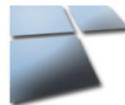


Symmes Valley Local School District
Lawrence County
Single Audit
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016



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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Symmes Valley Local School District, Lawrence County, prepared by Millhuff-Stang, CPA, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. 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 Symmes Valley Local School District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

March 3, 2017

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Lawrence County
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Independent Auditor's Report

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Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Symmes Valley Local School District, Lawrence County, Ohio (the School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of 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 entity'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 School 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 financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Symmes Valley Local School District, Lawrence County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Schedule of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, and the Schedule of School District Contributions on pages 4 through 11, and 50 through 55, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements. The schedule of federal awards expenditures, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedule of federal awards expenditures 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. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic 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 federal awards expenditures is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 27, 2016 on our consideration of the School 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 School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Natalie Millhuff-Stang, CPA, CITP
President/Owner
Millhuff-Stang, CPA, Inc.
Portsmouth, Ohio

December 27, 2016

Symmes Valley Local School District, Ohio

Management's Discussion and Analysis

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The discussion and analysis of the Symmes Valley Local School District's (the School District) financial performance provides an overall review of the School District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the financial statements and the notes to the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School District's financial performance.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2016 are as follows:

- Net position of governmental activities increased \$1,113,857.
- General revenues accounted for \$9,110,132 in revenue or 81.3 percent of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services, grants, contributions, and interest accounted for \$2,092,380 or 18.7 percent of total revenues of \$11,202,512.
- The School District had \$10,088,655 in expenses related to governmental activities; only \$2,092,380 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants, contributions, and interest. General revenues (primarily taxes and intergovernmental) of \$9,110,132 were adequate to cover the remaining expenses.
- The School District has one major fund, the General Fund, which had \$10,061,412 in revenues and \$8,799,570 in expenditures. The General Fund's balance increased \$1,194,792.
- Total governmental funds had \$11,256,101 in revenues and \$10,306,283 in expenditures. The total governmental fund balance increased \$954,418.

USING THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

Reporting the School District as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities

While this document contains information about the large number of funds used by the School District to provide programs and activities for students, the view of the School District as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during fiscal year 2016?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities answer this question. These statements include all assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows and outflows of resources using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, all of the School District's activities are reported as governmental including instruction, support services, operation of non-instructional services, debt service, and extracurricular activities.

Reporting the School District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The analysis of the School District's major funds begins on page 10. Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the School District's major funds. The School District uses many funds to account for a multiple of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the School District's most significant funds. The School District's only major governmental fund is the General Fund.

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

Fiduciary Funds The School District accounts for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the School District as fiduciary funds. These funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of these funds are not available to support the School District's own programs. The School District uses accrual accounting for fiduciary funds.

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THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

Recall that the Statement of Net Position provides the perspective of the School District as a whole. Table 1 provides a summary of the School District's net position for 2016 compared to 2015.

**Table 1
Net Position**

	Governmental Activities		
	2016	2015	Change
Assets			
Current and Other Assets	\$6,224,374	\$5,008,888	\$1,215,486
Capital Assets	7,904,303	7,926,482	(22,179)
Total Assets	14,128,677	12,935,370	1,193,307
Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,104,707	602,259	502,448
Liabilities			
Long-Term Liabilities	12,317,389	11,180,990	1,136,399
Other Liabilities	1,045,184	1,003,562	41,622
Total Liabilities	13,362,573	12,184,552	1,178,021
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Property Taxes	1,065,088	789,083	276,005
Pensions	796,516	1,668,644	(872,128)
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,861,604	2,457,727	(596,123)
Net Position			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	7,295,776	7,237,888	57,888
Restricted	303,906	544,957	(241,051)
Unrestricted	(7,590,475)	(8,887,495)	1,297,020
Total Net Position	\$9,207	(\$1,104,650)	\$1,113,857

The net pension liability (NPL) is the largest single liability reported by the School District at June 30, 2016 and is reported pursuant to GASB Statement No. 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27." For reasons discussed below, many end users of this financial statement will gain a clearer understanding of the School District's actual financial condition by adding deferred inflows related to pension and the net position liability to the reported net position and subtracting deferred outflows related to pension.

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

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GASB 68 requires the net pension liability to equal the School District's proportionate share of each plan's collective:

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

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

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

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

Total assets of governmental activities increased \$1,193,307. This is the primarily due to cash and cash equivalents increasing \$1,075,566, combined with an increase of \$155,042 in property taxes receivable. The increase noted in cash and cash equivalents is the result of the change in the State Funding Model resulting in the implementation of Capacity Aid. Property tax increases are due to increased property valuations.

In total, liabilities increased \$1,178,021. This is was entirely due to an increase in Net Pension Liability of \$1,226,383 combined with decreases to the long-term obligations of \$89,984, the result of debt payments.

Table 2 shows the changes in net position for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, and comparisons to fiscal year 2015.

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Table 2
Changes in Net Position

	Governmental Activities		
	2016	2015	Change
Revenues			
Program Revenues:			
Charges for Services	\$1,061,365	\$1,040,076	\$21,289
Operating Grants, Contributions and Interest	1,012,167	978,006	34,161
Capital Grants, Contributions and Interest	18,848	18,064	784
	<u>2,092,380</u>	<u>2,036,146</u>	<u>56,234</u>
General Revenues:			
Property Taxes	1,225,093	1,241,890	(16,797)
Grants and Entitlements	7,790,224	6,347,388	1,442,836
Investment Earnings	29,133	23,818	5,315
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	4,784	0	4,784
Donations	0	3,381	(3,381)
Miscellaneous	56,298	91,204	(34,906)
Insurance Recoveries	4,600	19,547	(14,947)
	<u>9,110,132</u>	<u>7,727,228</u>	<u>1,382,904</u>
Total Revenues	<u>11,202,512</u>	<u>9,763,374</u>	<u>1,439,138</u>
Program Expenses			
Instruction:			
Regular	3,908,719	4,021,209	(112,490)
Special	1,259,999	1,240,243	19,756
Vocational	176,794	155,694	21,100
Support Services:			
Pupils	350,954	336,626	14,328
Instructional Staff	119,785	117,099	2,686
Board of Education	136,836	97,018	39,818
Administration	593,226	430,821	162,405
Fiscal	489,093	463,123	25,970
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,019,444	989,155	30,289
Pupil Transportation	1,059,785	1,030,652	29,133
Central	216,630	158,990	57,640
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:			
Food Service Operations	411,810	442,693	(30,883)
Extracurricular Activities	336,994	257,743	79,251
Interest and Fiscal Charges	8,586	6,160	2,426
Total Expenses	<u>10,088,655</u>	<u>9,747,226</u>	<u>341,429</u>
Increase in Net Position	1,113,857	16,148	1,097,709
Net Position at Beginning of Year	<u>(1,104,650)</u>	<u>(1,120,798)</u>	<u>16,148</u>
Net Position at End of Year	<u>\$9,207</u>	<u>(\$1,104,650)</u>	<u>\$1,113,857</u>

Property taxes made up approximately 10.9 percent of revenues for governmental activities for the Symmes Valley Local School District. Of the remaining revenues, the School District receives 78.7 percent from state foundation, federal, and state grants; 9.5 percent from charges for services; and 0.9 percent from interest and local entities.

