

CHAMPION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

TRUMBULL COUNTY, OHIO

AUDIT REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017





Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Education
Champion Local School District
5976 Mahoning Avenue NW
Warren, Ohio 44483

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Champion Local School District, Trumbull County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. 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 Champion Local School District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

March 6, 2018

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Champion Local School District
Trumbull County
5976 Mahoning Avenue NW
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To the Board of Education:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Champion Local School District, Trumbull County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with 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 an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Champion Local School District, Trumbull County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information and schedules of net pension liabilities and pension contributions listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not 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 consist 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.

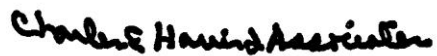
Other Information

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

The schedule of expenditures of federal awards 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 expenditures of federal awards 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 20 2017, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.
December 20, 2017

**CHAMPION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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The management's discussion and analysis of Champion Local School District's (the "District") financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2017 are as follows:

- In total, net position of governmental activities increased \$809,975, which represents a 34.84% increase from fiscal year 2016.
- General revenues accounted for \$14,584,661 in revenue or 85.60% of total revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and sales, grants and contributions accounted for \$2,453,763 in revenue or 14.40% of total revenues of \$17,038,424.
- The District had \$16,228,449 in expenses related to governmental activities; only \$2,453,763 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General revenues supporting governmental activities (primarily taxes and unrestricted grants and entitlements) of \$14,584,661 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- The District's two major governmental funds are the general fund and classroom facilities fund. The general fund had \$14,536,021 in revenues and \$13,574,099 in expenditures and other financing uses. During fiscal year 2017, the general fund's fund balance increased \$961,922 from a fund balance of \$2,554,714 to a fund balance of 3,516,636.
- The classroom facilities fund had \$7,067,198 in revenues and \$4,632,748 in expenditures. During fiscal year 2017, the classroom facilities fund's fund balance increased \$2,434,450 from a fund balance of \$14,783,252 to a fund balance of \$17,217,702.

Using the Basic Financial Statements (BFS)

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

The statement of net position and statement of activities provide information about the activities of the whole District, presenting both an aggregate view of the District's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the District's most significant funds with all other nonmajor funds presented in total in one column. In the case of the District, the general fund and classroom facilities fund are by far the most significant funds, and the only governmental funds reported as major funds.

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Reporting the District as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

While this document contains the large number of funds used by the District to provide programs and activities, the view of the District as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did the District do financially during fiscal year 2017?" The statement of net position and the statement of activities answer this question. These statements include all non-fiduciary assets, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, revenues and expenses using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting will take into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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

In the statement of net position and the statement of activities, the governmental activities include the District's programs and services, including instruction, support services, operation and maintenance, pupil transportation, extracurricular activities, and food service operations.

The District's statement of net position and statement of activities can be found on pages 16-17 of this report.

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The analysis of the District's major governmental fund begins on page 11. Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the District's major funds. The District uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the District's most significant funds. The District's major governmental funds are the general fund and the classroom facilities fund.

Governmental Funds

Most of the District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the statement of net position and the statement of activities) and governmental funds is reconciled in the basic financial statements. The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 18-22 of this report.

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Reporting the District's Fiduciary Responsibilities

The District acts in a trustee capacity as an agent for individuals. These activities are reported in an agency fund. The District's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate statement of fiduciary assets and liabilities on page 23. These activities are excluded from the District's other financial statements because the assets cannot be utilized by the District to finance its operations.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. These notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 24-63 of this report.

Required Supplementary Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the District's net pension liability. The required supplementary information can be found on pages 64-70 of this report.

The District as a Whole

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

The table below provides a summary of the District's net position at June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016.

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	Net Position	
	Governmental Activities <u>2017</u>	Governmental Activities <u>2016</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Current and other assets	\$ 41,994,882	\$ 43,626,185
Capital assets, net	<u>5,892,552</u>	<u>1,468,875</u>
Total assets	<u>47,887,434</u>	<u>45,095,060</u>
<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>		
Pension	<u>4,634,615</u>	<u>2,152,633</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>4,634,615</u>	<u>2,152,633</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current liabilities	3,149,927	1,694,367
Long-term liabilities:		
Due within one year	501,961	618,336
Due in more than one year:		
Net pension liability	22,963,694	18,544,717
Other amounts	<u>15,910,979</u>	<u>16,326,185</u>
Total liabilities	<u>42,526,561</u>	<u>37,183,605</u>
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>		
Property taxes levied for next year	6,715,547	6,428,264
Pensions	<u>145,278</u>	<u>1,311,136</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>6,860,825</u>	<u>7,739,400</u>
<u>Net Position</u>		
Net investment in capital assets	1,840,244	784,339
Restricted	15,766,418	18,041,169
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(14,471,999)</u>	<u>(16,500,820)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 3,134,663</u>	<u>\$ 2,324,688</u>

The District has adopted GASB Statement 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions—an Amendment of GASB Statement 27," which significantly revises accounting for pension costs and liabilities. For reasons discussed below, many end users of this financial statement will gain a clearer understanding of the District's actual financial condition by adding deferred inflows related to pension and the net pension liability to the reported net position and subtracting deferred outflows related to pension.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Over time, net position can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At June 30, 2017, the District's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$3,134,663.

At year end, capital assets represented 12.31% of total assets. Capital assets include land, construction in progress, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, and vehicles. The District's net investment in capital assets at June 30, 2017 was \$1,840,244. These capital assets are used to provide services to the students and are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources to repay the debt must be provided from other sources, since capital assets may not be used to liquidate these liabilities.

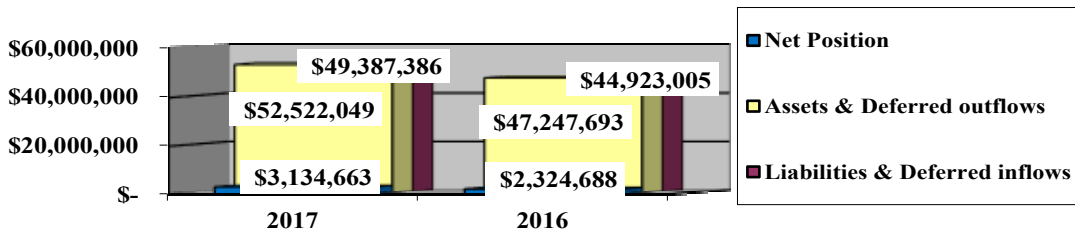
A portion of the District's net position, \$15,766,418, represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position is a deficit of \$14,471,999.

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The graph below illustrates the District's assets, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position at June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016.

Governmental Activities



The table below shows the changes in net position for governmental activities for fiscal years 2017 and 2016.

Change in Net Position

	Governmental Activities 2017	Governmental Activities 2016
<u>Revenues</u>		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services and sales	\$ 815,017	\$ 988,825
Operating grants and contributions	1,556,083	1,499,328
Capital grants and contributions	82,663	13,580
General revenues:		
Property taxes	6,646,872	6,057,574
Grants and entitlements	7,836,051	7,763,740
OFCC grant and entitlements	-	17,552,720
Investment earnings	14,599	8,437
Miscellaneous	87,139	63,659
Total revenues	17,038,424	33,947,863

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Change in Net Position (Continued)

	Governmental Activities <u>2017</u>	Governmental Activities <u>2016</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Program expenses:		
Instruction:		
Regular	\$ 6,315,746	\$ 5,994,521
Special	2,130,680	1,516,105
Vocational	700	3,480
Other	508,873	600,448
Support services:		
Pupil	1,130,190	639,635
Instructional staff	255,089	1,259,252
Board of education	69,470	42,221
Administration	1,363,030	1,105,723
Fiscal	527,910	350,991
Operations and maintenance	1,353,220	1,442,795
Pupil transportation	900,814	835,345
Central	173,082	42,898
Operation of non-instructional services:		
Food service operations	429,603	383,657
Extracurricular activities	551,096	511,196
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>518,946</u>	<u>432,009</u>
Total expenses	<u>16,228,449</u>	<u>15,160,276</u>
Change in net position	809,975	18,787,587
Net position (deficit) at beginning of year	<u>2,324,688</u>	<u>(16,462,899)</u>
Net position at end of year	<u>\$ 3,134,663</u>	<u>\$ 2,324,688</u>

Governmental Activities

Net position of the District's governmental activities increased \$809,975. Total governmental expenses of \$16,228,449 were offset by program revenues of \$2,453,763 and general revenues of \$14,584,661. Program revenues supported 15.12% of the total governmental expenses.

The primary sources of revenue for governmental activities are derived from property taxes and grants and entitlements. These revenue sources represent 85.00% of total governmental revenues.

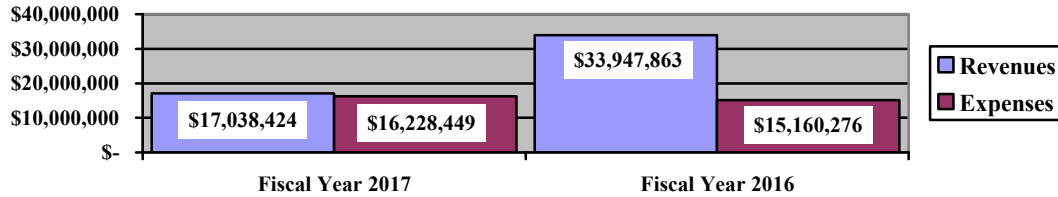
The largest expense of the District is for instructional programs. Instruction expenses totaled \$8,955,999 or 55.19% of total governmental expenses for fiscal year 2017.

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The graph below presents the District's governmental activities revenues and expenses for fiscal years 2017 and 2016.

Governmental Activities - Revenues and Expenses



The statement of activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. The following table shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services for fiscal years 2017 and 2016. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenues, unrestricted State grants and entitlements, and other general revenues of the District.

Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of Services 2017	Net Cost of Services 2017	Total Cost of Services 2016	Net Cost of Services 2016
Program expenses				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$ 6,315,746	\$ 5,846,701	\$ 5,994,521	\$ 5,445,643
Special	2,130,680	851,676	1,516,105	179,020
Vocational	700	(6,529)	3,480	2,568
Other	508,873	508,873	600,448	600,448
Support services:				
Pupil	1,130,190	1,130,190	639,635	639,635
Instructional staff	255,089	255,089	1,259,252	1,259,252
Board of education	69,470	69,470	42,221	42,221
Administration	1,363,030	1,297,756	1,105,723	1,105,723
Fiscal	527,910	527,910	350,991	350,991
Operations and maintenance	1,353,220	1,278,633	1,442,795	1,373,613
Pupil transportation	900,814	900,814	835,345	835,345
Central	173,082	173,082	42,898	42,898
Operation of non-instructional services:				
Food service operations	429,603	(44,379)	383,657	(70,677)
Extracurricular activities	551,096	466,454	511,196	419,854
Interest and fiscal charges	518,946	518,946	432,009	432,009
Total expenses	<u>\$ 16,228,449</u>	<u>\$ 13,774,686</u>	<u>\$ 15,160,276</u>	<u>\$ 12,658,543</u>

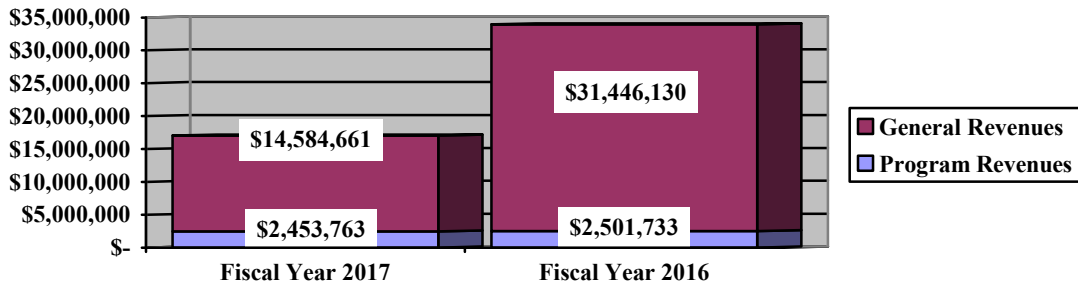
The dependence upon taxes and other general revenues for governmental activities is apparent, as 80.40% of instruction activities are supported through taxes and other general revenues. For all governmental activities, general revenue support is 84.88%. The District's taxpayers and grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs are by far the primary support for the District's students.

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The graph below presents the District's governmental activities revenues for fiscal years 2017 and 2016.

Governmental Activities - General and Program Revenues



The District's Funds

The District's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$21,744,122, which is more than last year's total fund balance of \$18,294,561. The table below indicates the fund balance and the total change in fund balance as of June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016.

	Fund Balance <u>June 30, 2017</u>	Fund Balance <u>June 30, 2016</u>	<u>Increase</u>
General fund	\$ 3,516,636	\$ 2,554,714	\$ 961,922
Classroom facilities	17,217,702	14,783,252	2,434,450
Nonmajor governmental funds	<u>1,009,784</u>	<u>956,595</u>	<u>53,189</u>
Total	<u>\$ 21,744,122</u>	<u>\$ 18,294,561</u>	<u>\$ 3,449,561</u>

General Fund

The District's general fund balance increased \$961,922.

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The table that follows assists in illustrating the financial activities of the general fund during fiscal years 2017 and 2016.

	2017 <u>Amount</u>	2016 <u>Amount</u>	Percentage <u>Change</u>
<u>Revenues</u>			
Taxes	\$ 5,471,495	\$ 5,370,753	1.88 %
Tuition	409,872	580,772	(29.43) %
Earnings on investments	14,505	8,216	76.55 %
Intergovernmental	8,452,162	8,569,417	(1.37) %
Other revenues	<u>187,987</u>	<u>160,786</u>	<u>16.92 %</u>
Total	<u>\$ 14,536,021</u>	<u>\$ 14,689,944</u>	<u>(1.05) %</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
Instruction	\$ 7,770,246	\$ 7,315,919	6.21 %
Support services	5,336,350	5,541,878	(3.71) %
Extracurricular activities	312,933	305,224	2.53 %
Debt service	<u>104,880</u>	<u>105,513</u>	<u>(0.60) %</u>
Total	<u>\$ 13,524,409</u>	<u>\$ 13,268,534</u>	<u>1.93 %</u>

Overall revenues of the general fund decreased \$153,923 or 1.05%. Tuition decreased \$170,900 or 29.43% primarily due to a decrease in tuition for regular and special education. Other local revenues increased \$27,201 or 16.92% primarily due to an increase in contributions and donations in the current fiscal year. Overall expenditures of the general fund increased \$255,875 or 1.93%. All other revenues and expenditures remained comparable to prior fiscal year.

Classroom Facilities Fund

The classroom facilities fund had \$7,067,198 in revenues and \$4,632,748 in expenditures. During fiscal year 2017, the classroom facilities fund's fund balance increased \$2,434,450 from a fund balance of \$14,783,252 to a fund balance of \$17,217,702. This increase in fund balance is primarily due to revenue received from the State of Ohio related to the District's Ohio Facilities Construction Commission project.

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

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

For the general fund, final budgeted revenues and other financing sources were \$11,486,208, which was \$10,906 more than original budgeted revenues and other financing sources of \$11,475,302. Actual revenues and other financing sources came in the same as the final revenue amounts at \$11,486,208.

General fund original appropriations (appropriated expenditures and other financing uses) of \$10,626,776 were decreased to \$10,592,778 in the final budget. The actual budget basis expenditures and other financing uses of \$10,542,080 were \$50,698 less than the final budgeted amounts.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017
(UNAUDITED)

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2017, the District had \$5,892,552 invested in land, construction in progress, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, and vehicles. This entire amount is reported in governmental activities.

The following table shows June 30, 2017 capital asset balances compared to June 30, 2016.

	Capital Assets at June 30	
	(Net of Depreciation)	
	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Land	\$ 144,950	\$ 144,950
Construction in progress	4,711,662	63,350
Land improvements	12,766	15,321
Buildings and improvements	427,551	581,574
Furniture and equipment	308,336	319,105
Vehicles	<u>287,287</u>	<u>344,575</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,892,552</u>	<u>\$ 1,468,875</u>

The overall increase in capital assets of \$4,423,677 is due to capital outlays of \$4,710,224 exceeding depreciation expense of \$286,547. This increase is primarily due to construction in progress additions related to the District's Ohio Facilities Construction Commission Project.

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

Debt Administration

At June 30, 2017, the District had \$1,005,000 in qualified school construction bonds, \$13,901,032 in school improvement bonds, \$369,294 in lease-purchase agreements, and \$12,124 in capital lease obligations. Of this total, \$461,474 is due within one year and \$14,825,976 is due in more than one year.

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The following table summarizes the long-term obligations outstanding at June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016.

Outstanding Debt at June 30

	<u>Governmental Activities 2017</u>	<u>Governmental Activities 2016</u>
Qualified school construction bonds	\$ 1,005,000	\$ 1,105,000
School improvement bonds	13,901,032	14,300,993
Lease-purchase agreements	369,294	435,048
Capital lease obligations	<u>12,124</u>	<u>33,287</u>
 Total	 <u>\$ 15,287,450</u>	 <u>\$ 15,874,328</u>

At June 30, 2017, the District's overall legal debt margin was \$391,602, with an unvoted debt margin of \$166,729.

See Note 10 to the basic financial statements for additional information on the District's debt administration.

Current Financial Related Activities

The District is often presented with challenges and opportunities. National, State and local events often affect the District and the surrounding area economically, both positively and adversely. However, the District has carefully managed its budget in order to optimize the dollars available for educating the students it serves, and to minimize the levy millage amounts needed periodically from the community's citizens.

Sound fiscal management by the Board of Education and administration has enabled the District to continue a quality, comprehensive educational program. An additional property tax levy was approved in May of 2013, being the first since the 1994 tax year for a total for nineteen years between levy approvals.

The District has committed itself to educational and financial excellence for many years. The District's most recent State Report Card shows the District achieving an excellent score. This is the thirteenth year this has been accomplished. The District has continually scored well on the State Report Card since its inception. The budgeting and internal controls utilized by the District are well regarded, as exemplified by the unqualified audit opinions that have been received.

Each challenge identified by the District is viewed simultaneously as an opportunity for the District to foray down paths not previously traveled to continue its commitment to excellence. The District is committed to living within its financial means, and working with the community it serves in order to gather adequate resources to support the educational programs. Overall, the District continues to perform at the highest level as determined by the State of Ohio, which is measured by a defined set of criteria.

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The Champion community agreed to and passed on the first attempt a bond issue to proceed in collaboration efforts with Ohio Schools Facilities Commission to build a new Pre K-8 building on the grounds south of the existing high school. All construction began in fiscal year 2017 with financing secured in fiscal year 2016. The new school building is scheduled to open in the Fall of 2018 – the 2018-2019 school year and immediately following the opening of the new building the current Central Elementary and Champion Middle School buildings will be demolished.

The District has worked in agreement with the Champion Township for price and land purchase so upon Central Elementary being demolished this property will revert back to the Township, except for the Bus Garage which will remain District property.

Like all schools in the State of Ohio, Champion Local School District State Funding Formula has changed several times throughout the past six years, and, as of this date, the State has not yet developed a school-funding plan that has been deemed acceptable by the Court, (referencing the Ohio Supreme Court De Rolph decision) and an ultimate resolution still seems to be some time in the future.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact: Laurena Rouan, Treasurer, Champion Local School District, 5759 Mahoning Avenue NW, Warren, Ohio, 44483-1139.

