

**LIBERTY UNION-THURSTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO**

***BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Audited)***

***FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2017***

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Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Education
Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District
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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District, Fairfield County, prepared by Julian & Grube, 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. Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

February 8, 2017

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Independent Auditor's Report

Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District
Fairfield County
1108 S. Main Street
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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 Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District, Fairfield County, Ohio, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinions.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District, Fairfield County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the budgetary comparison for the General fund thereof for the fiscal 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 this presentation to include *Management's discussion and analysis*, and schedules of net pension liabilities and pension contributions listed in the table of contents, to supplement the basic financial statements. Although this information is not part of the basic financial statements, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board considers it essential for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, consisting of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, to the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not opine or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to opine or provide any other assurance.

Supplementary and Other Information

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

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 14, 2017, on our consideration of the Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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The management's discussion and analysis of the Liberty Union-Thurston 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 decreased \$104,964 which represents a 0.66% decrease from 2016's net position.
- General revenues accounted for \$14,727,045 in revenue or 83.74% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and sales and grants and contributions accounted for \$2,859,161 or 16.26% of total revenues of \$17,586,206.
- The District had \$17,691,170 in expenses related to governmental activities; \$2,859,161 of these expenses was offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General revenues supporting governmental activities (primarily taxes and unrestricted grants and entitlements) of \$14,727,045 were not adequate to provide for these programs.
- The District's major governmental funds are the general fund, bond retirement fund and OFCC - State Share fund. The general fund had \$14,648,779 in revenues and other financing sources and \$14,009,234 in expenditures. During fiscal year 2017, the general fund's fund balance increased from \$9,051,481 to \$9,691,026.
- The bond retirement fund had \$5,016,937 in revenues and other financing sources and \$4,900,717 in expenditures and other financing uses. During fiscal year 2017, the bond retirement fund's fund balance increased from \$1,420,753 to \$1,536,976.
- The OFCC - State Share fund had revenues of \$46,588 and expenditures of \$86,950 in fiscal year 2017, resulting in a decrease in fund balance from \$3,581,970 to \$3,541,608.
- The District issued general obligation bonds of \$3.34 million in order to advance refund \$3.35 million in general obligation construction bonds. The refunding resulted in an economic gain of \$232,999 and a reduction of \$258,141 in future debt service payments.

Using the Basic Financial Statements

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the 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, bond retirement fund and OFCC - State Share fund are by far the most significant funds, and the only governmental funds reported as major funds.

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Reporting the District as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

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

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

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

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

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The analysis of the District's major governmental funds begins on page 11. Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the District's major funds. The District uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the District's most significant funds. The District's major governmental funds are the general fund, bond retirement fund and OFCC - State Share 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 to determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental *activities* (reported in the statement of net position and the statement of activities) and governmental *funds* is reconciled in the basic financial statements. The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 17-21 of this report.

Proprietary Funds

The District maintains a proprietary fund. Internal service funds are an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the District's various functions. The District's internal service fund, accounts for medical, vision, dental and prescription benefits self-insurance. The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found on pages 22-24 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 or other entities. These activities are reported in agency funds. All of the District's fiduciary activities are reported in a statement of fiduciary assets and liabilities on page 25. 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 27-62 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 through 68 of this report.

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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.

	Net Position	
	Governmental Activities	Governmental Activities
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Current and other assets	\$ 22,394,435	\$ 21,511,354
Capital assets, net	<u>24,129,423</u>	<u>24,962,978</u>
Total assets	<u>46,523,858</u>	<u>46,474,332</u>
<u>Deferred outflows</u>		
Deferred charges on debt refunding	284,712	144,209
Pensions	<u>4,996,850</u>	<u>1,710,337</u>
Total deferred outflows	<u>5,281,562</u>	<u>1,854,546</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current liabilities	1,242,591	1,215,222
Long-term liabilities:		
Due within one year	1,221,299	1,163,169
Due in more than one year:		
Net pension liability	22,449,157	17,160,670
Other amounts	<u>6,849,178</u>	<u>7,531,070</u>
Total liabilities	<u>31,762,225</u>	<u>27,070,131</u>
<u>Deferred inflows</u>		
Property taxes	4,074,459	3,980,940
Pensions	<u>222,740</u>	<u>1,426,847</u>
Total deferred inflows	<u>4,297,199</u>	<u>5,407,787</u>
<u>Net Position</u>		
Net investment in capital assets	17,930,198	17,875,017
Restricted	4,943,605	5,250,498
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(7,127,807)</u>	<u>(7,274,555)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 15,745,996</u>	<u>\$ 15,850,960</u>