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The unique nature of property taxes in Ohio creates the need to routinely seek voter approval for operating funds. As the result of legislation enacted in 1976, the overall revenue generated by a levy will not increase solely as a result of inflation. As an example, a homeowner with a home valued at \$100,000 and taxed at 1.0 mill would pay \$35.00 annually in taxes. If three years later the home were reappraised and increased to \$200,000 (and this inflationary increases in value is comparable to other property owners) the effective tax rate would become 0.5 mills and the owner would still pay \$35.00. This legislation helps explain the healthy increase in the School District's taxable value accompanied by only incremental increases in tax revenue. Property taxes made up just 10.9 percent of revenues for governmental activities for Symmes Valley Local School District in 2016. Additionally, increases in property taxes would only have a nominal effect upon the School District's total revenue. This is due to the funding formula in place in Ohio, any increase in property tax revenue would be offset by a corresponding decrease in state funding the School District would receive.

Approximately 53.0 percent of the School District's budget is used to fund instructional expenses. Support services make up 39.5 percent of expenses and 7.5 percent is used for fiscal charges, extracurricular activities, and non-instructional services.

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

**Table 3
Governmental Activities**

	2016 Total Cost of Services	2016 Net Cost of Services	2015 Total Cost of Services	2015 Net Cost of Services
Program Expenses				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$3,908,719	\$2,792,465	\$4,021,209	\$2,963,197
Special	1,259,999	854,279	1,240,243	833,012
Vocational	176,794	143,592	155,694	121,213
Support Services:				
Pupils	350,954	350,954	336,626	336,626
Instructional Staff	119,785	79,734	117,099	116,779
Board of Education	136,836	136,836	97,018	97,018
Administration	593,226	587,073	430,821	425,254
Fiscal	489,093	489,093	463,123	463,123
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,019,444	960,046	989,155	894,272
Pupil Transportation	1,059,785	1,059,785	1,030,652	1,030,652
Central	216,630	213,030	158,990	155,390
Non-Instructional Services:				
Food Service Operations	411,810	56,863	442,693	66,671
Extracurricular Activities	336,994	263,939	257,743	201,713
Interest and Fiscal Charges	8,586	8,586	6,160	6,160
Totals	\$10,088,655	\$7,996,275	\$9,747,226	\$7,711,080

The dependence upon tax revenues and state subsidies for governmental activities is apparent. 79.3 percent of total expenses are supported through taxes and other general revenues.

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THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDS

The School District's major funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. All governmental funds had total revenues of \$11,256,101 and expenditures of \$10,306,283.

The fund balance of the General Fund increased \$1,194,792. The General Fund's unassigned fund balance of \$3,653,052 represented 41.5% of current year expenditures.

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

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

During the course of fiscal year 2016, the School District did amend its General Fund estimated revenues. The School District uses a modified site-based budgeting technique which is designed to tightly control total site budgets but provide flexibility for site management.

For the General Fund, the final budget basis revenue estimate was \$10,107,665, which represented a 17.9 percent change from original estimates of \$8,574,184. The final budget basis expenditure estimate of \$8,914,126 represented only a 5 percent change from original estimates of \$8,490,000.

The School District's ending unobligated General Fund balance was \$4,268,748.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2016, the School District had \$7,904,303 invested in land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture, fixtures, and equipment, and vehicles. Table 4 shows fiscal year 2016 balances compared to 2015.

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

	Governmental Activities	
	2016	2015
Land	\$111,779	\$111,779
Land Improvements	653,432	435,331
Buildings and Improvements	6,439,243	6,839,218
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	371,928	234,165
Vehicles	327,921	305,989
Totals	<u>\$7,904,303</u>	<u>\$7,926,482</u>

For additional information on capital assets, see Note 12 to the basic financial statements.

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Debt

At June 30, 2016, the School District had an Energy Conservation Loan and an Energy Conservation Lease-Purchase Agreement outstanding. Table 5 shows fiscal year 2016 balances compared to 2015.

	Governmental Activities	
	2016	2015
House Bill 264 Energy Conservation:		
Energy Conservation Loan	\$504,032	\$555,960
Lease-Purchase Agreement	104,495	132,634
Totals	<u>\$608,527</u>	<u>\$688,594</u>

For additional information on debt, see Note 16 to the basic financial statements.

CURRENT ISSUES

The financial future of the School District is not without its challenges. These challenges are external and internal in nature. The internal challenges will continue to exist, as the School District must rely heavily on local property taxes. Due to slow economic growth, the School District does not foresee any sustainable growth in revenue from property taxes. Thus management must diligently plan expenses from the modest growth attained, staying carefully within its five-year forecast. Additional revenues from what was estimated must not be treated as a windfall to expand programs but as an opportunity to extend the time horizon of the five-year forecast.

Externally, the School District is largely dependent on State funding sources (approximately 78.7 percent of the School District's operating funds come from State foundation payments and other entitlements). State foundation revenue is fundamentally a function of student enrollment and a district's property tax wealth. Though, the School District has started to realize small increases in student enrollment and while State revenue growth has shifted toward school districts with low property tax wealth, these changes are not dramatic enough to offset the increased costs experienced over the last several years.

Although higher per-pupil funding has helped the School District lessen the impact of increased instructional expenses, much of the positive impact has been offset by other negative financial factors that occurred in the past year (increased utility and fuel costs, capital maintenance). In the long run, the fact remains that as long as the State avoids the complete systematic overhaul the Supreme Court ordered in its initial ruling, all schools in Ohio will be faced with the same problem in the future – either increasing its revenue (passing levies) or decreasing expenses (making budget cuts).

As the preceding information shows, the School District continues to depend upon its taxpayers. Although Symmes Valley Local School District has attempted to keep spending in line with revenues, and carefully watched financial planning, it must improve its revenue to expense ratios if the School District hopes to remain on firm financial footing.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to show the School District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Jack Webb, Treasurer at Symmes Valley Local School District, 14778 State Route 141, Willow Wood, Ohio 45696.

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Symmes Valley Local School District, Ohio
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2016

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$4,710,713
Materials and Supplies Inventory	3,742
Intergovernmental Receivable	119,132
Property Taxes Receivable	1,382,895
Accrued Interest Receivable	30
Accounts Receivable	7,862
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	111,779
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	7,792,524
<i>Total Assets</i>	<i>14,128,677</i>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Pensions	1,104,707
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	94,862
Accrued Wages and Benefits Payable	694,260
Contracts Payable	3,233
Intergovernmental Payable	162,398
Matured Compensated Absences	36,842
Vacation Benefits Payable	51,793
Accrued Interest Payable	1,796
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Due within One Year	92,264
Due in More than One Year:	
Net Pension Liability (See Note 13)	11,298,179
Other Amounts Due in More than One Year	926,946
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<i>13,362,573</i>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Property Taxes not Levied to Finance Current Year Operations	1,065,088
Pensions	796,516
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<i>1,861,604</i>
Net Position	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	7,295,776
Restricted for:	
Debt Service	3,143
Capital Projects	178,250
Other Purposes	79,572
Budget Stabilization	42,941
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(7,590,475)
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<i>\$9,207</i>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Symmes Valley Local School District, Ohio
Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June, 30, 2016