**CHAMPION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
TRUMBULL COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2017

	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents.	\$ 24,592,452
Receivables:	
Taxes	7,533,022
Accounts.	6,673
Accrued interest	9,106
Intergovernmental	9,784,489
Prepayments	62,179
Materials and supplies inventory.	2,551
Inventory held for resale.	4,410
Capital assets:	
Nondepreciable capital assets	4,856,612
Depreciable capital assets, net.	1,035,940
Capital assets, net.	5,892,552
Total assets.	47,887,434
Deferred outflows of resources:	
Pension - STRS	3,799,619
Pension - SERS	834,996
Total deferred outflows of resources	4,634,615
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable.	16,067
Contracts payable.	1,579,274
Accrued wages and benefits payable	1,245,252
Intergovernmental payable	56,966
Pension and postemployment payable	192,031
Accrued interest payable	60,337
Long-term liabilities:	
Due within one year.	501,961
Due in more than one year.	
Net pension liability.	22,963,694
Other amounts due in more than one year	15,910,979
Total liabilities	42,526,561
Deferred inflows of resources:	
Property taxes levied for the next fiscal year.	6,715,547
Pension - SERS.	145,278
Total deferred inflows of resources	6,860,825
Net position:	
Net investment in capital assets	1,840,244
Restricted for:	
Capital projects	15,118,999
Classroom facilities maintenance	138,127
Debt service.	337,016
State funded programs.	8
Federally funded programs	2,570
Extracurricular	18,741
Food service operations.	150,957
Unrestricted (deficit)	(14,471,999)
Total net position.	\$ 3,134,663

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CHAMPION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities
		Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Governmental activities:					
Instruction:					
Regular	\$ 6,315,746	\$ 353,951	\$ 32,431	\$ 82,663	\$ (5,846,701)
Special	2,130,680	89,024	1,189,980	-	(851,676)
Vocational	700	-	7,229	-	6,529
Other	508,873	-	-	-	(508,873)
Support services:					
Pupil	1,130,190	-	-	-	(1,130,190)
Instructional staff	255,089	-	-	-	(255,089)
Board of education	69,470	-	-	-	(69,470)
Administration	1,363,030	-	65,274	-	(1,297,756)
Fiscal	527,910	-	-	-	(527,910)
Operations and maintenance	1,353,220	70,912	3,675	-	(1,278,633)
Pupil transportation	900,814	-	-	-	(900,814)
Central	173,082	-	-	-	(173,082)
Operation of non-instructional services:					
Food service operations	429,603	219,403	254,579	-	44,379
Extracurricular activities	551,096	81,727	2,915	-	(466,454)
Interest and fiscal charges	518,946	-	-	-	(518,946)
Total governmental activities	\$ 16,228,449	\$ 815,017	\$ 1,556,083	\$ 82,663	(13,774,686)
General revenues:					
Property taxes levied for:					
General purposes					5,532,428
Debt service					928,590
Capital outlay					98,121
Classroom facilities and maintenance					87,733
Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs					7,836,051
Investment earnings					14,599
Miscellaneous					87,139
Total general revenues					14,584,661
Change in net position					809,975
Net position at beginning of year					2,324,688
Net position at end of year					\$ 3,134,663

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**CHAMPION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2017

	<u>General</u>	<u>Classroom Facilities</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets:				
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,755,520	\$ 18,772,306	\$ 1,064,626	\$ 24,592,452
Receivables:				
Taxes	6,244,327	-	1,288,695	7,533,022
Accounts	6,132	-	541	6,673
Accrued interest	-	9,106	-	9,106
Interfund loans	19,863	-	-	19,863
Intergovernmental	201,424	9,526,585	56,480	9,784,489
Prepayments	46,615	15,564	-	62,179
Materials and supplies inventory	-	-	2,551	2,551
Inventory held for resale	-	-	4,410	4,410
Total assets	<u>\$ 11,273,881</u>	<u>\$ 28,323,561</u>	<u>\$ 2,417,303</u>	<u>\$ 42,014,745</u>
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 16,014	\$ -	\$ 53	\$ 16,067
Contracts payable	-	1,579,274	-	1,579,274
Accrued wages and benefits payable	1,167,691	-	77,561	1,245,252
Intergovernmental payable	56,009	-	957	56,966
Pension and postemployment payable	188,802	-	3,229	192,031
Interfund loans payable	-	-	19,863	19,863
Total liabilities	<u>1,428,516</u>	<u>1,579,274</u>	<u>101,663</u>	<u>3,109,453</u>
Deferred inflows of resources:				
Property taxes levied for the next fiscal year	5,566,640	-	1,148,907	6,715,547
Delinquent property tax revenue not available	647,168	-	133,493	780,661
Intergovernmental revenue not available	114,921	9,526,585	23,456	9,664,962
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>6,328,729</u>	<u>9,526,585</u>	<u>1,305,856</u>	<u>17,161,170</u>
Fund balances:				
Nonspendable:				
Materials and supplies inventory	-	-	2,551	2,551
Prepays	46,615	15,564	-	62,179
Restricted:				
Debt service	-	-	292,052	292,052
Capital improvements	-	17,202,138	464,257	17,666,395
Classroom facilities maintenance	-	-	128,915	128,915
Food service operations	-	-	166,783	166,783
Other purposes	-	-	8	8
Extracurricular	-	-	18,741	18,741
Assigned:				
Student instruction	12,385	-	-	12,385
Student and staff support	79,530	-	-	79,530
Extracurricular activities	5,134	-	-	5,134
Subsequent year's appropriations	82,058	-	-	82,058
School supplies	8,338	-	-	8,338
Other purposes	4,733	-	-	4,733
Unassigned (deficit)	3,277,843	-	(63,523)	3,214,320
Total fund balances	<u>3,516,636</u>	<u>17,217,702</u>	<u>1,009,784</u>	<u>21,744,122</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows and fund balances	<u>\$ 11,273,881</u>	<u>\$ 28,323,561</u>	<u>\$ 2,417,303</u>	<u>\$ 42,014,745</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CHAMPION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO
NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
JUNE 30, 2017

Total governmental fund balances		\$	21,744,122
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities on the statement of net position are different because:</i>			
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.			5,892,552
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred inflows in the funds.			
Taxes receivable	\$	780,661	
Intergovernmental receivable		9,664,962	
Total		10,445,623	10,445,623
Unamortized premiums on bonds issued are not recognized in the funds.			(311,220)
Accrued interest payable is not due and payable in the current period and therefore is not reported in the funds.			(60,337)
The net pension liability is not due and payable in the current period; therefore, the liability and related deferred inflows/outflows are not reported in governmental funds.			
Deferred outflows - pension		4,634,615	
Deferred inflows - pension		(145,278)	
Net pension liability		(22,963,694)	
Total		(18,474,357)	(18,474,357)
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.			
Capital lease obligations		(12,124)	
Compensated absences		(814,270)	
Lease-purchase agreements		(369,294)	
Qualified school construction bonds payable		(1,005,000)	
School improvement bonds		(13,901,032)	
Total		(16,101,720)	(16,101,720)
Net position of governmental activities		\$	3,134,663

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CHAMPION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	General	Classroom Facilities	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
From local sources:				
Taxes	\$ 5,471,495	\$ -	\$ 1,075,909	\$ 6,547,404
Tuition.	409,872	-	-	409,872
Transportation fees.	-	-	3,880	3,880
Earnings on investments	14,505	82,663	446	97,614
Charges for services	-	-	222,570	222,570
Extracurricular.	-	-	77,847	77,847
Classroom materials and fees	28,822	-	-	28,822
Rental income	67,745	-	-	67,745
Contributions and donations	43,032	-	2,915	45,947
Contract services.	4,281	-	-	4,281
Other local revenues	44,107	-	-	44,107
Intergovernmental - state	8,355,718	6,984,535	86,406	15,426,659
Intergovernmental - federal	96,444	-	850,937	947,381
Total revenues	14,536,021	7,067,198	2,320,910	23,924,129
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular.	5,761,061	-	31,255	5,792,316
Special	1,500,312	-	527,502	2,027,814
Other	508,873	-	-	508,873
Support services:				
Pupil	1,085,904	-	-	1,085,904
Instructional staff.	249,336	-	-	249,336
Board of education	68,225	-	-	68,225
Administration	1,191,234	-	79,272	1,270,506
Fiscal	494,531	-	15,218	509,749
Operations and maintenance	1,262,553	-	24,266	1,286,819
Pupil transportation	811,485	-	-	811,485
Central	173,082	-	-	173,082
Operation of non-instructional services:				
Food service operations.	-	-	417,555	417,555
Extracurricular activities	312,933	-	139,211	452,144
Facilities acquisition and construction.	-	4,632,748	4,000	4,636,748
Debt service:				
Principal retirement.	86,917	-	499,961	586,878
Interest and fiscal charges	17,963	-	578,367	596,330
Total expenditures	13,524,409	4,632,748	2,316,607	20,473,764
Excess of revenues over expenditures	1,011,612	2,434,450	4,303	3,450,365
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in.	-	-	49,690	49,690
Transfers (out)	(49,690)	-	-	(49,690)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(49,690)	-	49,690	-
Net change in fund balances	961,922	2,434,450	53,993	3,450,365
Fund balances at beginning of year.	2,554,714	14,783,252	956,595	18,294,561
Decrease in reserve for inventory.	-	-	(804)	(804)
Fund balances at end of year.	\$ 3,516,636	\$ 17,217,702	\$ 1,009,784	\$ 21,744,122

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CHAMPION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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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, 2017

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	3,450,365
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:</i>		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.		
Capital asset additions	\$ 4,710,224	
Current year depreciation	<u>(286,547)</u>	
Total		4,423,677
Governmental funds report expenditures for inventory when purchased. However, in the statement of activities, they are reported as an expense when consumed.		
		(804)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		
Taxes	99,468	
Intergovernmental	<u>(6,991,772)</u>	
Total		(6,892,304)
Repayment of bond and capital lease principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities on the statement of net position.		
Bonds	499,961	
Lease-purchase	65,754	
Capital leases	<u>21,163</u>	
Total		586,878
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due. The following items resulted in less interest being reported on the statement of activities.		
Decrease in accrued interest payable	68,597	
Amortization of bond premiums	<u>8,787</u>	
Total		77,384
Contractually required pension contributions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds; however, the statement of activities reports these amounts as deferred outflows.		
		1,136,143
Except for amounts reported as deferred inflows/outflows, changes in the net pension liability are reported as pension expense in the statement of activities.		
		(1,907,280)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities, such as compensated absences, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		
		(64,084)
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$</u>	<u>809,975</u>

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**CHAMPION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
TRUMBULL COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Revenues:				
From local sources:				
Property taxes	\$ 3,030,215	\$ 3,033,127	\$ 3,033,127	\$ -
Tuition	407,944	409,872	409,872	-
Earnings on investments	14,438	12,916	12,916	-
Rental income	67,680	67,745	67,745	-
Contributions and donations	23,293	23,315	23,315	-
Contract services	4,277	4,281	4,281	-
Intergovernmental - state	7,706,557	7,713,964	7,713,964	-
Intergovernmental - federal	93,304	93,394	93,394	-
Total revenues	<u>11,347,708</u>	<u>11,358,614</u>	<u>11,358,614</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	3,107,599	3,046,122	3,031,475	14,647
Special	1,666,018	1,527,455	1,520,110	7,345
Vocational	425	377	375	2
Other	56,576	511,332	508,873	2,459
Support services:				
Pupil	1,247,584	918,268	913,852	4,416
Instructional staff	241,602	279,791	278,446	1,345
Board of education	55,256	70,022	69,685	337
Administration	1,220,317	1,202,897	1,197,113	5,784
Fiscal	308,987	459,782	457,571	2,211
Operations and maintenance	1,230,526	1,054,495	1,049,424	5,071
Pupil transportation	960,919	871,846	867,654	4,192
Central	45,256	175,332	174,489	843
Extracurricular activities	421,400	417,731	415,722	2,009
Facilities acquisition and construction	14,621	7,638	7,601	37
Total expenditures	<u>10,577,086</u>	<u>10,543,088</u>	<u>10,492,390</u>	<u>50,698</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>770,622</u>	<u>815,526</u>	<u>866,224</u>	<u>50,698</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Refund of prior year's expenditures	127,594	127,594	127,594	-
Transfers (out)	(49,690)	(49,690)	(49,690)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>77,904</u>	<u>77,904</u>	<u>77,904</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	848,526	893,430	944,128	50,698
Fund balance at beginning of year	3,652,844	3,652,844	3,652,844	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	50,698	50,698	50,698	-
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 4,552,068</u>	<u>\$ 4,596,972</u>	<u>\$ 4,647,670</u>	<u>\$ 50,698</u>

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**CHAMPION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AGENCY FUND
JUNE 30, 2017

	<u>Agency</u>
Assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 48,897
Prepayments	<u>755</u>
Total assets.	<u>\$ 49,652</u>
Liabilities:	
Due to students.	\$ 49,652
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 49,652</u>

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**CHAMPION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Champion Local School District (the "District") is organized under Article VI, Sections 2 and 3 of the Constitution of the State of Ohio. The District operates under an elected Board of Education, consisting of five members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. The District provides educational services as authorized by State statute and/or federal guidelines.