During a prior fiscal year, the District adopted GASB Statement 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions—an Amendment of GASB Statement 27," and GASB Statement 71 "Pension Transition for Contributions made subsequent to the measurement date—an Amendment of GASB Statement No.68," which significantly revises accounting for pension costs and liabilities. For reasons discussed below, many end users of this financial statement will gain a clearer understanding of the District's actual financial condition by adding deferred inflows related to pension and the net pension liability to the reported net position and subtracting deferred outflows related to pension.

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

As a result of implementing GASB 68, the District is reporting a net pension liability and deferred inflows/outflows of resources related to pension on the accrual basis of accounting.

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 exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by \$15,745,996.

Current assets for the District increased, mostly due to an increase in cash and investments at year-end. Capital assets decreased, however, due to depreciation expense exceeding capital additions during the year.

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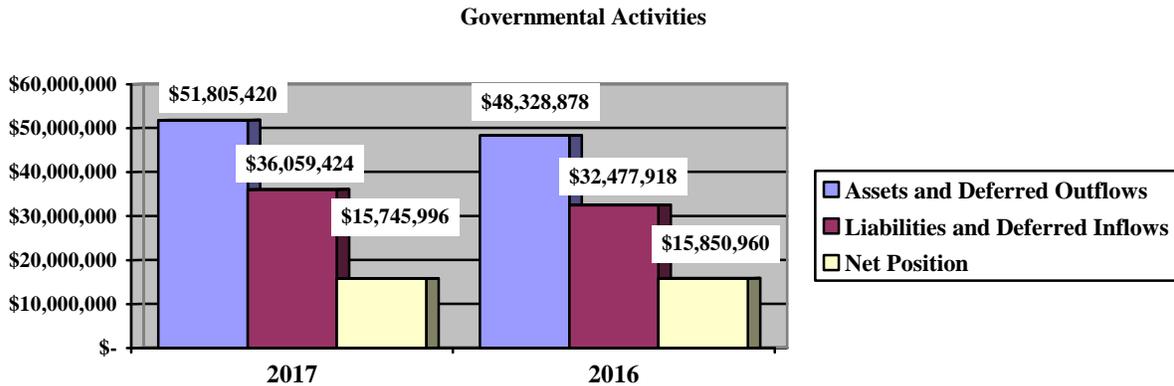
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The net pension liability for the District was significantly higher in fiscal year 2017, leading to an increase in total liabilities. This was partially offset by a decrease in deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and an increase in deferred outflows of resources related to pensions. Additional information regarding these components of net position can be found in Note 14 in the notes to the basic financial statements.

At year end, capital assets represented 51.86% of total assets. Capital assets include land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, and vehicles. Net investment in capital assets at June 30, 2017, was \$17,930,198. 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, \$4,943,605, 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 \$7,127,807.

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



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The table below shows the change in net position for fiscal year 2017 and 2016.

	Governmental Activities <u>2017</u>	Governmental Activities <u>2016</u>
<u>Revenues</u>		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services and sales	\$ 1,193,286	\$ 1,184,790
Operating grants and contributions	1,637,931	1,724,989
Capital grants and contributions	27,944	-
General revenues:		
Property taxes	4,782,013	4,502,612
Income taxes	3,290,315	3,156,421
Grants and entitlements	6,520,303	6,318,724
Investment earnings	(4,044)	151,429
Other	<u>138,458</u>	<u>136,145</u>
Total revenues	<u>17,586,206</u>	<u>17,175,110</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Program expenses:		
Instruction:		
Regular	6,336,289	5,948,775
Special	2,669,417	2,275,298
Vocational	313,672	257,515
Adult/continuing	-	2,239
Other	38,968	38,457
Support services:		
Pupil	744,631	602,037
Instructional staff	656,916	501,931
Board of education	105,437	140,668
Administration	1,129,715	1,039,982
Fiscal	547,076	417,441
Operations and maintenance	2,448,555	1,796,435
Pupil transportation	742,515	917,954
Central	259,621	288,567
Operations of non-instructional services:		
Food service operations	630,175	622,119
Extracurricular activities	713,287	673,505
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>354,896</u>	<u>339,901</u>
Total expenses	<u>17,691,170</u>	<u>15,862,824</u>
Change in net position	(104,964)	1,312,286
Net position at beginning of year	<u>15,850,960</u>	<u>14,538,674</u>
Net position at end of year	<u>\$ 15,745,996</u>	<u>\$ 15,850,960</u>