	Program Revenues				Net (Expense)
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants, Contributions and Interest	Capital Grants, Contributions and Interest	Revenue and Changes in Net Position
					Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities					
Instruction:					
Regular	\$3,908,719	\$939,199	\$177,055	\$0	(\$2,792,465)
Special	1,259,999	0	405,720	0	(854,279)
Vocational	176,794	0	33,202	0	(143,592)
Support Services:					
Pupils	350,954	0	0	0	(350,954)
Instructional Staff	119,785	40,051	0	0	(79,734)
Board of Education	136,836	0	0	0	(136,836)
Administration	593,226	0	6,153	0	(587,073)
Fiscal	489,093	0	0	0	(489,093)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,019,444	0	40,550	18,848	(960,046)
Pupil Transportation	1,059,785	0	0	0	(1,059,785)
Central	216,630	0	3,600	0	(213,030)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:					
Food Service Operations	411,810	11,422	343,525	0	(56,863)
Extracurricular Activities	336,994	70,693	2,362	0	(263,939)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	8,586	0	0	0	(8,586)
Totals	<u>\$10,088,655</u>	<u>\$1,061,365</u>	<u>\$1,012,167</u>	<u>\$18,848</u>	<u>(7,996,275)</u>
General Revenues					
Property Taxes Levied for:					
General Purposes					1,108,415
Permanent Improvements					99,496
Classroom Facilities Maintenance					17,182
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs					7,790,224
Investment Earnings					29,133
Payment in Lieu of Taxes					4,784
Miscellaneous					56,298
Insurance Recoveries					4,600
Total General Revenues					<u>9,110,132</u>
Change in Net Position					1,113,857
Net Position at Beginning of Year					<u>(1,104,650)</u>
Net Position at End of Year					<u>\$9,207</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Symmes Valley Local Schhol District, Ohio

*Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2016*

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$4,412,690	\$255,082	\$4,667,772
Restricted Assets:			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	42,941	0	42,941
Receivables:			
Property Taxes	1,289,557	93,338	1,382,895
Intergovernmental	22,292	96,840	119,132
Accrued Interest	30	0	30
Interfund	40,333	0	40,333
Accounts	7,862	0	7,862
Materials and Supplies Inventory	0	3,742	3,742
Total Assets	\$5,815,705	\$449,002	\$6,264,707
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances			
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$68,831	\$26,031	\$94,862
Accrued Wages and Benefits Payable	615,769	78,491	694,260
Contracts Payable	3,233	0	3,233
Interfund Payable	0	40,333	40,333
Intergovernmental Payable	149,016	13,382	162,398
Matured Compensated Absences	36,842	0	36,842
Total Liabilities	873,691	158,237	1,031,928
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Property Taxes not Levied to Finance Current Year Operations	1,001,857	63,231	1,065,088
Unavailable Revenue - Grants	0	1,870	1,870
Unavailable Revenue - Delinquent Taxes	179,216	18,759	197,975
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,181,073	83,860	1,264,933
Fund Balances			
Nonspendable	0	3,742	3,742
Restricted	42,941	78,952	121,893
Assigned	64,948	162,138	227,086
Unassigned (Deficits)	3,653,052	(37,927)	3,615,125
Total Fund Balances	3,760,941	206,905	3,967,846
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	\$5,815,705	\$449,002	\$6,264,707

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Symmes Valley Local School District, Ohio
*Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances
to Net Position of Governmental Activities
June 30, 2016*

Total Governmental Fund Balances		\$3,967,846
 <i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because</i>		
Capital Assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		7,904,303
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are not reported in the funds:		
Property Taxes	197,975	
Grants	1,870	199,845
Accrued interest payable is recognized for outstanding long-term liabilities with interest accruals that are not expected to be paid with expendable available resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		(1,796)
The net pension liability is not due and payable in the current financial period; therefore, the liability and related deferred inflows/outflows are not reported in the funds:		
Deferred Outflows - Pension	1,104,707	
Deferred Inflows - Pension	(796,516)	
Net Pension Liability	(11,298,179)	(10,989,988)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:		
House Bill 264 Energy Conservation Loan	(504,032)	
Energy Conservation Lease-Purchase Agreement	(104,495)	
Sick Leave Benefits Payable	(410,683)	
Vacation Benefits Payable	(51,793)	(1,071,003)
Net Position of Governmental Activities		\$9,207

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Symmes Valley Local School District, Ohio
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues			
Property Taxes	\$1,161,711	\$122,261	\$1,283,972
Intergovernmental	7,823,426	984,275	8,807,701
Investment Earnings	29,133	1,836	30,969
Tuition and Fees	939,199	0	939,199
Charges for Services	0	11,422	11,422
Extracurricular	40,211	70,533	110,744
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	4,784	0	4,784
Donations	8,650	2,362	11,012
Miscellaneous	54,298	2,000	56,298
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>10,061,412</u>	<u>1,194,689</u>	<u>11,256,101</u>
Expenditures			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular	3,815,782	165,427	3,981,209
Special	789,394	418,030	1,207,424
Vocational	186,680	2,963	189,643
Support Services:			
Pupils	337,056	0	337,056
Instructional Staff	106,138	0	106,138
Board of Education	136,836	0	136,836
Administration	576,690	6,506	583,196
Fiscal	462,667	6,039	468,706
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	991,996	314,213	1,306,209
Pupil Transportation	898,671	82,795	981,466
Central	225,980	16,053	242,033
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:			
Food Service Operations	0	413,416	413,416
Extracurricular Activities	181,948	81,271	263,219
Debt Service:			
Principal Retirement	81,276	0	81,276
Interest and Fiscal Charges	8,456	0	8,456
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>8,799,570</u>	<u>1,506,713</u>	<u>10,306,283</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>1,261,842</u>	<u>(312,024)</u>	<u>949,818</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Transfers In	0	71,650	71,650
Insurance Recoveries	4,600	0	4,600
Transfers Out	(71,650)	0	(71,650)
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<u>(67,050)</u>	<u>71,650</u>	<u>4,600</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	1,194,792	(240,374)	954,418
<i>Fund Balances at Beginning of Year</i>	<u>2,566,149</u>	<u>447,279</u>	<u>3,013,428</u>
<i>Fund Balances at End of Year</i>	<u>\$3,760,941</u>	<u>\$206,905</u>	<u>\$3,967,846</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Symmes Valley Local School District, Ohio
*Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016*

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds		\$954,418
 <i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because</i>		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlay in the current period:		
Capital Asset Additions	577,459	
Depreciation Expense	<u>(599,638)</u>	(22,179)
 Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds:		
Grants	690	
Delinquent Taxes	<u>(58,879)</u>	(58,189)
 Repayment of principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.		
		80,067
 Interest is reported as an expenditure when due in the governmental funds, but is accrued on outstanding debt on the statement of net position.		
		1,079
 Contractually required contributions are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds; however, the statement of net position reports these amounts as deferred outflows.		
		649,887
 Except for amounts reported as deferred inflows/outflows, changes in net pension liability are reported as pension expense in the statement of activities.		
		(501,694)
 Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:		
Sick Leave Benefits Payable	9,917	
Vacation Benefits Payable	<u>551</u>	<u>10,468</u>
 <i>Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities</i>		 <u><u>\$1,113,857</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Symmes Valley Local School District, Ohio
*Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis)*
General Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Property Taxes	\$1,032,500	\$1,217,482	\$1,217,482	\$0
Intergovernmental	6,526,900	7,821,759	7,821,759	0
Investment Earnings	25,000	29,129	29,129	0
Tuition and Fees	915,000	939,199	939,199	0
Extracurricular	35,000	40,211	40,211	0
Revenue in Lieu of Taxes	4,784	4,784	4,784	0
Donations	0	8,650	8,650	0
Miscellaneous	35,000	46,451	46,451	0
Total Revenues	8,574,184	10,107,665	10,107,665	0
Expenditures				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	3,639,023	3,844,032	3,844,032	0
Special	756,886	791,074	791,074	0
Vocational	181,478	189,675	189,675	0
Support Services:				
Pupils	316,640	330,943	330,943	0
Instructional Staff	101,603	106,192	106,192	0
Board of Education	132,557	138,545	138,545	0
Administration	557,831	583,028	583,028	0
Fiscal	444,645	464,729	464,729	0
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	988,114	1,032,747	1,032,747	0
Pupil Transportation	864,740	903,800	903,800	0
Central	246,416	257,547	257,547	0
Extracurricular Activities	174,213	182,082	182,082	0
Debt Service:				
Principal	76,607	80,067	80,067	0
Interest and Fiscal Charges	9,247	9,665	9,665	0
Total Expenditures	8,490,000	8,914,126	8,914,126	0
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	84,184	1,193,539	1,193,539	0
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Insurance Recoveries	0	4,600	4,600	0
Advances In	0	46,090	46,090	0
Transfers Out	53,916	(71,650)	(71,650)	0
Advances Out	0	(40,333)	(40,333)	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	53,916	(61,293)	(61,293)	0
Net Change in Fund Balance	138,100	1,132,246	1,132,246	0
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	3,062,270	3,062,270	3,062,270	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	74,232	74,232	74,232	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$3,274,602	\$4,268,748	\$4,268,748	\$0