The District is staffed by 50 non-certified employees and 100 certified full-time teaching personnel who provide services to 1,345 students and other community members. The District currently operates three instructional buildings, one athletic building, and one garage.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

A. Reporting Entity

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

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the District is financially accountable. The District is financially accountable for an organization if the District appoints a voting majority of the organization's Governing Board and (1) the District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; or (3) the District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or (4) the District is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the District in that the District approves the budget, the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes. Certain organizations are also included as component units if the nature and significance of the relationship between the primary government and the organization is such that exclusion by the primary government would render the primary government's financial statements incomplete or misleading. Based upon the application of these criteria, the District has one blended component unit. The basic financial statements of the reporting entity include those of the District (the primary government) and the blended component unit.

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

BLENDED COMPONENT UNIT

Champion School Building Corporation (the "Corporation")

The Champion School Building Corporation (the "Corporation") is considered a blended component unit of the District by virtue of meeting the criteria previously noted. The Corporation is a nonprofit organization with the specific purpose of purchasing, leasing or otherwise acquiring real estate, and to construct thereon any and all public improvements within the boundaries of the District.

JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

Northeast Ohio Management Information Network (NEOMIN)

The Northeast Ohio Management Information Network (NEOMIN) is a jointly governed organization among thirty school districts in Trumbull and Ashtabula Counties. The jointly governed organization was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to the administrative and instructional functions among member school districts. Each of the school districts supports NEOMIN based upon a per-pupil charge.

Superintendents of the participating school districts are eligible to be voting members of the Governing Board, which consists of ten members: the Trumbull and Ashtabula County Superintendents (permanent members), three Superintendents from Ashtabula County school districts, three Superintendents from Trumbull County school districts, and one Treasurer from Trumbull and Ashtabula County who must be employed by a participating school district, the fiscal agent, or NEOMIN. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the Governing Board. To obtain a copy of NEOMIN's financial statements, write to the Trumbull County Educational Service Center, 528 Educational Highway, Warren, Ohio 44483.

Trumbull Career and Technical Center

The Trumbull Career and Technical Center is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a Board consisting of one representative from each of the fourteen participating school districts' elected governing boards, which possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. Financial information may be obtained by contacting the Treasurer of the Trumbull Career and Technical Center, 528 Educational Highway, Warren, Ohio 44483.

INSURANCE RATING AND PURCHASING POOLS

Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (GRP)

The District participates in a group rating plan for workers' compensation as established under Section 4123.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (GRP) was established through the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) as an insurance rating pool. The GRP's business and affairs are conducted by a three member Board of Directors consisting of the President, the President-Elect, and the Immediate Past President of the OSBA. The Executive Director of the OSBA, or his designee, serves as coordinator of the GRP. Each year, the participants pay an enrollment fee to the GRP to cover the costs of administering the program.

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Trumbull County Schools Employee Insurance Benefit Consortium Association (the "Consortium")

The Trumbull County Schools Employee Insurance Benefit Consortium Association (the "Consortium") is a shared risk pool comprised of fifteen Trumbull County school districts. The Consortium is governed by an Assembly, which consists of one representative from each participating school district (usually the Superintendent or designee). The Assembly exercises control over the operations of the Consortium. All Consortium revenues are generated from charges for services and remitted to the fiscal agent, the Trumbull County Educational Service Center. The fiscal agent will then remit the charges for services to Watson Wyatt Worldwide in Cleveland, Ohio, an agent of Medical Mutual, who acts in the capacity of a third-party administrator (TPA) for claims processing.

B. Fund Accounting

The District uses funds to report its financial position and the results of its operations. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain District activities or functions. Funds are classified into three categories: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. Each category is divided into separate fund types. The District has no proprietary funds.

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 plus deferred outflows of resources and liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources is reported as fund balance. The following are the District's major governmental funds:

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

Classroom facilities fund - The classroom facilities fund is used to account for intergovernmental revenues from the State that are restricted for building renovation under the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission's Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) program.

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

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FIDUCIARY FUNDS

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: private-purpose trust funds, agency funds, pension trust funds and investment trust funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the District under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are therefore not available to support the District's own programs. The District has no trust funds. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The District's agency fund accounts for student activities.

C. Basis of Presentation and Measurement Focus

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

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

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of the District are included on the statement of net position.

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

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

Agency funds do not report a measurement focus as they do not report operations.

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D. Basis of Accounting

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

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

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

Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

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

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources - In addition to assets, the government-wide statement of net position will report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the District, See Note 13 for deferred outflows of resources related the District's net pension liability.

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In addition to liabilities, both the government-wide statement of net position and the governmental fund financial statements report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. For the District, deferred inflows of resources include property taxes and unavailable revenue. Property taxes represent amounts for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of June 30, 2017, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2018 operations. These amounts have been recorded as a deferred inflow of resources on both the government-wide statement of net position and the governmental fund financial statements. Unavailable revenue is reported only on the governmental funds balance sheet, and represents receivables which will not be collected within the available period. For the District unavailable revenue includes, but is not limited to, delinquent property taxes and intergovernmental grants. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period the amounts become available.

For the District, See Note 13 for deferred inflows of resources related to the District's net pension liability. This deferred inflow of resources is only reported on the government-wide statement of net position.

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

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

E. Budgets

The District is required by State statute to adopt an annual appropriated cash basis budget for all funds. The specific timetable for fiscal year 2017 is as follows:

1. Prior to January 15, the Superintendent and Treasurer submit to the Board of Education a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing for all funds. Public hearings are publicized and conducted to obtain taxpayers' comments. The purpose of this budget document is to reflect the need for existing (or increased) tax rates.
2. By no later than January 20, the Board-adopted budget is filed with the Trumbull County Budget Commission for tax rate determination.

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3. Prior to April 1, the Board of Education accepts, by formal resolution, the tax rates as determined by the Budget Commission and receives the Commission's certificate of estimated resources which states the projected revenue of each fund. Prior to July 1, the District must revise its budget so that total contemplated expenditures from any fund during the ensuing year will not exceed the amount stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The revised budget then serves as a basis for the appropriation measure. On or about July 1, the certificate is amended to include any unencumbered balances from the preceding year as reported by the District Treasurer. The certificate of estimated resources may be further amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the District Treasurer. The budget figures, as shown in the accompanying budgetary statement, reflects the amounts set forth in the original and final certificates of estimated resources issued for fiscal year 2017.
4. By July 1, the annual appropriation resolution is legally enacted by the Board of Education at the fund level of expenditures, which is the legal level of budgetary control. State statute permits a temporary appropriation to be effective until no later than October 1 of each year. Although the legal level of budgetary control was established at the fund level of expenditures, the District has elected to present budgetary statement comparisons at the fund and function level of expenditures. Appropriations by fund must be within the estimated resources as certified by the County Budget Commission and the total of expenditures and encumbrances may not exceed the appropriation totals.
5. Any revisions that alter the total of any fund appropriations must be approved by the Board of Education.
6. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for all funds consistent with the bond indenture and other statutory provisions. All funds completed the year within the amount of their legally authorized cash basis appropriation.
7. Appropriation amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Board of Education through the year by supplemental appropriations, which either reallocated or increased the original appropriated amounts. All supplemental appropriations were legally enacted by the Board prior to June 30, 2017. The budget figures, as shown in the accompanying budgetary statement, reflect the original and final appropriation amounts including all amendments and modifications.
8. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end. Encumbered appropriations are carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and need not be reappropriated. Expenditures plus encumbrances may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the fund level.

F. Cash and Investments

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

During fiscal year 2017 investments were limited to investments in the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio), U.S. Government money market mutual fund, and negotiable certificates of deposit (CDs). Except for nonparticipating investment contracts, investments are reported at fair value, which is based on quoted market prices. Nonparticipating investment contracts are reported at cost.

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The School District's investment in the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio) is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company and is recognized as an external investment pool by the School District. The School District measures their investment in STAR Ohio at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides a NAV per share that approximates fair value.

For the fiscal year 2017, there were no limitation or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates. However, notice must be given 24 hours in advance of all deposits and withdrawals exceeding \$25 million. STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit the transaction to \$50 million, requiring the excess amount to be transacted the following business day(s), but only to the \$50 million limit. All accounts of the participant will be combined for these purposes.

The District also invests in STAR Plus, a federally insured cash account powered by the Federally Insured Cash Account (FICA) program. STAR Plus enables political subdivisions to generate a competitive yield on cash deposits in a network of carefully-selected FDIC-insured banks via a single, convenient account. STAR Plus offers attractive yields with no market or credit risk, weekly liquidity and penalty free withdrawals. All deposits with STAR Plus have full FDIC insurance, with no term commitment on deposits.

Under existing Ohio statute, interest earnings are assigned to the general fund unless the Board of Education has, by resolution, specified funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest revenue credited to the general fund during fiscal year 2017 amounted to \$14,505, which includes \$2,459 assigned from other District funds.

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

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

G. Inventory

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

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

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

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H. Capital Assets

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

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and deductions during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition values as of the date received. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of \$1,000. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not. The District does not possess infrastructure.

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

<u>Description</u>	<u>Governmental Activities Estimated Lives</u>
Land improvements	15 - 30 years
Buildings and improvements	15 - 30 years
Furniture and equipment	5 - 20 years
Vehicles	5 - 15 years

I. Interfund Balances

On the fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as "interfund loans receivable/payable". These amounts are eliminated in the governmental activities column on the statement of net position. The District reported no interfund balances at June 30, 2017.