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Governmental Activities

Net position of the District's governmental activities decreased \$104,964. Total governmental expenses of \$17,691,170 were offset by program revenues of \$2,859,161 and general revenues of \$14,727,045. Program revenues supported 16.16% of the total governmental expenses.

The primary sources of revenue for governmental activities are derived from taxes and unrestricted grants and entitlements. These revenue sources represent 82.98% of total governmental revenue. The overall increase in revenues was \$411,096 or 2.39%, which is primarily due to increases in these revenues sources. The negative investment earnings is a result of reporting interest revenue net of the change in fair value of investments.

Total expenses increased considerably, up \$1,828,346 or 11.53%. This is primarily a result of increased pension expense for the District due to the overall increase in net pension liability reported by the School Employees Retirement System and the State Teachers Retirement System. The largest expense of the District is for instructional programs. Instruction expenses totaled \$9,358,346 or 52.90% of total governmental expenses for fiscal year 2017.

The statement of activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. The following table shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State grants and entitlements. The following is a comparison of 2017 and 2016.

Governmental Activities

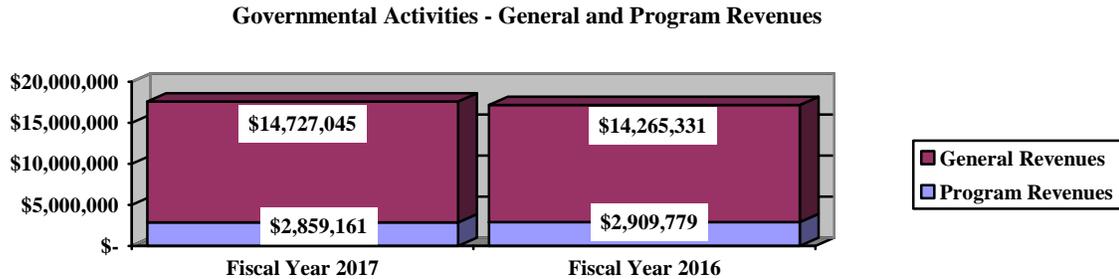
	Total Cost of Services <u>2017</u>	Net Cost of Services <u>2017</u>	Total Cost of Services <u>2016</u>	Net Cost of Services <u>2016</u>
Program expenses				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$ 6,336,289	\$ 5,666,039	\$ 5,948,775	\$ 5,280,852
Special	2,669,417	1,637,917	2,275,298	1,211,457
Vocational	313,672	197,735	257,515	160,992
Adult/continuing	-	-	2,239	2,239
Other	38,968	38,757	38,457	38,457
Support services:				
Pupil	744,631	743,467	602,037	601,484
Instructional staff	656,916	638,801	501,931	445,653
Board of education	105,437	105,437	140,668	140,668
Administration	1,129,715	1,106,026	1,039,982	1,001,849
Fiscal	547,076	547,076	417,441	417,441
Operations and maintenance	2,448,555	2,446,235	1,796,435	1,796,435
Pupil transportation	742,515	709,725	917,954	891,275
Central	259,621	259,621	288,567	288,567
Operations of non-instructional services:				
Food service operations	630,175	5,540	622,119	(103)
Extracurricular activities	713,287	374,737	673,505	335,878
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>354,896</u>	<u>354,896</u>	<u>339,901</u>	<u>339,901</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$ 17,691,170</u>	<u>\$ 14,832,009</u>	<u>\$ 15,862,824</u>	<u>\$ 12,953,045</u>

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The dependence upon tax and other general revenues for governmental activities is apparent, as 80.57% of instruction activities are supported through taxes and other general revenues. For all governmental activities, general revenue support is 83.84%. The District's taxpayers, and grants and entitlements received from the State of Ohio, as a whole, are the primary support for District's students.

The following graph presents the District's governmental activities revenue for fiscal year 2017 and 2016.