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Symmes Valley Local School District, Ohio
Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities
Agency Funds
June 30, 2016

Assets

Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u><u>\$36,318</u></u>
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Liabilities

Due to Students	<u><u>\$36,318</u></u>
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See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Symmes Valley Local School District, Ohio

*Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016*

Note 1 - Description of the School District and Reporting Entity

Symmes Valley Local School District is a body politic and corporate established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio.

The School District operates under a locally-elected five-member Board form of government and provides educational services as authorized by State statute and federal guidelines. This Board of Education controls the School District's two instructional/support facilities staffed by 36 classified employees and 64 certified teaching and 11 administrative personnel who provide services to 757 students and other community members.

Reporting Entity

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

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

The School District participates in four organizations, the South Central Ohio Computer Association, a jointly governed organization, and the Better Business Bureau of Central Ohio Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Program, the Ohio School Plan, and the Lawrence County Schools Council of Governments Health Benefits Program, which are defined as insurance purchasing pools. These organizations are presented in Notes 18 and 19 to the basic financial statements.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

A. Basis of Presentation

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

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For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016*

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

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

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

B. Fund Accounting

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

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

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

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

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For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

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

C. Measurement Focus

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

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

D. Basis of Accounting

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

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

Non-exchange transactions, in which the School District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied (See Note 8). Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the fiscal year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the School District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School District on a reimbursement basis. On a

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modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

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

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources In addition to assets, the statements of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the School District, deferred outflows of resources are reported in the government-wide statement of net position for pensions (See Note 13).

In addition to liabilities, the statements of financial position report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. For the School District, deferred inflows of resources include property taxes, pensions, and unavailable revenue.

Property taxes represent amounts for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of June 30, 2016, but which are levied to finance fiscal year 2017 operations. These amounts have been recorded as a deferred inflow on both the government-wide statement of net position and governmental fund financial statements. Unavailable revenue is reported only on the governmental funds balance sheet, and represents receivables which will not be collected within the available period. For the School District, unavailable revenue includes delinquent property taxes and intergovernmental grants. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period the amounts become available. Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are reported on the government-wide statement of net position (See Note 13).

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

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

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

To improve cash management, cash received by the School District is pooled. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through School District records. Interest in the pool is presented as "equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents". During fiscal year 2016, the School District had no investments.

Following Ohio statutes, the Board of Education has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest is credited to the General Fund and the Permanent Improvements Capital Project Fund. Interest revenue credited to the General Fund during fiscal year 2016 amounted to \$29,133, which includes \$2,100 assigned from other School District funds.

Investments of the cash management pool and investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the School District are presented as cash and cash equivalents.

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F. Inventory

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

G. Capital Assets

All of the School District's capital assets are general capital assets resulting from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

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

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

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Land Improvements	20 years
Buildings and Improvements	20-50 years
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	5-20 years
Vehicles	3-10 years

H. Internal Activity

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

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

I. Restricted Assets

Assets are reported as restricted assets when limitations on their use change the normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either externally imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, or laws of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Restricted assets include amounts required by statute to be set-aside by the School District for Budget Stabilization. See Note 20 for additional information regarding set-asides.

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J. Compensated Absences

Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the School District will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. The liability for vacation benefits is recorded as "vacation benefits payable", rather than long-term liabilities, as the balances are to be used by employees in the fiscal year following the fiscal year earned.

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

K. Accrued Liabilities and Long-term Obligations

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

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources are reported as obligations of the funds. However, claims and judgments, compensated absences, and net pension liability that are paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current fiscal year. Bonds are recognized as a liability on the governmental fund financial statements when due.

L. Fund Balance

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

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

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 it is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

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

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

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

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

M. Interfund Balances

Interfund receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans or interfund services provided and used are classified as "interfund receivables/payables". These amounts are eliminated in the governmental activities column of the statement of position.

N. Estimates

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

O. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

Net position restricted for other purposes include resources restricted for food service operations and federal and state grants restricted for specific purposes.

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

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. The School District did not report any extraordinary or special items for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

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Q. Budgetary Process

All funds, other than the agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the appropriation resolution, and the certificate of estimated resources, which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amounts that the Board of Education may appropriate. The appropriation resolution is the Board's authorization to spend resources and set annual limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at a level of control selected by the Board. The legal level of control has been established by the Board of Education at the fund level. The Treasurer has been authorized to allocate appropriations to the function and object levels.

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

The appropriation resolution is subject to amendment throughout the fiscal 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 fiscal years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the Board during the fiscal year.

R. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the pension plans and additions to/deductions from the 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 the employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The pension systems report investments at fair value.

Note 3 – Change in Accounting Principle

For fiscal year 2016, the Symmes Valley Local School District implemented the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 72, "Fair Value Measurement and Application," and GASB Statement No. 76, "The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments."

GASB Statement No. 72 addresses accounting and financial reporting issues related to fair value measurements. This Statement provides guidance for determining a fair value measurement for financial reporting purposes for applying fair value to certain investments and disclosures related to all fair value measurements. These changes were incorporated in the School District's fiscal year 2016 financial statements; however, there was no effect on beginning net position/fund balance.

GASB Statement No. 76 identifies-in the context of the current governmental financial reporting environment-the sources of accounting principles used to prepare financial statements of state and local governmental entities in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and the framework for selecting those principles. The implementation of this GASB pronouncement did not result in any changes to the School District's financial statements.

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Note 4 - Fund Deficits

The following funds had deficit fund balances as of June 30, 2016:

	Deficit
Special Revenue Funds:	
Food Service	\$17,818
Title VI-B	13,281
Title I	6,828

These deficits resulted from payables recorded in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. The General Fund provides transfers to cover deficit balances; however, this is done when cash is needed rather than when accruals occur.

Note 5 - Fund Balances

Fund balance is classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and/or unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the School District is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in governmental funds.