J. Compensated Absences

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

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

The total liability for vacation leave and sick leave payments has been calculated using pay rates in effect at June 30, 2017 and reduced to the maximum payment allowed by labor contract and/or statute, plus any additional salary related payments.

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

For governmental fund financial statements, the current portion of unpaid compensated absences is the amount expected to be paid using expendable available resources. These amounts are recorded in the account “compensated absences payable”. The noncurrent portion of the liability is not reported.

K. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

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

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

L. Fund Balance

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

Nonspendable - The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form or legally required to be maintained intact. The “not in spendable form” criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash.

Restricted - Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints are placed on the use of resources that are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

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

Assigned - Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the District for specific purposes, but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted nor committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by policies of the District Board of Education, which includes giving the Treasurer the authority to constrain monies for intended purposes. The Board of Education may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget in the general fund.

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

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

M. Prepayments

Certain payments to vendors reflect the costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepayments in both government-wide and fund financial statements. These items are reported as assets on the statement of net position/balance sheet using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amounts is recorded at the time of the purchase and the expense/expenditure is reported in the year in which services are consumed. At fiscal year-end, because prepayments are not available to finance future governmental fund expenditures, the fund balance is considered nonspendable in an amount equal to the carrying value of the asset on the fund financial statements.

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N. Net Position

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

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

O. Estimates

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

P. Interfund Activity

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenses/expenditures 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 expenses/expenditures to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the basic financial statements.

Q. Pensions

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

R. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the Board of Education and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. Neither type of transaction occurred during fiscal year 2017.

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NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

A. Change in Accounting Principles

For fiscal year 2017, the District has implemented GASB Statement No. 77, “*Tax Abatement Disclosures*”, GASB Statement No. 78, “*Pensions Provided Through Certain Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans*”, GASB Statement No. 80, “*Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units - An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 14*” and GASB Statement No. 82, “*Pension Issues - An Amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68 and No. 73*”.

GASB Statement No. 77 requires governments that enter into tax abatement agreements to disclose certain information about the agreement. GASB Statement No. 77 also requires disclosures related to tax abatement agreements that have been entered into by other governments that reduce the reporting government’s tax revenues. These disclosures were incorporated in the District’s fiscal year 2017 financial statements (see Note 19); however, there was no effect on beginning net position/fund balance.

GASB Statement No. 78 establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for defined benefit pensions provided to the employees of state or local governmental employers through a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan (cost-sharing pension plan) that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of Statement 68 and that (a) is not a state or local governmental pension plan, (b) is used to provide defined benefit pensions both to employees of state or local governmental employers and to employees of employers that are not state or local governmental employers, and (c) has no predominant state or local governmental employer (either individually or collectively with other state or local governmental employers that provide pensions through the pension plan). The implementation of GASB Statement No. 78 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

GASB Statement No. 80 improves the financial reporting by clarifying the financial statement presentation requirements for certain component units. This Statement applies to component units that are organized as not-for-profit corporations in which the primary government is the sole corporate member. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 80 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

GASB Statement No. 82 addresses issues regarding (1) the presentation of payroll-related measures in required supplementary information, (2) the selection of assumptions and the treatment of deviations from the guidance in an Actuarial Standard of Practice for financial reporting purposes, and (3) the classification of payments made by employers to satisfy employee (plan member) contribution requirements. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 82 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

B. Deficit Fund Balances

Fund balances at June 30, 2017 included the following individual fund deficits:

<u>Nonmajor funds</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
IDEA, Part B	\$ 46,304
Title I	17,219

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

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

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

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

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

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use, but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories.

Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than five years from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts including passbook accounts.

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

1. United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
5. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in items (1) and (2) above and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
6. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio);
7. Commercial paper notes, limited to forty percent (five percent for a single issuer) in total of the interim monies available for investment at any one time and for a period not to exceed two hundred seventy days; and,
8. Bankers acceptances, limited to forty percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time and for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

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

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

A. Cash on Hand

At June 30, 2017, the District had \$601 in undeposited cash on hand, which is included on the basic financial statements of the District as part of "equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents".

B. Deposits with Financial Institutions

At June 30, 2017, the carrying amount of all District deposits was \$11,085,239. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures", as of June 30, 2017, \$5,521,693 of the District's bank balance of \$11,097,096 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while \$5,575,403 was covered by the FDIC.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 105% of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at Federal Reserve Banks, or at member banks of the federal reserve system, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the District. The District has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Although the securities were held by the pledging institutions' trust department and all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the District to a successful claim by the FDIC.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

C. Investments

As of June 30, 2017, the District had the following investment and maturity:

Measurement/ <u>Investment type</u>	Measurement <u>Amount</u>	Investment Maturity			
		6 months or <u>less</u>	7 to 12 <u>months</u>	13 to 18 <u>months</u>	19 to 24 <u>months</u>
<i>Amortized Cost:</i> STAR Ohio	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Fair Value:</i> U.S. Government money market mutual fund	4,738,821	4,738,821	-	-	-
Negotiable CD's	<u>8,816,686</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,871,129</u>	<u>4,203,344</u>	<u>742,213</u>
Total	<u>\$ 13,555,509</u>	<u>\$ 4,738,823</u>	<u>\$ 3,871,129</u>	<u>\$ 4,203,344</u>	<u>\$ 742,213</u>

The weighted average maturity of investments is 0.68 years.

The District's investments in U.S. Government money market mutual funds are valued using quoted market prices (Level 1 inputs).

The District's investments in negotiable certificates of deposit are valued using quoted market prices that are not considered to be active, dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources for similar assets or liabilities for which all significant inputs are observable, either direct or indirectly (Level 2 inputs).

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

Credit Risk: Standard & Poor's has assigned STAR Ohio and the U.S. Government money market mutual fund an AAAM money market rating. Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service. The negotiable certificates of deposit are fully covered by the FDIC and are not rated. The District has no investment policy dealing with investment credit risk beyond the requirements in State statutes.

Custodial Credit Risk: For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial credit risk beyond the requirement in State statute that prohibits payment for investments prior to the delivery of the securities representing such investments to the Treasurer or qualified trustee.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

Concentration of Credit Risk: The District places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. The following table includes the percentage of each investment type held by the District at June 30, 2017:

Measurement/ <u>Investment type</u>	Measurement <u>Amount</u>	<u>% to total</u>
STAR Ohio	\$ 2	-
U.S. Government money market mutual fund	4,738,821	34.96
Negotiable CD's	<u>8,816,686</u>	<u>65.04</u>
Total	<u>\$ 13,555,509</u>	<u>100.00</u>

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

The following is a reconciliation of cash and investments as reported in the note above to cash and investments as reported on the statement of net position as of June 30, 2017:

<u>Cash and investments per note</u>	
Carrying amount of deposits	\$ 11,085,239
Investments	13,555,509
Cash on hand	<u>601</u>
Total	<u>\$ 24,641,349</u>
 <u>Cash and investments per statement of net position</u>	
Governmental activities	\$ 24,592,452
Agency fund	<u>48,897</u>
Total	<u>\$ 24,641,349</u>

NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

- A. Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2017 consisted of the following, as reported on the fund financial statements:

<u>Transfer to nonmajor governmental fund from:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General fund	<u>\$ 49,690</u>

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, and (2) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

Interfund transfers between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements; therefore, no transfers are reported in the statement of activities.

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NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS - (Continued)

- B.** Interfund loans receivable/payable consisted of the following at June 30, 2017, as reported on the fund financial statements:

<u>Receivable fund</u>	<u>Payable fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General fund	Nonmajor governmental funds	<u>\$ 19,863</u>

The balance resulted from a negative cash balance in the IDEA Part-B fund (a nonmajor governmental fund), Title I and disadvantaged children fund (a nonmajor governmental fund) at fiscal year end. The balances are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements.

NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES

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

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real property and public utility property. Real property tax revenues received in calendar year 2017 represent the collection of calendar year 2016 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2017 were levied after April 1, 2016, on the assessed values as of January 1, 2016, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State statute at 35 percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semiannually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established. Public utility property tax revenues received in calendar year 2017 represent the collection of calendar year 2016 taxes. Public utility real and personal property taxes received in calendar year 2017 became a lien on December 31, 2015, were levied after April 1, 2016, and are collected with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property is currently assessed at varying percentages of true value.

The District receives property taxes from Trumbull County. The County Auditor periodically advances to the District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the County by June 30, 2017, are available to finance fiscal year 2017 operations. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2017 was \$30,519 in the general fund, \$4,572 in the debt service fund (a nonmajor governmental fund), \$1,289 in the permanent improvement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund) and \$434 in the classroom facilities and maintenance fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). This amount is recorded as revenue. The amount available for advance at June 30, 2016 was \$35,564 in the general fund, \$4,666 in the debt service fund (a nonmajor governmental fund), \$492 in the permanent improvement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund) and \$603 in the classroom facilities and maintenance fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). The amount of second-half real property taxes available for advance at fiscal year-end can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

Accrued property taxes receivable includes real property, public utility property and delinquent tangible personal property taxes which are measurable as of June 30, 2017 and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. Although total property tax collections for the next fiscal year are measurable, only the amount of real property taxes available as an advance at June 30 was levied to finance current fiscal year operations and is reported as revenue at fiscal year-end. The portion of the receivable not levied to finance current fiscal year operations is offset by a credit to deferred inflows.

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NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES - (Continued)

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

The assessed values upon which the fiscal year 2017 taxes were collected are:

	2016 Second Half Collections		2017 First Half Collections	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Agricultural/residential and other real estate	\$ 162,227,400	97.70	\$ 162,603,360	97.53
Public utility personal	<u>3,819,040</u>	<u>2.30</u>	<u>4,125,330</u>	<u>2.47</u>
Total	<u>\$ 166,046,440</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>\$ 166,728,690</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$ 53.55		\$ 54.45	

NOTE 7 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2017 consisted of taxes, accounts (billings for user charged services and student fees), intergovernmental grants and entitlements, and accrued interest. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of State programs, and the current year guarantee of federal funds. A list of the principal items of receivables reported on the statement of net position follows:

Governmental activities:

Taxes	\$ 7,533,022
Accounts	6,673
Intergovernmental	9,784,489
Accrued interest	<u>9,106</u>
Total receivables	<u>\$ 17,333,290</u>

Receivables have been disaggregated on the face of the basic financial statements. All receivables are expected to be collected within the subsequent year with the exception of the \$9,526,585 OFCC grant receivable that will be collected over the course of the project.