The District's Funds

The District's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$15,435,422, which is higher than last year's balance of \$14,909,499. The schedule below indicates the fund balance and the total change in fund balance as of June 30, 2017 and 2016.

	Fund Balance <u>June 30, 2017</u>	Fund Balance <u>June 30, 2016</u>	Increase <u>(Decrease)</u>	Percentage <u>Change</u>
General	\$ 9,691,026	\$ 9,051,481	\$ 639,545	7.07 %
Bond Retirement	1,536,976	1,420,753	116,223	8.18 %
OFCC-State Share	3,541,608	3,581,970	(40,362)	(1.13) %
Other Governmental	<u>665,812</u>	<u>855,295</u>	<u>(189,483)</u>	<u>(22.15) %</u>
Total	<u>\$ 15,435,422</u>	<u>\$ 14,909,499</u>	<u>\$ 525,923</u>	<u>3.53 %</u>

General Fund

The District's general fund balance increased \$639,545. The table that follows assists in illustrating the revenues of the general fund during fiscal years 2017 and 2016.

	<u>2017 Amount</u>	<u>2016 Amount</u>	Increase <u>(Decrease)</u>	Percentage <u>Change</u>
<u>Revenues</u>				
Property taxes	\$ 3,519,416	\$ 3,411,375	\$ 108,041	3.17 %
Income taxes	3,268,023	3,148,611	119,412	3.79 %
Tuition	545,062	530,995	14,067	2.65 %
Earnings on investments	(30,707)	97,408	(128,115)	(131.52) %
Intergovernmental	6,992,668	6,821,795	170,873	2.50 %
Other revenues	<u>204,802</u>	<u>213,583</u>	<u>(8,781)</u>	<u>(4.11) %</u>
Total	<u>\$ 14,499,264</u>	<u>\$ 14,223,767</u>	<u>\$ 275,497</u>	<u>1.94 %</u>

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Property taxes and income taxes both increased slightly due to an increase in collections. Intergovernmental revenues increased slightly due to additional Foundation funding from the State. The only significant decrease in general fund revenues was for earnings on investments. The negative amount reported in fiscal year 2017 is a result of netting interest revenue with a significant decrease in the fair value of investments.

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

	<u>2017</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Change</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Instruction	\$ 7,518,470	\$ 7,240,534	\$ 277,936	3.84 %
Support services	5,985,305	5,491,437	493,868	8.99 %
Extracurricular activities	349,018	339,839	9,179	2.70 %
Facilities acquisition and construction	47,469	-	47,469	100.00 %
Debt service	<u>108,972</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>108,972</u>	100.00 %
Total	<u>\$ 14,009,234</u>	<u>\$ 13,071,810</u>	<u>\$ 937,424</u>	7.17 %

The overall increase in general fund expenditures is partially attributable to higher wages and salaries, as well as higher costs for fringe benefits, such as the District's share of employee health insurance premiums and pension contributions. Other factors contributing to the increased expenditures include the purchase of instruction development software, entering into a lease agreement for utility tractors, and additional debt service expenditures for payments on the lease and issuance costs on refunding bonds issued in fiscal year 2017.

Bond Retirement Fund

The bond retirement fund had \$5,016,937 in revenues and other financing sources and \$4,900,717 in expenditures and other financing uses. Activity in fiscal year 2017 includes approximately \$3.65 million in other financing sources and uses related to the issuance of refunding bonds.

OFCC - State Share Fund

The OSFC - State Share fund had revenues of \$46,588 and expenditures of \$86,950 in fiscal year 2017, resulting in a decrease in fund balance from \$3,581,970 to \$3,541,608.

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.

During the course of fiscal year 2017, the District amended its general fund budget several times. For the general fund, original and final budgeted revenues and other financing sources amounted to \$14,396,463. Actual revenues and other financing sources of \$14,644,057 were \$247,594 (1.72%) more than the final budget. This positive variance is mostly due to additional State Foundation funding that was not reflected in the final budget.

General fund original and final appropriations (appropriated expenditures including other financing uses) of \$13,446,616 were increased to \$14,222,697 in the final budget, primarily to account for increased costs related to special instruction programs, instructional staff support services and maintenance costs. The actual budget basis expenditures and other financing uses for fiscal year 2017 totaled \$14,121,348, which is \$101,349 (0.71%) less than the final budget.