The constraints placed on fund balance for the major governmental funds and all other governmental funds are presented below:

Fund Balances	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total
Nonspendable:			
Materials and Supplies Inventory	\$0	\$3,742	\$3,742
Restricted for:			
Athletics	0	8,928	8,928
Debt Service	0	3,143	3,143
Capital Improvements	0	62,062	62,062
Other Purposes	0	4,819	4,819
Budget Stabilization	42,941	0	42,941
<i>Total Restricted</i>	<i>42,941</i>	<i>78,952</i>	<i>121,893</i>
Assigned to:			
Other Purposes	64,948	0	64,948
Capital Improvements	0	162,138	162,138
<i>Total Assigned</i>	<i>64,948</i>	<i>162,138</i>	<i>227,086</i>
Unassigned (Deficits):	3,653,052	(37,927)	3,615,125
<i>Total Fund Balances</i>	<i>\$3,760,941</i>	<i>\$206,905</i>	<i>\$3,967,846</i>

Note 6 - Budgetary Basis of Accounting

While the School District is reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balance on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis) for the General Fund is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the budget basis and GAAP (modified accrual) basis are as follows:

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1. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis).
2. Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis).
3. Encumbrances are treated as expenditures (budget basis) rather than restricted, committed, or assigned fund balance (GAAP basis).
4. Advances In and Advances Out are operating transactions (budget) as opposed to balance sheet transactions (GAAP).

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

Net Change in Fund Balance	
GAAP Basis	\$1,194,792
Revenue Accruals	46,253
Expenditure Accruals	(13,625)
Advances	5,757
Encumbrances	<u>(100,931)</u>
Budget Basis	<u><u>\$1,132,246</u></u>

Note 7 - Deposits and Investments

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

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

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

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

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

1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligation or security issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation,

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Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;

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

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

Deposits Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the School District's deposits may not be returned to it. According to state law, public depositories must give security for all public funds on deposit in excess of those funds that are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or by any other agency or instrumentality of the federal government. These institutions may either specifically collateralize individual accounts in lieu of amounts insured by the FDIC, or may pledge a pool of government securities valued at least 105 percent of the total value of the public monies on deposit at the institution. The School District has no policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute.

As of June 30, 2016, the School District's bank balance of \$5,036,888 was either covered by FDIC or collateralized by the financial institutions' public entity deposit pools in the manner described above.

Note 8 - Property Taxes

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

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located in the School District. Real property tax revenue received in calendar year 2016 represents collections of calendar year 2015 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2016 were levied after April 1, 2015, on the assessed value listed as of January 1, 2015, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State law at thirty-five percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax revenue received in calendar year 2016 represents collections of calendar year 2015 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2016 became a lien December 31, 2014, were levied after April 1, 2015, and are collected with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at thirty-five percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value.

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The School District receives property taxes from Lawrence and Gallia Counties. The County Auditor periodically advances to the School District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the County by June 30, 2016, are available to finance fiscal year 2016 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

Accrued property taxes receivable includes real and public utility taxes which are measurable as of June 30, 2016, and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. Although total property tax collections for the next fiscal year are measurable, only the amount of real property taxes available as an advance at June 30 were levied to finance current fiscal year operations and is reported as revenue at fiscal year-end. The portion of the receivable not levied to finance current fiscal year operations is offset by a credit to deferred inflows – property taxes.

The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2016, was \$108,484 in the General Fund, \$9,760 in the Permanent Improvements Capital Projects Fund, and \$1,588 in the Classroom Facilities Maintenance Special Revenue Fund. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2015, was \$164,255 in the General Fund, \$14,549 in the Permanent Improvements Capital Projects Fund, and \$3,112 in the Classroom Facilities Maintenance Special Revenue Fund.

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

The assessed values upon which the fiscal year 2016 taxes were collected are:

	2015 Second Half Collections		2016 First Half Collections	
Agricultural/Residential and Other Real Estate	\$50,140,540	86.23%	\$50,513,070	85.90%
Public Utility Personal	7,316,820	12.58%	7,572,170	12.88%
General Business Personal	693,340	1.19%	720,350	1.22%
Total	<u>\$58,150,700</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$58,805,590</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
 Tax Rate per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation	\$23.00		\$23.00	

Note 9 - Receivables

Receivables at June 30, 2016, consisted of property taxes, accounts (rents, student fees, and tuition), interfund, and intergovernmental grants. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of State programs, and the current fiscal year guarantee of federal funds.

All receivables, except delinquent property taxes, are expected to be collected in one year. Property taxes, although ultimately collectible, include some portion of delinquencies that will not be collected within one year. A summary of the principal items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

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<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Amounts</u>
Federal Lunch and Breakfast	\$9,343
Public Preschool	11,491
HSTW	1,870
Title VI-B IDEA	22,299
Title I	34,652
Title II-A	17,185
Casino Revenue Tax	20,899
Miscellaneous	<u>1,393</u>
Total	<u><u>\$119,132</u></u>

Note 10 – Significant Commitments

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

Governmental Activities:

General Fund	\$100,931
Other Governmental Funds	<u>246,532</u>
Total	<u><u>\$347,463</u></u>

Note 11 - Risk Management

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. For fiscal year 2016, the School District contracted with Hyland Administrative Services for property and fleet insurance. The type and amount of coverage provided follows:

<u>Property</u>	<u>Deductible</u>	<u>Limits of Coverage</u>
Building and Contents - Replacement Cost	\$1,000	\$38,100,513
Vehicles:		
Bodily Injury:		
Per Person	1,000	1,000,000
Per Accident	1,000	1,000,000
Property Damage	1,000	3,000,000
Uninsured Motorist:		
Per Person	1,000	1,000,000
Per Accident	1,000	1,000,000

The School District has joined together with other school districts in Ohio to participate in the Ohio School Plan (OSP), an insurance purchasing pool. Each individual school district enters into an agreement with OSP and its premium is based on types of coverage, limits of coverage, and deductibles that it selects. The School District pays its annual premium to the OSP (See Note 19).

The types and amounts of coverage provided by the Ohio School Plan are as follows:

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Property	Deductible	Limits of Coverage
General Liability:		
Each Occurrence	0	\$ 3,000,000
Aggregate Limit	0	3,000,000
Products - Completed Operations Aggregate Limit	0	3,000,000
Fire Legal Liability	0	500,000
Medical Expense Liability - per person/accident	0	10,000
Employers' Liability:		
Each Occurrence	0	3,000,000
Per Disease Each Employee	0	3,000,000
Per Disease Aggregate	0	3,000,000
Employee Benefits Liability:		
Each Occurrence	2,500	3,000,000
Aggregate Limit	2,500	5,000,000
Educational Liability:		
Errors and Omissions - Each Occurrence	2,500	3,000,000
Errors and Omissions - Aggregate Limit	2,500	5,000,000

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. There has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage from fiscal year 2015.

For fiscal year 2016, the School District participated in the Better Business Bureau of Central Ohio Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Program (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 19). The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the School District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRP. The workers' compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the GRP. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate of the GRP rather than its individual rate. Participation in the GRP is limited to school districts that can meet the GRP's selection criteria. The firm of Sheakley Uniservice, Inc. Managed Care Organization provides administrative, cost control, and actuarial services to the GRP.

Group Health

The School District participates in the Lawrence County Schools Council of Governments Health Benefits Program to provide employee medical benefits. Rates are set through an annual calculation process. The School District pays monthly premiums to the fiscal agent, which are placed into a Council Fund from which claim payments are made for all participating school districts. The School District pays 80% to 90% of the premium for all employees.

Claims are paid for all participants regardless of claims flow. Upon withdrawal from the program, no further contribution will be made and the school district will be distributed their net pooled share and all claims submitted by covered members of the school district after the distribution will be exclusively the liability of the school district.

