 17: Budgetary Basis of Accounting

The budgetary basis as provided by Ohio law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on the basis of cash receipts, disbursement, and encumbrances. The Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – Budget Basis presented for the General Fund is prepared on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The difference between the budgetary basis and the cash basis is outstanding fiscal year-end encumbrances, which are treated as cash disbursements (budgetary basis) rather than as a reservation of fund balance (cash basis) and some funds are included in the General Fund (cash basis), but have separate legally adopted budgets (budgetary basis). The encumbrances outstanding at fiscal year-end (budgetary basis) amounted to \$624,815 for the General Fund. Funds with separate legally adopted budgets amounted to \$89,442.

Note 18: Significant Commitments

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

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	\$ 625,199
Other Governmental Funds	<u>390,058</u>
Total Governmental Funds	\$ <u>1,015,257</u>

Note 19: Accountability and Compliance

A. Accountability

The following funds had negative fund balances at June 30, 2015:

Non-major Special Revenue Funds:	
Race to the Top	\$ 290
Title VI-B Special Education Fund	27,593
Title I	17,115
Preschool Grant for the Handicapped Fund	463
Improving Teacher Quality	2,406
Miscellaneous Federal Grants Fund	95,970

The deficits in the above funds are due to federal grants being on a reimbursement basis. As of June 30, 2015, the District is awaiting reimbursement to replenish the current fund deficit balances. The General Fund has sufficient funds to support these deficit balances and will provide operating transfers to the deficit fund balances in these funds as needed.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Note 19: Accountability and Compliance (continued)

B. Compliance

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

Note 20: Subsequent Event

In July 2015, the District signed a lease purchase agreement with First Merit Equipment Finance, Inc, in the amount of \$575,000 with an interest rate of 2.59 percent. The lease expires in July 2018 and is for various technology equipment and office equipment throughout the District.

**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting
and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial
Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards***

Board of Education
Wickliffe City School District
Wickliffe, Ohio

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Wickliffe City School District (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 17, 2015, wherein we noted that the District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68 and GASB Statement No. 71, as disclosed in Note 3.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *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 deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matter that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2015-001.

The District's Response to Findings

The District's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings. The District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Cioni & Panichi, Inc.

Cleveland, Ohio
December 17, 2015

Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Program; Report on Internal Control over Compliance; and Report on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by OMB Circular A-133

Board of Education
Wickliffe City School District
Wickliffe, Ohio

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Wickliffe City School District's (the "District") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2015. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the District's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the District, complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2015.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *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 type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program 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 was not designed to 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.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by OMB Circular A-133

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, wherein, wherein we noted the District adopted GASB Statement No. 68 and GASB Statement No. 71, as disclosed in Note 3. We issued our report thereon dated, December 17, 2015, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for the purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Cini & Parichi, Inc.