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Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2017, the District had \$24,129,423 invested in land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, and vehicles. This entire amount is reported in governmental activities.

The following table shows fiscal year 2017 balances compared to 2016:

**Capital Assets at June 30
(Net of Depreciation)**

	Governmental Activities	
	2017	2016
Land	\$ 588,863	\$ 588,863
Land improvements	587,106	638,287
Building and improvements	22,463,666	23,307,719
Furniture and equipment	203,306	151,201
Vehicles	286,482	276,908
Total	\$ 24,129,423	\$ 24,962,978

The overall decrease in capital assets is a result of depreciation expense of \$999,809 exceeding capital asset acquisitions of \$166,254 during the year. See Note 9 in the notes to the basic financial statements for additional information on the District's capital assets.

Debt Administration

At June 30, 2017, the District had \$6,691,843 in general obligation bonds and capital leases outstanding. Of this total, \$1,104,494 is due within one year and \$5,587,349 is due in greater than one year. During fiscal year 2017, the District had additions to long-term debt of \$3,532,818 and reductions of \$4,445,669. See Note 12 in the notes to the basic financial statements for additional information on the District's debt administration.

The following table summarizes the debt outstanding at June 30, 2017 and 2016.

Outstanding Debt, at June 30

	Governmental Activities	Governmental Activities
	2017	2016
General obligation bonds	\$ 6,654,345	\$ 7,604,694
Capital leases	37,498	-
Total	\$ 6,691,843	\$ 7,604,694

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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Current Financial Related Activities

Although considered a mid-wealth district, Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District is financially stable, and has been over the past several years. As indicated in the preceding financial information, the District is dependent on property taxes. Property tax revenue does not increase as a result of inflation, but can go down if the valuations decrease. The District also has two income tax issues. A 1.25% issue was passed in May, 1991 and the second issue for 0.5% was passed in May, 2005 and replaced by a permanent 0.5% in November 2014. They generate about \$3 million per year.

In addition to property tax and income tax revenues, the District is heavily reliant on State Foundation funding. Under the new biennial State budget for fiscal years 2018 and 2019, the District will receive approximately \$6.4 million in State Foundation aid in fiscal year 2018, or essentially the same amount received in fiscal year 2017.

Based on these factors, the Board of Education and the administration of the District must maintain careful financial planning and prudent fiscal management in order to preserve the financial stability of the District. In the long-term, the current program and staffing levels will be dependent on increased funding to meet inflation. Careful financial planning has permitted the District to provide a quality education for our students.

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: April Bolyard, Treasurer of Liberty Union-Thurston Local School Board of Education, 1108 S. Main Street, Baltimore, Ohio 43105.

**LIBERTY UNION-THURSTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2017

	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and investments.	\$ 14,770,272
Cash and investments with fiscal agent	1,130,328
Receivables:	
Property taxes	4,914,690
Income taxes.	1,380,528
Accounts.	71,253
Accrued interest	20,615
Intergovernmental	90,254
Prepayments	11,591
Materials and supplies inventory.	1,497
Inventory held for resale.	3,407
Capital assets:	
Nondepreciable capital assets	588,863
Depreciable capital assets, net.	23,540,560
Capital assets, net	24,129,423
Total assets.	46,523,858
Deferred outflows of resources:	
Deferred charges on debt refunding	284,712
Pension - STRS	3,752,122
Pension - SERS	1,244,728
Total deferred outflows of resources	5,281,562
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable.	66,167
Accrued wages and benefits payable	782,407
Intergovernmental payable	63,719
Pension and postemployment benefits payable.	216,564
Accrued interest payable	13,234
Claims payable.	100,500
Long-term liabilities:	
Due within one year.	1,221,299
Due in more than one year:	
Net pension liability	22,449,157
Other amounts due in more than one year	6,849,178
Total liabilities	31,762,225
Deferred inflows of resources:	
Property taxes levied for the next fiscal year.	4,074,459
Pension - STRS.	222,740
Total deferred inflows of resources	4,297,199
Net position:	
Net investment in capital assets.	17,930,198
Restricted for:	
Capital projects	3,628,127
Classroom facilities maintenance	319,475
Debt service.	784,345
Locally funded programs	195
State funded programs.	5,400
Student activities	109,586
Food service operations	96,477
Unrestricted (deficit)	(7,127,807)
Total net position.	\$ 15,745,996