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Note 12 - Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, was as follows:

	Balance at 6/30/15	Additions	Deductions	Balance at 6/30/16
Capital Assets:				
Non-Depreciable Capital Assets:				
Land	\$111,779	\$0	\$0	\$111,779
Depreciable Capital Assets:				
Land Improvements	1,111,703	261,289	0	1,372,992
Buildings and Improvements	15,778,964	48,070	0	15,827,034
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	635,381	181,205	0	816,586
Vehicles	1,316,836	86,895	0	1,403,731
Total Depreciable Capital Assets	18,842,884	577,459	0	19,420,343
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Land Improvements	(676,372)	(43,188)	0	(719,560)
Buildings and Improvements	(8,939,746)	(448,045)	0	(9,387,791)
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	(401,216)	(43,442)	0	(444,658)
Vehicles	(1,010,847)	(64,963)	0	(1,075,810)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(11,028,181)	(599,638) *	0	(11,627,819)
Total Capital Assets being Depreciated, Net	7,814,703	(22,179)	0	7,792,524
Capital Assets, Net	\$7,926,482	(\$22,179)	\$0	\$7,904,303

*Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Instruction:	
Regular	\$199,356
Special	79,732
Vocational	10,181
Support Services:	
Pupils	17,730
Instructional Staff	13,875
Administration	22,162
Fiscal	13,297
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	36,652
Pupil Transportation	137,872
Central	4,432
Food Service Operations	50,307
Extracurricular Activities	14,042
Total Depreciation Expense	<u>\$599,638</u>

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Note 13 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Net Pension Liability

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

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

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

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

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

School Employees Retirement System

Plan Description – School District non-teaching employees participate in SERS, a cost-sharing, multiple employer defined benefit pension plan administered by SERS. SERS provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. 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 may be obtained by visiting the SERS website at www.ohsers.org under Employer/Audit Resources.

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Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

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

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

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

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

Funding Policy – Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the School District is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to statutory maximum amounts of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the System's funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 14 percent. No allocation was made to the Health Care Fund.

The School District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$163,622 for fiscal year 2016. Of this amount \$29,896 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Funding Policy – Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, plan members were required to contribute 13 percent of their annual covered salary. Effective July 1, 2016, the statutory maximum employee contribution rate was increased one percent to 14 percent. The School District was required to contribute 14 percent; the entire 14 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The fiscal year 2016 contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates.

The School District's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$486,265 for fiscal year 2016. Of this amount \$81,444 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

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

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2015, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the School District's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$2,094,184	\$9,203,995	\$11,298,179
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.037977%	0.03330307%	
Pension Expense	\$264,724	\$236,970	\$501,694

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At June 30, 2016, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$35,010	\$419,810	\$454,820
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>163,622</u>	<u>486,265</u>	<u>649,887</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u><u>\$198,632</u></u>	<u><u>\$906,075</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,104,707</u></u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	\$74,056	\$666,218	\$740,274
Changes in proportion and differences between School District Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	<u>15,911</u>	<u>40,331</u>	<u>56,242</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u><u>\$89,967</u></u>	<u><u>\$706,549</u></u>	<u><u>\$796,516</u></u>

\$649,887 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2017. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
2016	(\$31,870)	(\$160,813)	(\$192,683)
2017	(31,870)	(160,813)	(192,683)
2018	(32,038)	(160,813)	(192,851)
2019	<u>40,821</u>	<u>195,700</u>	<u>236,521</u>
Total	<u><u>(\$54,957)</u></u>	<u><u>(\$286,739)</u></u>	<u><u>(\$341,696)</u></u>

Actuarial Assumptions - SERS

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

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

Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. For a newly hired employee, actuarial calculations will

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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, 2015, are presented below:

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

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

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

The long-term return expectation for the Pension Plan Investments has been determined using a building-block approach and assumes a time horizon, as defined in SERS' *Statement of Investment Policy*. A forecasted rate of inflation serves as the baseline for the return expectation. Various real return premiums over the baseline inflation rate have been established for each asset class. The long-term expected nominal rate of return has been determined by calculating an arithmetic weighted average of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate, and adding the expected return from rebalanced 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 School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate Net pension liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential

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impact the following table presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.75 percent, as well as what each plan's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.75 percent), or one percentage point higher (8.75 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$3,004,825	\$2,094,184	\$1,461,449

Actuarial Assumptions - STRS

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2015, 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, 2015, 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 best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized as follows:

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

* 10 year annualized geometric nominal returns include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.5 percent.

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75 percent as of June 30, 2015. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes member and employer

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contributions will be made at the statutory contribution rates in accordance with rate increases described above. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future plan members and their beneficiaries, as well as projected contributions from future plan members, are not included. Based on those assumptions, STRS' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2015. 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, 2015.

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

	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$12,785,043	\$9,203,995	\$6,175,684

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, 2016, no member of the Board of Education had elected Social Security. The contribution rate is 6.2 percent of wages.

Note 14 - Postemployment Benefits

A. School Employees Retirement System

Post-Employment Benefits

In addition to a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS) administers a post-employment benefit plan.

Health Care Plan

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

The Ohio Revised Code 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 Section 105(e). Each year after the allocation for statutorily required pension and benefits, the Retirement

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Board may allocate the remainder of the employer 14 percent contribution to the Health Care Fund in accordance with the funding policy. For the years ended June 30, 2016, 2015, and 2014, the health care allocations were 0 percent, 0.82 percent and 0.14 percent, respectively. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated if less than a full year of service credit was earned. By statute, 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 2016, the minimum compensation level was established at \$23,000. The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. District contributions assigned to health care for the years ended June 30, 2016, 2015, and 2014, were \$0, \$29,186, and \$21,043, respectively. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal years 2015 and 2014.

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 upon the plan selected, qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

The financial reports of SERS' Health Care plan is included in its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. That report can be obtained on SERS website at www.ohsers.org under Employers/Audit Resources.

B. State Teachers Retirement System

Plan Description

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 partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums.

Pursuant to Chapter 3307 of the 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. Nearly all health care 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 (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy

Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. Of the 14 percent employer contribution rate, 0 percent of covered payroll was allocated to post-employment health care for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015. For the year ended June 30, 2014, 1 percent of covered payroll was allocated to post-employment health care. The 14 percent contribution rate is the maximum rate established under Ohio law.

The District's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016, 2015, and 2014 were \$0, \$0, and \$36,233, respectively. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal year 2014.

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Note 15 - Employee Benefits

A. Compensated Absences

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

Teachers, administrators, and classified employees earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. There is no limit to the amount of sick leave that may be accumulated. Upon retirement, payment is made for one-fourth of accrued, but unused sick leave to a maximum of 80 days for certified employees and 75 days for classified employees.

B. Insurance Benefits

The School District provides medical, health, and prescription card coverage through Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield. The School District pays 90% of the total monthly premiums for those employees with the School District prior to June 30, 2013, and 80% for those employees hired after June 30, 2015, of \$1,756.79 for family coverage and \$711.25 for single coverage.

The School District provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to certificated and administrative employees through Guardian Insurance Company in the amount of \$40,000.

The School District provides dental insurance through Guardian Insurance Company. The School District pays 75% of the total monthly premium of \$64.68 for family coverage and \$19.60 for single coverage.