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NOTE 8 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, was as follows:

	Balance <u>July 1, 2016</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	Balance <u>June 30, 2017</u>
Governmental activities:				
<i>Capital assets, not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$ 144,950	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 144,950
Construction in progress	<u>63,350</u>	<u>4,648,312</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,711,662</u>
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>208,300</u>	<u>4,648,312</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,856,612</u>
<i>Capital assets, being depreciated:</i>				
Land improvements	69,711	-	-	69,711
Buildings and improvements	7,190,657	-	-	7,190,657
Furniture and equipment	2,217,072	61,912	-	2,278,984
Vehicles	<u>1,440,656</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,440,656</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>10,918,096</u>	<u>61,912</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,980,008</u>
<i>Less: accumulated depreciation:</i>				
Land improvements	(54,390)	(2,555)	-	(56,945)
Buildings and improvements	(6,609,083)	(154,023)	-	(6,763,106)
Furniture and equipment	(1,897,967)	(72,681)	-	(1,970,648)
Vehicles	<u>(1,096,081)</u>	<u>(57,288)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,153,369)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(9,657,521)</u>	<u>(286,547)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,944,068)</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 1,468,875</u>	<u>\$ 4,423,677</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,892,552</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

<u>Instruction:</u>	
Regular	\$ 135,877
Special	101
Vocational	700
<u>Support services:</u>	
Administration	4,762
Fiscal	155
Operations and maintenance	21,789
Pupil transportation	51,743
Extracurricular activities	70,016
Food service operations	<u>1,404</u>
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 286,547</u>

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NOTE 9 - CAPITALIZED LEASES - LESSEE DISCLOSURE

- A. During fiscal year 2013, the District entered into a capitalized lease for copiers. Capital lease payments have been reclassified and are reflected as debt service expenditures in the financial statements for the governmental funds. These expenditures are reported as function expenditures on budgetary statements.

Capital assets consisting of equipment have been capitalized in the amount of \$64,531. This amount represents the present value of the minimum lease payments at the time of acquisition. Accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2017 was \$54,851, leaving a current book value of \$9,680. A corresponding liability is recorded in the government-wide financial statements. Principal and interest payments in fiscal year 2017 totaled \$13,789 and \$769, respectively, paid by the general fund.

The following is a schedule of the future long-term minimum lease payments required under the capital lease and the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2017:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2018	\$ 8,492
Total minimum lease payments	8,492
Less: amount representing interest	<u>(136)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 8,356</u>

- B. During fiscal year 2013, the District entered into a capital lease agreement for computer heating controls. The items received as part of this capital lease agreement were not capitalized. Capital lease payments have been reclassified and are reflected as debt service expenditures in the financial statements for the governmental funds. These expenditures are reported as function expenditures on budgetary statements.

A liability corresponding to this capital lease agreement is recorded in the government-wide financial statements. Principal and interest payments in fiscal year 2017 totaled \$7,374 and \$227, respectively, paid by the general fund.

The following is a schedule of the future long-term minimum lease payments required under the capital lease and the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2017:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2018	\$ 3,801
Total minimum lease payments	3,801
Less: amount representing interest	<u>(33)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,768</u>

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NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

A. During the fiscal year 2017, the following changes occurred in governmental activities long-term obligations:

	Balance Outstanding <u>July 1, 2016</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	Balance Outstanding <u>June 30, 2017</u>	Amounts Due in <u>One Year</u>
Qualified school construction bonds (2010)	\$ 360,000	\$ -	\$ (35,000)	\$ 325,000	\$ 40,000
Qualified school construction bonds (2011)	745,000	-	(65,000)	680,000	65,000
School improvement bonds (2015)	110,993	-	(54,961)	56,032	56,032
School improvement bonds (2016-1)	9,190,000	-	(245,000)	8,945,000	140,000
School improvement bonds (2016-2)	5,000,000	-	(100,000)	4,900,000	80,000
Net pension liability	18,544,717	4,418,977	-	22,963,694	-
Capital lease obligations	33,287	-	(21,163)	12,124	12,124
Lease-purchase agreement	435,048	-	(65,754)	369,294	68,318
Compensated absences	<u>750,186</u>	<u>95,542</u>	<u>(31,458)</u>	814,270	<u>40,487</u>
Unamortized premiums				<u>311,220</u>	
Total governmental activities long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 35,169,231</u>	<u>\$ 4,514,519</u>	<u>\$ (618,336)</u>	<u>\$ 39,376,634</u>	<u>\$ 501,961</u>

B. Qualified school construction bonds (2010): On December 21, 2009, the District issued \$567,762 in qualified school construction bonds. These bonds have an interest rate of 1.93% and mature on September 15, 2024. The improvements resulting from this bond issuance were not capitalized by the District. Principal and interest payments are made from the bond retirement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

The following is a summary of the District's future annual debt service requirements to maturity for the qualified school construction bonds (2010):

<u>Fiscal Year Ended,</u>	<u>Qualified School Construction Bonds (2010)</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2018	\$ 40,000	\$ 5,886	\$ 45,886
2019	40,000	5,114	45,114
2020	40,000	4,342	44,342
2021	40,000	3,570	43,570
2022	40,000	2,798	42,798
2023 - 2025	<u>125,000</u>	<u>3,714</u>	<u>128,714</u>
Total	<u>\$ 325,000</u>	<u>\$ 25,424</u>	<u>\$ 350,424</u>

Qualified school construction bonds (2011): On February 28, 2011, the District issued \$1,051,500 in qualified school construction bonds. These bonds have an interest rate of 6.20% and mature on September 15, 2025. The improvements resulting from this bond issuance were not capitalized by the District. Principal and interest payments are made from the bond retirement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

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NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

The following is a summary of the District's future annual debt service requirements to maturity for the qualified school construction bonds (2011):

Fiscal Year Ended,	Qualified School Construction Bonds (2011)		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$ 65,000	\$ 40,145	\$ 105,145
2019	65,000	36,115	101,115
2020	75,000	31,775	106,775
2021	75,000	27,125	102,125
2022	75,000	22,475	97,475
2023 - 2026	<u>325,000</u>	<u>42,625</u>	<u>367,625</u>
Total	<u>\$ 680,000</u>	<u>\$ 200,260</u>	<u>\$ 880,260</u>

Lease-purchase agreement - athletic facilities: During fiscal year 2002, the District entered into a lease-purchase agreement with the Champion School Building Corporation to provide new athletic facilities, including stadium bleachers, a field house, an all-weather track, and concession/restroom facilities. The Champion School Building Corporation borrowed \$1,100,000 on March 27, 2002, at an interest rate of 4.75%. On May 1, 2002, it assigned the loan to the District. The lease-purchase agreement is being repaid in equal installments over a twenty year period, beginning December 1, 2002. On December 1, 2012, the Champion School Building Corporation refinanced the lease-purchase agreement at an interest rate of 3.90%. Lease-purchase agreement payments are made from the general fund. Lease-purchase agreement payments have been reclassified and are reflected as debt service expenditures in the financial statements for the governmental funds. These expenditures are reported as function expenditures on budgetary statements.

Capital assets consisting of building improvements have been capitalized in the amount of \$1,100,000. This amount represents the present value of the minimum lease-purchase agreement payments at the time of acquisition. Accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2017 was \$825,000, leaving a current book value of \$275,000. A corresponding liability is recorded in the government-wide financial statements. Principal and interest payments in fiscal year 2017 totaled \$65,754 and \$16,967, respectively, paid by the general fund.

The following is a schedule of the future long-term minimum lease-purchase agreement payments required under the lease-purchase agreement and the present value of the future minimum lease-purchase agreement payments as of June 30, 2017:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2018	\$ 82,721
2019	82,721
2020	82,721
2021	82,720
2022	<u>82,720</u>
Total minimum lease-purchase agreement payments	413,603
Less: amount representing interest	<u>(44,309)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 369,294</u>

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NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

School improvement bonds - series 2015 - On June 12, 2015, the District issued \$165,000 in general obligation serial bonds, for the purpose of paying costs of constructing a parking lot at the Board of Education building and constructing improvements to the all-weather track at Champion High School. Principal and interest payments are made from the bond retirement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

The interest rate on the current interest bonds is 1.95%. Interest payments on the current interest serial bonds are due on June 1 and December 1 of each year. The final maturity stated in the issue is June 1, 2018.

The following is a summary of the District's future annual debt service requirements to maturity for the series 2015 bonds:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2018	\$ 56,032	\$ 1,093	\$ 57,125
Total	<u>\$ 56,032</u>	<u>\$ 1,093</u>	<u>\$ 57,125</u>

School improvement bonds - series 2016-1 - On April 5, 2016, the District issued \$9,190,000 in general obligation serial bonds, for the purpose of constructing, furnishing and equipping new elementary/ middle school buildings. Principal and interest payments are made from the bond retirement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

The interest rate on the current interest bonds range from 1.00% to 4.00%. Interest payments on the current interest serial bonds are due on June 1 and December 1 of each year. The final maturity stated in the issue is December 1, 2052.

The following is a summary of the District's future annual debt service requirements to maturity for the series 2016-1 bonds:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Current Interest - Series 2016-1</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2018	\$ 140,000	\$ 312,718	\$ 452,718
2019	140,000	311,144	451,144
2020	140,000	309,218	449,218
2021	145,000	307,081	452,081
2022	145,000	304,544	449,544
2023 - 2027	780,000	1,470,820	2,250,820
2028 - 2032	920,000	1,315,970	2,235,970
2033 - 2037	1,125,000	1,112,470	2,237,470
2038 - 2042	1,370,000	863,370	2,233,370
2043 - 2047	1,645,000	581,882	2,226,882
2045 - 2052	1,960,000	261,362	2,221,362
2053	435,000	7,881	442,881
Total	<u>\$ 8,945,000</u>	<u>\$ 7,158,460</u>	<u>\$ 16,103,460</u>

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NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

School improvement bonds - series 2016-2 - On April 26, 2016, the District issued \$5,000,000 in general obligation serial bonds, for the purpose of constructing, furnishing and equipping new elementary/ middle school buildings. Principal and interest payments are made from the bond retirement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

The interest rate on the current interest bonds range from 1.00% to 4.00%. Interest payments on the current interest serial bonds are due on June 1 and December 1 of each year. The final maturity stated in the issue is December 1, 2052.