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**LIBERTY UNION-THURSTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
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	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Governmental activities:					Governmental Activities
Instruction:					
Regular	\$ 6,336,289	\$ 571,901	\$ 70,405	\$ 27,944	\$ (5,666,039)
Special	2,669,417	13,496	1,018,004	-	(1,637,917)
Vocational	313,672	-	115,937	-	(197,735)
Other	38,968	-	211	-	(38,757)
Support services:					
Pupil	744,631	-	1,164	-	(743,467)
Instructional staff	656,916	-	18,115	-	(638,801)
Board of education	105,437	-	-	-	(105,437)
Administration	1,129,715	12,851	10,838	-	(1,106,026)
Fiscal	547,076	-	-	-	(547,076)
Operations and maintenance	2,448,555	2,320	-	-	(2,446,235)
Pupil transportation	742,515	-	32,790	-	(709,725)
Central	259,621	-	-	-	(259,621)
Operation of non-instructional services:					
Food service operations	630,175	294,864	329,771	-	(5,540)
Extracurricular activities	713,287	297,854	40,696	-	(374,737)
Interest and fiscal charges	354,896	-	-	-	(354,896)
Total governmental activities	\$ 17,691,170	\$ 1,193,286	\$ 1,637,931	\$ 27,944	(14,832,009)
General revenues:					
Property taxes levied for:					
General purposes					3,506,088
Debt service					1,200,614
Capital outlay					75,311
Income taxes levied for:					
General purposes					3,290,315
Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs					6,520,303
Investment earnings					(4,044)
Miscellaneous					138,458
Total general revenues					14,727,045
Change in net position					(104,964)
Net position at beginning of year					15,850,960
Net position at end of year					\$ 15,745,996

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**LIBERTY UNION-THURSTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO**

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2017

	<u>General</u>	<u>Bond Retirement</u>	<u>OFCC Fund</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets:					
Equity in pooled cash and investments.	\$ 9,106,990	\$ 1,404,292	\$ 3,541,608	\$ 706,120	\$ 14,759,010
Receivables:					
Property taxes.	3,600,816	1,237,297	-	76,577	4,914,690
Income taxes	1,380,528	-	-	-	1,380,528
Accounts	71,253	-	-	-	71,253
Accrued interest	20,615	-	-	-	20,615
Intergovernmental.	66,661	-	-	23,593	90,254
Prepayments.	11,591	-	-	-	11,591
Materials and supplies inventory.	-	-	-	1,497	1,497
Inventory held for resale.	-	-	-	3,407	3,407
Total assets	<u>\$ 14,258,454</u>	<u>\$ 2,641,589</u>	<u>\$ 3,541,608</u>	<u>\$ 811,194</u>	<u>\$ 21,252,845</u>
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ 51,771	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,396	\$ 66,167
Accrued wages and benefits payable	727,469	-	-	54,938	782,407
Compensated absences payable	35,379	-	-	-	35,379
Intergovernmental payable	63,034	-	-	685	63,719
Pension and postemployment benefits payable	209,577	-	-	6,987	216,564
Total liabilities.	<u>1,087,230</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,006</u>	<u>1,164,236</u>
Deferred inflows of resources:					
Property taxes levied for the next fiscal year.	2,985,144	1,025,816	-	63,499	4,074,459
Delinquent property tax revenue not available.	229,316	78,797	-	4,877	312,990
Income tax revenue not available	253,400	-	-	-	253,400
Intergovernmental revenue not available.	6,004	-	-	-	6,004
Accrued interest not available	6,334	-	-	-	6,334
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>3,480,198</u>	<u>1,104,613</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,376</u>	<u>4,653,187</u>
Fund balances:					
Nonspendable:					
Materials and supplies inventory.	-	-	-	1,497	1,497
Prepayments	11,591	-	-	-	11,591
Restricted:					
Debt service	-	1,536,976	-	-	1,536,976
Capital improvements	-	-	3,541,608	81,642	3,623,250
Classroom facilities maintenance	-	-	-	319,475	319,475
Food service operations	-	-	-	152,926	152,926
Other purposes.	-	-	-	5,595	5,595
Extracurricular activities.	-	-	-	109,586	109,586
Assigned:					
Student instruction	16,140	-	-	-	16,140
Student and staff support.	89,758	-	-	-	89,758
Unassigned (deficit)	9,573,537	-	-	(4,909)	9,568,628
Total fund balances	<u>9,691,026</u>	<u>1,536,976</u>	<u>3,541,608</u>	<u>665,812</u>	<u>15,435,422</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 14,258,454</u>	<u>\$ 2,641,589</u>	<u>\$ 3,541,608</u>	<u>\$ 811,194</u>	<u>\$ 21,252,845</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**LIBERTY UNION-THURSTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO**

RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO
NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
JUNE 30, 2017

Total governmental fund balances		\$ 15,435,422
<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.		24,129,423
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred inflows in the funds.		
Property taxes receivable	\$ 312,990	
Income taxes receivable	253,400	
Accrued interest receivable	6,334	
Intergovernmental receivable	6,004	
Total	578,728	578,728
Unamortized premiums on bonds issued are not recognized in the funds.		(524,924)
Unamortized amounts on refundings are not recognized in the funds.		284,712
Accrued interest payable is not due and payable in the current period and therefore is not reported in the funds.		(13,234)
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
General obligation bonds	(6,654,345)	
Capital leases	(37,498)	
Compensated absences	(818,331)	
Total	(7,510,174)	(7,510,174)
The net pension liability is not due and payable in the current period, therefore, the liability and related deferred inflows and outflows of resources are not reported in governmental funds.		
Deferred outflows of resources - pension	4,996,850	
Deferred inflows of resources - pension	(222,740)	
Net pension liability	(22,449,157)	
Total	(17,675,047)	(17,675,047)
An internal service fund is used by management to charge the costs of insurance to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service fund are included in governmental activities on the statement of net position.		1,041,090
Net position of governmental activities		\$ 15,745,996

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**LIBERTY UNION-THURSTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO**

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

	<u>General</u>	<u>Bond Retirement</u>	<u>OFCC Fund</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues:					
From local sources:					
Property taxes	\$ 3,519,416	\$ 1,205,360	\$ -	\$ 75,809	\$ 4,800,585
Income taxes	3,268,023	-	-	-	3,268,023
Tuition	545,062	-	-	-	545,062
Earnings on investments	(30,707)	-	46,588	182	16,063
Charges for services	-	-	-	294,864	294,864
Extracurricular	11,418	-	-	297,854	309,272
Classroom materials and fees	41,768	-	-	-	41,768
Rental income	2,320	-	-	-	2,320
Contributions and donations	11,138	-	-	49,673	60,811
Other local revenues	138,158	-	-	-	138,158
Intergovernmental - state	6,986,098	163,501	-	41,545	7,191,144
Intergovernmental - federal	6,570	-	-	928,513	935,083
Total revenues	<u>14,499,264</u>	<u>1,368,861</u>	<u>46,588</u>	<u>1,688,440</u>	<u>17,603,153</u>
Expenditures:					
Current:					
Instruction:					
Regular	5,148,250	-	-	79,376	5,227,626
Special	2,034,682	-	-	494,946	2,529,628
Vocational	297,050	-	-	-	297,050
Other	38,488	-	-	212	38,700
Support services:					
Pupil	721,514	-	-	1,171	722,685
Instructional staff	630,475	-	-	12,791	643,266
Board of education	104,843	-	-	-	104,843
Administration	1,051,031	-	-	-	1,051,031
Fiscal	548,602	22,865	-	1,468	572,935
Operations and maintenance	1,953,992	-	-	117,819	2,071,811
Pupil transportation	724,884	-	-	-	724,884
Central	249,964	-	-	-	249,964
Operation of non-instructional services:					
Food service operations	-	-	-	608,823	608,823
Extracurricular activities	349,018	-	-	323,751	672,769
Facilities acquisition and construction	47,469	-	86,950	237,566	371,985
Debt service:					
Principal retirement	10,669	1,085,000	-	-	1,095,669
Interest and fiscal charges	-	144,773	-	-	144,773
Refunding bond issuance costs	98,303	-	-	-	98,303
Total expenditures	<u>14,009,234</u>	<u>1,252,638</u>	<u>86,950</u>	<u>1,877,923</u>	<u>17,226,745</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>490,030</u>	<u>116,223</u>	<u>(40,362)</u>	<u>(189,483)</u>	<u>376,408</u>
Other financing sources:					
Premium on refunding bonds	101,348	308,076	-	-	409,424
Issuance of refunding bonds	-	3,340,000	-	-	3,340,000
Capital lease transaction	48,167	-	-	-	48,167
Payment to refunded bond escrow agent	-	(3,648,076)	-	-	(3,648,076)
Total other financing sources	<u>149,515</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>149,515</u>
Net change in fund balances	639,545	116,223	(40,362)	(189,483)	525,923
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>9,051,481</u>	<u>1,420,753</u>	<u>3,581,970</u>	<u>855,295</u>	<u>14,909,499</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 9,691,026</u>	<u>\$ 1,536,976</u>	<u>\$ 3,541,608</u>	<u>\$ 665,812</u>	<u>\$ 15,435,422</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**LIBERTY UNION-THURSTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO**