Note 16 - Long-Term Obligations

Changes in long-term obligations of the School District during fiscal year 2016 were as follows:

	Principal Outstanding 6/30/15	Additions	Deductions	Principal Outstanding 6/30/16	Amounts Due in One Year
Governmental Activities:					
House Bill 264 Energy Conservation:					
Energy Conservation Loan - 1.00%	\$555,960	\$0	\$51,928	\$504,032	\$35,053
Lease-Purchase Agreement - 2.62%	132,634	0	28,139	104,495	28,886
Total HB 264 Obligations	688,594	0	80,067	608,527	63,939
Net Pension Liability:					
SERS	1,940,517	153,667	0	2,094,184	0
STRS	8,131,279	1,072,716	0	9,203,995	0
Total Net Pension Liabilities	10,071,796	1,226,383	0	11,298,179	0
Sick Leave Benefits Payable	420,600	29,822	39,739	410,683	28,325
Total Governmental Activities Long-Term Liabilities	\$11,180,990	\$1,256,205	\$119,806	\$12,317,389	\$92,264

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House Bill 264 Energy Conservation Obligations On September 19, 2014, the School District entered into a \$555,960 Energy Conservation Loan and entered into a \$145,074 Lease-Purchase Agreement for the purpose of improving and reducing energy consumption in each of the School District’s instructional facilities. These obligations were issued through a loan and a series of lease agreements and trust indentures in accordance with Section 3313.375 of the Ohio Revised Code. This loan is being repaid from the General Fund.

In accordance with the lease terms, the project assets are leased to US Bank Equipment Finance, and then subleased back to the School District. The lease-purchase agreement was issued through a series of annual leases with an initial lease term of five years which includes the right to renew for five successive one-year terms through December 31, 2018, subject to annual appropriations. To satisfy the trustee requirements, the School District is required to make annual base rent payments, subject to the lease terms and appropriations, semi-annually. The base rent includes an interest component of 2.62%. This lease is being paid from the General Fund.

Annual base rent requirements to retire the HB 264 Energy Conservation Loan and the Lease-Purchase Agreement outstanding at June 30, 2016, are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Loan		Lease-Purchase		Total	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2017	\$35,053	\$3,715	\$28,886	\$2,564	\$63,939	\$6,279
2018	35,404	3,451	29,651	1,798	65,055	5,249
2019	35,759	3,185	30,438	1,011	66,197	4,196
2020	36,118	2,916	15,520	204	51,638	3,120
2021	36,480	2,645	0	0	36,480	2,645
2022-2026	187,957	9,053	0	0	187,957	9,053
2027-2030	137,261	2,032	0	0	137,261	2,032
	<u>\$504,032</u>	<u>\$26,997</u>	<u>\$104,495</u>	<u>\$5,577</u>	<u>\$608,527</u>	<u>\$32,574</u>

The sick leave benefits payable will be paid from the fund from which the employees’ salaries are paid which includes the General Fund, and the Food Service, Title VI-B Idea, and the Title I Special Revenue Funds. The School District pays obligations related to employee compensation from the fund benefitting from their service.

The School District's overall legal debt margin was \$4,687,119, with an unvoted debt margin of \$84,024 at June 30, 2016.

Note 17 - Interfund Activity and Balances

A. Transfers

During fiscal year 2016, the General Fund made transfers to the Food Service and Athletics Special Revenue Funds in the amounts of \$65,670 and \$5,980, respectively. These transfers were used to move unrestricted revenue collected in the General Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

B. Interfund Balances

Interfund balances at June 30, 2016, arise from the provision of cash flow resources from the General Fund until the receipt of grant monies by the Special Revenue Funds.

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	Interfund Receivables	Interfund Payables
General Fund	<u>\$40,333</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Other Governmental Funds:		
Food Service	0	9,342
Early Childhood	0	11,492
Title VI-B IDEA	0	7,355
Title I	0	9,199
Title II-A	0	2,945
Total Other Governmental Funds	<u>0</u>	<u>40,333</u>
Total All Funds	<u><u>\$40,333</u></u>	<u><u>\$40,333</u></u>

Note 18 - Jointly Governed Organization

A. South Central Ohio Computer Association

The South Central Ohio Computer Association (SCOCA) is a jointly governed organization among public school districts within the boundaries of Highland, Adams, Pike, Scioto, Brown, Ross, and Lawrence Counties. The organization was formed with the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to administrative and instructional functions among member school districts. The governing board of SCOCA consists of two representatives from each of the seven participating counties and one representative from the fiscal agent. The School District paid \$87,631 for services provided during fiscal year 2016. To obtain financial information write to the Pike County Joint Vocational School District, P.O. Box 577, 23365 State Route 124, Piketon, Ohio 45661.

Note 19 - Insurance Purchasing Pools

A. Lawrence County Schools Council of Governments Health Benefits Program

The School District participates in the Lawrence County Schools Council of Governments Health Benefits Program (Council), a shared risk pool created pursuant to State statute for the purpose of administering health care benefits. The Council is governed by a council, which consists of the superintendent from each participating school district. The council elects officers for one-year terms to serve on the Board of Directors. The Council exercises control over the operation of the Council. All council revenues are generated from charges for services received from the participating school districts, based on the established premiums for the insurance plans. The Lawrence County Educational Service Center is the fiscal agent of the council. Each School District reserves the right to withdraw from the plan. If this is done, no further contributions will be made and the school district's net pooled share will be distributed and all claims submitted by covered members of the school district after the distribution will be exclusively the liability of the school district.

B. Better Business Bureau of Central Ohio Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Program

The School District participates in the Better Business Bureau of Central Ohio Worker's Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Program (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool. The GRP's business and affairs are conducted by a three member Board of trustees consisting of the President, the Vice President, and the Secretary. Each year, the participating school districts pay an enrollment fee to the GRP to cover the costs of administering the program.

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C. Ohio School Plan

The School District participates in the Ohio School Plan (OSP), an insurance purchasing pool. The OSP is created and organized pursuant to and as authorized by Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code. The OSP is an unincorporated, non-profit association of its members and an instrumentality for each member for the purpose of enabling members of the Plan to provide for a formalized, joint insurance purchasing program to maintain adequate insurance protection, risk management programs and other administrative services. The OSP's business and affairs are conducted by a fifteen member Board of Directors consisting of school district superintendents and treasurers, as well as the president of Harcum-Hyre Insurance Agency, Inc. and a partner of the Hylant Group, Inc. Hylant Group, Inc. is the Administrator of the OSP and is responsible for processing claims. Harcum-Hyre Insurance Agency, Inc. is the sales and marketing representative, which establishes agreements between the OSP and member school districts.

Note 20 - Set-Aside Calculations

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

Effective April 10, 2001, through Amended Substitute Senate Bill 345, the requirements for school districts to establish and appropriate money for the budget stabilization was deleted from law. A school district may still establish reserve balance accounts consistent with Section 5705.13, Revised Code, if it so chooses; however, the requirement is no longer mandatory. In addition, any money on hand in a school district's budget reserve set-aside as of April 10, 2001, may at the discretion of the board of education be returned to the school district's General Fund or may be left in the account and used by the board to offset any budget deficit the district may experience in future years. The bill placed special conditions on any Bureau or Workers' Compensation monies remaining in the budget reserve. During fiscal year 2002, the Board of Education passed a resolution to maintain only the refunds from the Bureau of Workers' Compensation in the budget reserve pursuant to State Statute and at June 30, 2016, this is all that continues to be set aside.