The following is a summary of the District's future annual debt service requirements to maturity for the series 2016-2 bonds:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	Current Interest - Series 2016-2		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2018	\$ 80,000	\$ 163,550	\$ 243,550
2019	80,000	162,750	242,750
2020	80,000	161,850	241,850
2021	80,000	160,750	240,750
2022	80,000	159,550	239,550
2023 - 2027	430,000	771,700	1,201,700
2028 - 2032	510,000	686,775	1,196,775
2033 - 2037	625,000	573,875	1,198,875
2038 - 2042	750,000	438,719	1,188,719
2043 - 2047	895,000	300,419	1,195,419
2048 - 2052	1,055,000	136,064	1,191,064
2053	235,000	4,110	239,110
Total	\$ 4,900,000	\$ 3,720,112	\$ 8,620,112

Capital lease obligations: The capital lease obligations will be paid from the general fund. See Note 9 for details.

Compensated absences: Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employee is paid which, for the District, is primarily the general fund.

Net pension liability: See Note 13 for information on the District's net pension liability.

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NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

C. Legal Debt Margin

The Ohio Revised Code provides that voted net general obligation debt of the District shall never exceed 9% of the total assessed valuation of the District. The Code further provides that unvoted indebtedness shall not exceed 1/10 of 1% of the property valuation of the District. The Code additionally states that unvoted indebtedness related to energy conservation debt shall not exceed 9/10 of 1% of the property valuation of the District. The assessed valuation used in determining the District's legal debt margin has been modified by House Bill 530 which became effective March 30, 2006. In accordance with House Bill 530, the assessed valuation used in the District's legal debt margin calculation excluded tangible personal property used in business, telephone or telegraph property, interexchange telecommunications company property and personal property owned or leased by a railroad company and used in railroad operations. The effects of these debt limitations at June 30, 2017, are a voted debt margin of \$391,602 (including available funds of \$292,052), and an unvoted debt margin of \$166,729.

NOTE 11 - COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The criteria for determining vested vacation leave and sick leave components are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Classified 11 or 12-month employees earn 10 to 25 days of vacation leave per year, depending upon length of service. Vacation dates can be scheduled at any time during the school year upon approval of the Superintendent and in one day intervals, not to exceed one week while school is in session. All weekly vacations must be scheduled with the Supervisor thirty working days prior to the beginning date of the vacation. On April 1st or within three days thereafter, an employee may request payment, in writing, to the Treasurer for up to five earned, but unused vacation days.

Only administrative or school support personnel accumulate vacation leave on the following factors:

<u>School Support Personnel</u>	<u>Vacation Leave</u>
After 1 year	10 days
9 or more years	15 days
16 or more years	20 days
20 or more years	25 days

The Superintendent receives 30 days and the Treasurer receives 20 days of vacation leave, annually.

Classified employees with 5 years of service in the District who elect to retire shall receive, in one lump-sum payment, 33.34% of their unused sick leave (up to a maximum of 100 days) multiplied times their per-diem rate at the time of retirement. Certified employees with 5 years of service in the District who elect to retire shall receive, in one lump-sum payment, 20% of their unused sick leave (up to a maximum of 65 days) multiplied times their per-diem rate at the time of retirement.

The Superintendent and Treasurer receive severance based upon 50% of their unused sick leave.

Teachers, administrators, and classified employees earn sick leave at the rate of 1¼ days per month. Sick leave may be accumulated up to a maximum of 325 days for all certified employees and up to a maximum of 180 days for all classified employees.

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NOTE 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT

A. General Risk

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to school employees and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2017, the District contracted with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company for property insurance with a \$1,000 deductible and Professional liability with a \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000 aggregate limit.

Vehicles are also covered by Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and hold a \$1,000 deductible for comprehensive and collision. Automobile liability has a \$1,000,000 per vehicle limit of liability. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the last ten years.

The District contracts with Travelers Insurance for \$20,000 Position Bonds and Employee Dishonesty Policy covering the Superintendent, Board President and all individuals who handle cash. Travelers Insurance also holds a Treasurer Bond for the District's Treasurer.

B. Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program

For fiscal year 2017, the District participated in the Ohio School Board Association and Ohio Association of School Business Officials Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 2.A.). The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRP. The workers' compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the GRP. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the GRP rather than its individual rate.

Participation in the GRP is limited to school districts that can meet the GRP's selection criteria. The firm of CompManagement, Inc. provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the GRP.

C. Health Insurance

The District has elected to provide various employee benefits through a consortium of school districts known as the Trumbull County Schools Insurance Consortium Association (the "Consortium"). The lone exception to this Consortium is Vision Insurance which is contracted directly through Vision Service Plan. All of the premiums are paid from the fund that pays the salary of the employee so enrolled.

The provider contracted through the Consortium for dental benefits is Delta Dental. Dental coverage is available to staff working 20 hours or more per week.

The provider contracted through the Consortium for Life Insurance is Voya, Inc. Coverage is \$50,000 for all administrative staff and their support staff, certified staff, and for all 12 month full-time union classified staff. \$40,000 is provided to non-union and union part-time classified staff working 20 or more hours per week. The Superintendent is covered by a \$150,000 policy and the Treasurer is covered by a \$100,000 policy.

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NOTE 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)

The provider contracted through the Consortium for medical/surgical benefits is Medical Mutual. The District pays 90% of monthly premiums for Preferred Provider 1 and Preferred Provider 2, which both offers two tiers; family or single coverage.

Hospitalization coverage is available to staff working 20 hours or more per week. Premium contributions are required of specific enrollees depending upon their employee classification and/or situation.

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 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.

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

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

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

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NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

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

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

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

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

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

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

Funding Policy – Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS’ Retirement Board up to statutory maximum amounts of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the System’s funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, the entire 14 percent was allocated to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B and no portion of the employer contribution rate was allocated to the Health Care Fund.

The District’s contractually required contribution to SERS was \$240,552 for fiscal year 2017. Of this amount, \$6,921 is reported as pension and postemployment payable.

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NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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, 2017, plan members were required to contribute 14 percent of their annual covered salary. The District was required to contribute 14 percent; the entire 14 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The fiscal year 2017 contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates.

The District’s contractually required contribution to STRS was \$895,591 for fiscal year 2017. Of this amount, \$152,144 is reported as pension and postemployment 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, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the net pension liability prior measurement date	0.05142490%	0.05648341%	
Proportion of the net pension liability current measurement date	<u>0.04991050%</u>	<u>0.05769037%</u>	
Change in proportionate share	<u>-0.00151440%</u>	<u>0.00120696%</u>	
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 3,652,988	\$ 19,310,706	\$ 22,963,694
Pension expense	\$ 299,510	\$ 1,607,770	\$ 1,907,280

At June 30, 2017, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deferred outflows of resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 49,269	\$ 780,245	\$ 829,514
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	301,318	1,603,307	1,904,625
Changes of assumptions	243,857	-	243,857
Difference between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions/ change in proportionate share	-	520,476	520,476
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>240,552</u>	<u>895,591</u>	<u>1,136,143</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u><u>\$ 834,996</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,799,619</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,634,615</u></u>
Deferred inflows of resources			
Difference between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions/ change in proportionate share	<u>\$ 145,278</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 145,278</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u><u>\$ 145,278</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 145,278</u></u>

\$1,136,143 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2018. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2018	\$ 87,133	\$ 528,113	\$ 615,246
2019	86,916	528,113	615,029
2020	188,502	1,143,344	1,331,846
2021	<u>86,615</u>	<u>704,458</u>	<u>791,073</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 449,166</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,904,028</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,353,194</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.

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NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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

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

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation, prepared as of June 30, 2016, are presented below:

Wage Inflation	3.00 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.50 percent to 18.20 percent
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	3 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.50 percent net of investments expense, including inflation
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal (level percent of payroll)

For post-retirement mortality, the table used in evaluating allowances to be paid is the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and Scale BB, with 120% of male rates and 110% of female rates used. The RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table with 90% for male rates and 100% for female rates set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement. Special mortality tables are used for the period after disability retirement.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2016 valuation were based on the results of an experience study that was completed June 30, 2015. As a result of the actuarial experience study, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the assumed rate of inflation was reduced from 3.25% to 3.00%, (b) payroll growth assumption was reduced from 4.00% to 3.50%, (c) assumed real wage growth was reduced from 0.75% to 0.50%, (d) Rates of withdrawal, retirement and disability were updated to reflect recent experience, (e) mortality among active members was updated to RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age set-back for both males and females, (f) mortality among service retired members, and beneficiaries was updated to the following RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection with Scale BB, 120% of male rates, and 110% of female rates and (g) mortality among disabled members was updated to RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, 90% for male rates and 100% for female rates, set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement.

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

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NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major assets class are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Cash	1.00 %	0.50 %
US Equity	22.50	4.75
International Equity	22.50	7.00
Fixed Income	19.00	1.50
Private Equity	10.00	8.00
Real Assets	15.00	5.00
Multi-Asset Strategies	<u>10.00</u>	3.00
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

Discount Rate - The total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 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 (7.50 percent). Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefits to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - Net pension liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 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 (6.50 percent), or one percentage point higher (8.50 percent) than the current rate.

	<u>1% Decrease (6.50%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (7.50%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (8.50%)</u>
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 4,836,329	\$ 3,652,988	\$ 2,662,483

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Actuarial Assumptions - STRS

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2016, 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, 2016, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study, effective July 1, 2012.

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

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return *</u>
Domestic Equity	31.00 %	8.00 %
International Equity	26.00	7.85
Alternatives	14.00	8.00
Fixed Income	18.00	3.75
Real Estate	10.00	6.75
Liquidity Reserves	1.00	3.00
 Total	 <u>100.00 %</u>	 <u>7.61 %</u>

* 10-Year annualized geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.50% and does not include investment expenses. The total fund long-term expected return reflects diversification among the asset classes and therefore is not a weighted average return of the individual asset classes.

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NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75 percent as of June 30, 2016. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes member and employer contributions will be made at the statutory contribution rates in accordance with rate increases described above. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future plan members and their beneficiaries, as well as projected contributions from future plan members, are not included. Based on those assumptions, STRS' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2016. 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, 2016.

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

	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 25,662,359	\$ 19,310,706	\$ 13,952,712

Changes Between Measurement Date and Report Date - In March 2017, the STRS Board adopted certain assumption changes which will impact their annual actuarial valuation prepared as of June 30, 2017. The most significant change is a reduction in the discount rate from 7.75 percent to 7.45 percent. In April 2017, the STRS Board voted to suspend cost of living adjustments granted on or after July 1, 2017. Although the exact amount of these changes is not known, the overall decrease to District's NPL is expected to be significant.