Cleveland, Ohio
December 17, 2015

Wickliffe City School District

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Grant Year	Federal CFDA Number	Receipts	Non-cash Receipts	Disbursements	Non-cash Disbursements
U.S. Department of Agriculture:						
Passed-Through Ohio Department of Education:						
Nutrition Cluster:						
School Breakfast Program	2015	10.553	\$ 58,939	\$ -	\$ 58,939	\$ -
School Lunch Program	2015	10.555	210,376	25,006	210,376	25,006
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			269,315	25,006	269,315	25,006
U.S. Department of Education:						
Passed-Through Ohio Department of Education:						
Title I Cluster:						
Title I	2014	84.010	35,136	-	33,355	-
Title I	2015	84.010	203,977	-	221,092	-
Subtotal Title I			239,113	-	254,447	-
ARRA – Title I	2012	84.389	-	-	2,715	-
Total Title I Cluster			239,113	-	257,162	-
Special Education Cluster:						
Title VI-B	2014	84.027	47,423	-	26,815	-
Title VI-B	2015	84.027	335,056	-	362,649	-
Subtotal Title VI-B			382,479	-	389,464	-
Special Education – Preschool Grant	2014	84.173	865	-	752	-
Special Education – Preschool Grant	2015	84.173	5,846	-	6,309	-
Subtotal Special Education – Preschool Grant			6,711	-	7,061	-
Total Special Education Cluster			389,190	-	396,525	-
ARRA – Race to the Top	2014	84.395	7,675	-	-	-
ARRA – Race to the Top	2015	84.395	9,619	-	9,909	-
Total ARRA – Race to the Top			17,294	-	9,909	-
Improving Teacher Quality State Grant	2014	84.367	8,789	-	7,485	-
Improving Teacher Quality State Grant	2015	84.367	39,537	-	42,020	-
Total Improving Teacher Quality State Grant			48,326	-	49,505	-
21 st Century Community Learning Centers	2015	84.287	419,854	-	404,749	-
Carol M. White Physical Education Program	2014	84.215f	173,109	-	195,818	-
Carol M. White Physical Education Program	2015	84.215f	143,340	-	316,305	-
Total Carol M. White Physical Education Program			316,449	-	512,123	-
Total passed-through Ohio Department of Education			1,699,541	25,006	1,899,288	25,006
Passed-Through the Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County:						
English Language Acquisition State Grants	2015	84.365	930	-	930	-
Total English Language Acquisition State Grants			930	-	930	-
Total U.S. Department of Education			1,431,156	-	1,630,903	-
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ 1,699,541	\$ 25,006	\$ 1,900,218	\$ 25,006

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

Wickliffe City School District

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Note 1: Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal grant activity of the District and is presented on the cash basis of accounting. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this Schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

Child Nutrition Cluster

Cash receipts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture are commingled with state grants. It is assumed that federal monies are expended first.

CFDA – Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

Wickliffe City School District

Schedule of Findings
OMB Circular A-133 Section .505

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

1. Summary of Auditor's Results

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any material noncompliance reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	Yes
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under Section .510?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carol M White Physical Education Program (CFDA # 84.215f)
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: >\$300,000 Type B: All Others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee?	Yes

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Schedule of Findings
OMB Circular A-133 Section .505

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

2. Findings Related to the Financial Statements Required to be Reported in Accordance With GAGAS

Findings	Findings Summary
2015-001	<p><i>Annual Financial Report – Material Noncompliance</i></p> <p>Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 provides that each public office shall file a financial report for each fiscal year. The Auditor of State may prescribe forms by rule or may issue guidelines, or both, for such reports. If the Auditor of State has not prescribed a rule regarding the form for the report, the public office shall submit its report on the form utilized by the public office. Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 further clarifies the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38.</p> <p>Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(B) requires the District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. However, the District prepared its financial statements in accordance with another comprehensive basis of accounting. The accompanying financial statements and notes omit assets, liabilities, fund equities, and disclosures that, while material, cannot be determined at this time. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38, the District may be fined for its failure to file the required financial report.</p> <p>We recommend the District take the necessary steps to ensure the annual financial report is prepared on a generally accepted accounting principles basis.</p> <p>Officials Response: The Board has reduced programs and services to students as a result of failed levy attempts that eventually were successful but at a tremendously reduced rate of revenue (10 mills vs. 7 mills) to the District. Through FY2006 the Board authorized filing cash statements. Effective with FY2007 the Board reviewed the costs and consequences of filing cash vs. OCBOA vs. GAAP. The Board wanted an unqualified opinion for the District and therefore directed the treasurer to prepare OCBOA statements effective FY2007 going forward thereby saving the district the additional cost of GAAP based statements.</p>

3. Findings for Federal Awards

None.

Wickliffe City School District

Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
 OMB Circular A-133 Section .315(b)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2014-001	Ohio Revised Code 117.38 – The District does not file GAAP financial statements.	No	Not corrected, Finding is repeated, see 2015-001.

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WICKLIFFE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

LAKE COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED
FEBRUARY 16, 2016