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

	<u>Capital Improvements</u>	<u>Budget Reserve</u>
Set-Aside Balance as of as of June 30, 2015	\$0	\$42,941
Current Year Set-Aside Requirement	141,956	0
Current Year Offsets	(148,175)	0
Qualifying Disbursements	(490,564)	0
Totals	<u>(\$496,783)</u>	<u>\$42,941</u>
Set-Aside Balance Carried Forward to Future Fiscal Years	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$42,941</u>
Set-Aside Balance as of June 30, 2016	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$42,941</u>

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

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Note 21 - Contingencies

A. Grants

The School District received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds. However, the effect of any such disallowed claims on the overall financial position of the School District at June 30, 2016, if applicable, cannot be determined at this time.

B. Litigation

The School District is currently not party to any legal proceedings.

C. School Foundation

School District Foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of each student. Effective for the 2014-2015 school year, traditional school districts must comply with minimum hours of instruction, instead of a minimum number of school days each year. The funding formula the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is legislatively required to follow will continue to adjust as enrollment information is updated by the School District, which can extend past the fiscal year end. As of the date of this report, ODE has not finalized the impact of enrollment adjustments to the June 30, 2016 foundation funding for the School District, therefore, any financial statement impact is not determinable at this time. ODE and management believe this will result in either a receivable to or a liability of the School District.

Note 22- Subsequent Event

META Solutions is a computer consortium that was the result of a merger between Tri-Rivers Educational Computer Association (TRECA) and the Metropolitan Educational Council (MEC) in February 2015. Metropolitan Dayton Educational Cooperative Association (MDECA) and Southeastern Ohio Voluntary Education Cooperative (SEOVEC) also merged with META Solutions on January 4, 2016. META Solutions develops, implements, and supports the technology and instructional needs of schools and provides instructional, core, technology, and purchasing services for its member districts. The Board of Directors consists of eight members from member districts. The South Central Ohio Computer Association Council of Governments was in the process of merging with META Solutions; however as of the date of this financial report, the merger had not yet been fully completed.

Symmes Valley Local School District, Ohio

*Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016*

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Symmes Valley Local School District, Ohio
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio
Last Three Fiscal Years (1)

	2016	2015	2014
School District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.03330307%	0.03342978%	0.03342978%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$9,203,995	\$8,131,279	\$9,685,927
School District's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$3,624,729	\$3,417,829	\$3,508,777
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	253.92%	237.91%	276.05%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	72.10%	74.70%	69.30%

(1) Information prior to 2013 is not available.

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

Symmes Valley Local School District, Ohio
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
School Employees Retirement System of Ohio
Last Three Fiscal Years (1)

	2016	2015	2014
School District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.037977%	0.038343%	0.038343%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$2,094,184	\$1,940,517	\$2,280,135
School District's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$1,142,830	\$1,119,459	\$992,921
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	183.25%	173.34%	229.64%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	69.16%	71.70%	65.52%

(1) Information prior to 2013 is not available.

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

Symmes Valley Local School District, Ohio
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the School District Contributions
State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$486,265	\$507,462	\$444,318	\$456,141
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(486,265)</u>	<u>(507,462)</u>	<u>(444,318)</u>	<u>(456,141)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
School District Covered-Employee Payroll	\$3,473,321	\$3,624,729	\$3,417,829	\$3,508,777
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	14.00%	14.00%	13.00%	13.00%

2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
\$518,975	\$430,301	\$494,730	\$521,887	\$486,473	\$454,116
(518,975)	(430,301)	(494,730)	(521,887)	(486,473)	(454,116)
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$3,992,115	\$3,310,008	\$3,805,615	\$4,014,515	\$3,742,100	\$3,493,200
13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%

Symmes Valley Local School District, Ohio
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the School District Contributions
School Employees Retirement System of Ohio
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$163,622	\$150,625	\$155,157	\$130,073
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(163,622)</u>	<u>(150,625)</u>	<u>(155,157)</u>	<u>(130,073)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
School District Covered-Employee Payroll	\$1,168,729	\$1,142,830	\$1,119,459	\$939,834
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	14.00%	13.18%	13.86%	13.84%

<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
\$135,065	\$123,091	\$133,695	\$87,352	\$86,218	\$105,055
<u>(135,065)</u>	<u>(123,091)</u>	<u>(133,695)</u>	<u>(87,352)</u>	<u>(86,218)</u>	<u>(105,055)</u>
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
\$1,004,201	\$979,244	\$987,408	\$887,724	\$877,984	\$983,661
13.45%	12.57%	13.54%	9.84%	9.82%	10.68%

Symmes Valley Local School District
Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

Federal Grantor/Pass Through Grantor/Program Title	Pass Through Entity Number	Federal CFDA Number	Federal Awards Expenditures
<u>United States Department of Agriculture</u>			
<i>Passed through the Ohio Department of Education</i>			
Child Nutrition Cluster:			
School Breakfast Program	3L70	10.553	\$78,744
National School Lunch Program	3L60	10.555	229,171
National School Lunch Program - Non-Cash Assistance	3L60	10.555	<u>21,354</u>
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			<u>329,269</u>
Total United States Department of Agriculture			<u>329,269</u>
<u>United States Department of Education</u>			
<i>Passed through the Ohio Department of Education</i>			
Special Education-Grants to States	3M20	84.027	197,169
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	3M00	84.010	228,569
Rural Education	3Y80	84.358	14,611
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	3Y60	84.367	<u>67,145</u>
Total United States Department of Education			<u>507,494</u>
Total Federal Financial Assistance			<u><u>\$836,763</u></u>

The notes to the schedule of federal awards expenditures are an integral part of this schedule.

Symmes Valley Local School District, Ohio
Notes to the Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

Note 1 – Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of federal awards expenditures (the schedule) is a summary of the activity of the School District's federal award programs. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the School District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in net position of the School District.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the schedule are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be allowable or may be limited as to reimbursement. The School District has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

Note 3 – Food Donation Program

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

Note 4 – Child Nutrition Cluster

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

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*

Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Education
Symmes Valley Local School District
14778 State Route 141
Willow Wood, Ohio 45696

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 major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Symmes Valley Local School District, Lawrence County, Ohio (the School District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 27, 2016.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the School 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 School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School 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 School 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 School 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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 School 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 School District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Natalie Millhuff-Stang, CPA, CITP
President/Owner
Millhuff-Stang, CPA, Inc.
Portsmouth, Ohio

December 27, 2016

Report on Compliance For Each Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Education
Symmes Valley Local School District
14778 State Route 141
Willow Wood, Ohio 45696

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Symmes Valley Local School District's, (the School District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the School District's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2016. The School District's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for the School District's major federal program 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 the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance 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 School 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 the major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the School District's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the School District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the School District's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2016.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the School 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 School District's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for the major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, 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 School District's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, 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 the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Natalie Millhuff-Stang, CPA, CITP
President/Owner
Millhuff-Stang, CPA, Inc.
Portsmouth, Ohio

December 27, 2016

Symmes Valley Local School District, Ohio
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

Section I – Summary of Auditor’s Results

<i>Financial Statements</i>	
Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP:	Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	No
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	None reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	No
<i>Federal Awards</i>	
Internal control over major program(s):	
Material weakness(es) identified?	No
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	None reported
Type of auditor’s report issued on compliance for major programs:	Unmodified
Any auditing findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	No
Identification of major program(s):	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies (CFDA #84.010)
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:	\$750,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	Yes

Section II – Financial Statement Findings

None

Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

None



Dave Yost • Auditor of State

SYMMES VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

LAWRENCE COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
MARCH 16, 2017**