NOTE 14 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A. School Employees Retirement System

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

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NOTE 14 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)

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

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required basic benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. For fiscal year 2017, none of the employer contribution was allocated to health care. In addition, employers pay a surcharge for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. For fiscal year 2017, this amount was \$23,500. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2017, the District's surcharge obligation was \$27,473.

The District's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015 were \$27,473, \$25,549, and \$40,044, respectively. The fiscal year 2017 amount has been reported as pension and postemployment payable. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal years 2016 and 2015.

B. State Teachers Retirement System

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

Funding Policy - Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. Active employee members do not contribute to the Plan. All benefit recipients pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For 2017, STRS Ohio did not allocate any employer contributions to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The District's did not make any contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017, 2016 and 2015.

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NOTE 15 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

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

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

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

Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>General fund</u>
Budget basis	\$ 944,128
Net adjustment for revenue accruals	23,040
Net adjustment for expenditure accruals	142,634
Net adjustment for other sources/uses	(127,594)
Funds budgeted elsewhere	(96,088)
Adjustment for encumbrances	<u>75,802</u>
GAAP basis	<u>\$ 961,922</u>

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

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NOTE 16 - CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

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

B. Litigation

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

C. Foundation Funding

District Foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of each student. The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is legislatively required to adjust/reconcile funding as enrollment information is updated by the schools throughout the State, which can extend past the fiscal year-end. Included in the financial statements is an intergovernmental receivable of \$25,905 and an intergovernmental payable of \$40,799 relating to adjustments made by ODE after the fiscal year end. As of the date of this report, additional ODE adjustments for fiscal year 2017 are not finalized. As a result, the impact of future FTE adjustments on the fiscal year 2017 financial statements is not determinable, at this time. Management believes this may result in either an additional receivable to, or a liability of, the District.

NOTE 17 - SET-ASIDES

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

During fiscal year 2016, the District issued \$14,190,000 in capital related school improvement bonds. These proceeds may be used to reduce the capital improvements set-aside amount to below zero for future years. The amount presented for prior year offset from bond proceeds is limited to an amount needed to reduce the capital improvement set-aside balance to \$0. The District is responsible for tracking the amount of bond proceeds that may be used as an offset in future periods, which was \$14,190,000 at June 30, 2017.

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NOTE 17 - SET-ASIDES - (Continued)

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

	<u>Capital Improvements</u>
Set-aside balance June 30, 2016	\$ -
Current year set-aside requirement	253,168
Current year qualifying expenditures	(202,144)
Current year offsets	<u>(96,862)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (45,838)</u>
Balance carried forward to fiscal year 2018	<u>\$ -</u>
Set-aside balance June 30, 2017	<u>\$ -</u>

NOTE 18 - COMMITMENTS

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

	<u>Year End Encumbrances</u>
<u>Fund</u>	
General fund	\$ 60,485
Classroom facilities fund	6,334,063
Nonmajor governmental funds	<u>4,403</u>
Total	<u>\$ 6,398,951</u>

NOTE 19 - TAX ABATEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS

Enterprise Zones

Trumbull County entered into property tax abatement agreements with local businesses under Enterprise Zone tax abatement agreements. Enterprise zones are designated areas of land in which businesses can receive tax incentives in the form of tax exemptions on eligible new investment. The Enterprise Zone Program provides tax exemptions for a portion of the value of new real property when the investment is made in conjunction with a project that includes job creation or job retention. These tax abatements reduce assessed value by a percentage agreed upon by all parties that authorize these types of agreements. The agreements affect the property tax receipts collected and distributed to the District. Under the agreements, the District's property taxes were reduced by \$9,622 during fiscal year 2017.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**CHAMPION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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

LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.04991050%	0.05142490%	0.05451300%	0.05451300%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 3,652,988	\$ 2,934,355	\$ 2,758,872	\$ 3,241,713
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,545,971	\$ 1,548,156	\$ 1,584,040	\$ 1,457,283
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	236.29%	189.54%	174.17%	222.45%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	62.98%	69.16%	71.70%	65.52%

Note: Information prior to 2014 was unavailable. Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the District's measurement date which is the prior year-end.

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SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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

LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.05769037%	0.05648341%	0.05511333%	0.05511333%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 19,310,706	\$ 15,610,362	\$ 13,405,469	\$ 15,968,507
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 6,064,193	\$ 6,038,829	\$ 5,631,054	\$ 5,833,215
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	318.44%	258.50%	238.06%	273.75%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	66.80%	72.10%	74.70%	69.30%

Note: Information prior to 2014 was unavailable. Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the District's measurement date which is the prior year-end.

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SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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

	LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS			
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 240,552	\$ 216,436	\$ 204,047	\$ 219,548
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(240,552)</u>	<u>(216,436)</u>	<u>(204,047)</u>	<u>(219,548)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,718,229	\$ 1,545,971	\$ 1,548,156	\$ 1,584,040
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	14.00%	14.00%	13.18%	13.86%

<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
\$ 201,688	\$ 201,339	\$ 187,557	\$ 211,331	\$ 155,671	\$ 149,227
<u>(201,688)</u>	<u>(201,339)</u>	<u>(187,557)</u>	<u>(211,331)</u>	<u>(155,671)</u>	<u>(149,227)</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 1,457,283	\$ 1,496,944	\$ 1,492,100	\$ 1,560,790	\$ 1,582,022	\$ 1,519,623
13.84%	13.45%	12.57%	13.54%	9.84%	9.82%

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SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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

	LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS			
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 895,591	\$ 848,987	\$ 845,436	\$ 732,037
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(895,591)</u>	<u>(848,987)</u>	<u>(845,436)</u>	<u>(732,037)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 6,397,079	\$ 6,064,193	\$ 6,038,829	\$ 5,631,054
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	13.00%

<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
\$ 758,318	\$ 771,880	\$ 809,722	\$ 816,912	\$ 840,381	\$ 847,171
<u>(758,318)</u>	<u>(771,880)</u>	<u>(809,722)</u>	<u>(816,912)</u>	<u>(840,381)</u>	<u>(847,171)</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 5,833,215	\$ 5,937,538	\$ 6,228,631	\$ 6,283,938	\$ 6,464,469	\$ 6,516,700
13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%

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NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO

Changes in benefit terms : There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal years 2014-2017.

Changes in assumptions: There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal years 2014-2016. For fiscal year 2017, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the assumed rate of inflation was reduced from 3.25% to 3.00%, (b) payroll growth assumption was reduced from 4.00% to 3.50%, (c) assumed real wage growth was reduced from 0.75% to 0.50%, (d) Rates of withdrawal, retirement and disability were updated to reflect recent experience, (e) mortality among active members was updated to RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age set-back for both males and females, (f) mortality among service retired members, and beneficiaries was updated to the following RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection with Scale BB, 120% of male rates, and 110% of female rates and (g) mortality among disabled members was updated to RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, 90% for male rates and 100% for female rates, set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement.

STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO

Changes in benefit terms : There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal years 2014-2017.

Changes in assumptions : There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal years 2014-2017. See the notes to the basic financial statements for the methods and assumptions in this calculation.

Champion Local School District
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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

FEDERAL GRANTOR <i>Pass Through Grantor</i> Program / Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE		
<i>Child Nutrition Cluster</i>		
Direct Program		
National School Lunch Program - Donated Commodities	10.555	\$ 35,048
Passed Through Ohio Department of Education		
National School Lunch Program	10.555	184,358
National School Breakfast Program	10.553	35,307
<i>Total Child Nutrition Cluster</i>		<u>254,713</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture		254,713
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION		
Passed Through Ohio Department of Education		
<i>Title I</i>		
Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies - FY2016	84.010	43,982
Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies - FY2017	84.010	245,893
<i>Total Title I</i>		<u>289,875</u>
<i>Special Education Cluster</i>		
Special Education Grants to States - IDEA Part B - FY2016	84.027	54,880
Special Education Grants to States - IDEA Part B - FY2017	84.027	265,607
<i>Total Special Education Cluster</i>		<u>320,487</u>
<i>Improving Teacher Quality</i>		
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants - Title IIA - FY2016	84.367	5,641
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants - Title IIA - FY2017	84.367	30,205
<i>Total Improving Teacher Quality</i>		<u>35,846</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education		<u>646,208</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards		<u>\$ 900,921</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

**Champion Local School District
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Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
2 CFR 200.510(b)(6)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**

NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the Champion Local School District, Trumbull County, (the District) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2017. The information on this Schedule is prepared 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 District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in net position of the District.

NOTE B – 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 District has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE C - CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER

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

NOTE D – FOOD DONATION PROGRAM

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

NOTE E - TRANSFERS BETWEEN PROGRAM YEARS

Federal regulations require schools to obligate certain federal awards by June 30. However, with ODE’s consent, schools can transfer unobligated amounts to the subsequent fiscal year’s program. The District transferred the following amounts from 2016 to 2017 programs:

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Amount Transferred</u>
Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies	84.010	\$ 2,338

The District transferred the following amounts from 2015 to 2016 programs:

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Amount Transferred</u>
Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies	84.010	\$ 34,052

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Champion Local School District
Trumbull County
5976 Mahoning Avenue NW
Warren, Ohio 44483

To the Board of Education:

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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Champion Local School District, Trumbull County, Ohio (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 20, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed 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 District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.
December 20, 2017

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
FOR THE MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE
REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

Champion Local School District
Trumbull County
5976 Mahoning Avenue NW
Warren, Ohio 44483

To the Board of Education:

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

We have audited the Champion Local School District, Trumbull County, Ohio's (the District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the District's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2017. The District's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings.

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 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 for 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 Regulation (CFR) 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 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 program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance.

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Champion Local School District, Trumbull County, Ohio complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2017.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on 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 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 to 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 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.



Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.
December 20, 2017

**CHAMPION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
TRUMBULL COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
2 CFR § 200.515
JUNE 30, 2017**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

<i>(d)(1)(i)</i>	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(iii)</i>	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
<i>(d)(1)(v)</i>	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(vi)</i>	Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(vii)</i>	Major Programs (list):	Child Nutrition Cluster – CFDA #10.555 & #10.553
<i>(d)(1)(viii)</i>	Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs	Type A: > \$ 750,000 Type B: all others
<i>(d)(1)(ix)</i>	Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR §200.520?	Yes

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

None.

3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None.

**CHAMPION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
TRUMBULL COUNTY**

**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
2 CFR 200.511(b)
JUNE 30, 2017**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Status	Additional Information
2016-001	Special Tests – Paid Lunch Equity	Corrective Action Taken and Finding is Fully Corrected	N/A
2016-002	Cash management of advance amounts – Special Education Cluster	Corrective Action Taken and Finding is Fully Corrected	N/A



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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 20, 2018