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	525,923
<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. This is the amount by which depreciation expense exceeded capital outlays in the current period.		(833,555)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		
Property taxes	(18,572)	
Income taxes	22,292	
Earnings on investments	(19,935)	
Intergovernmental	(28,676)	
Total	(44,891)	(44,891)
Repayment of bond and lease principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities on the statement of net position.		1,095,669
Issuances of bonds and capital leases are recorded as other financing sources in the funds; however, in the statement of activities, they are not reported as other financing sources as they increase liabilities on the statement of net position.		(3,388,167)
Payment to refunded bond escrow agent for the retirement of bonds is an other financing use in the governmental funds but the payment reduces long-term liabilities on the statement of net position.		3,648,076
Premiums on bonds are amortized over the life of the issuance in the statement of activities.		(409,424)
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 additional interest being reported in the statement of activities:		
Decrease in accrued interest payable	3,724	
Accreted interest on capital appreciation bonds	(144,651)	
Amortization of bond premiums	73,685	
Amortization of deferred charges on refunding	(44,578)	
Total	(111,820)	(111,820)
Contractually required contributions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds; however, the statement of activities reports these amounts as deferred outflows of resources.		1,134,721
Except for amounts reported as deferred inflows/outflows of resources, changes in the net pension liability are reported as pension expense in the statement of activities.		(1,932,588)
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.		(30,966)
An internal service fund used by management to charge the costs of insurance to individual funds is not reported in the district-wide statement of activities. Governmental fund expenditures and the related internal service fund revenues are eliminated. The net revenue (expense) of the internal service fund is allocated among the governmental activities.		242,058
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	(104,964)

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**LIBERTY UNION-THURSTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FAIRFIELD 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
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues:				
From local sources:				
Property taxes	\$ 3,392,876	\$ 3,392,876	\$ 3,420,366	\$ 27,490
Income taxes	3,429,522	3,429,522	3,451,819	22,297
Tuition	530,995	530,995	545,062	14,067
Earnings on investments	47,249	47,249	63,052	15,803
Classroom materials and fees	43,508	43,508	39,853	(3,655)
Rental income	-	-	2,320	2,320
Contributions and donations	-	-	300	300
Other local revenues	116,128	116,128	106,220	(9,908)
Intergovernmental - state	6,788,927	6,788,927	6,992,532	203,605
Total revenues	<u>14,349,205</u>	<u>14,349,205</u>	<u>14,621,524</u>	<u>272,319</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	5,178,242	5,217,677	5,217,676	1
Special	1,829,707	2,027,309	2,027,309	-
Vocational	258,527	294,224	294,224	-
Other	44,078	39,858	39,858	-
Support services:				
Pupil	643,791	723,159	723,159	-
Instructional staff	444,498	653,365	653,365	-
Board of education	106,199	105,414	105,414	-
Administration	958,076	983,604	983,604	-
Fiscal	470,951	540,748	540,748	-
Operations and maintenance	1,798,582	1,952,327	1,952,327	-
Pupil transportation	821,834	713,196	713,196	-
Central	311,785	249,849	249,849	-
Extracurricular activities	343,537	347,807	347,807	-
Facilities acquisition and construction	41,587	47,469	47,469	-
Debt service:				
Refunding bond issuance costs	-	98,303	98,303	-
Total expenditures	<u>13,251,394</u>	<u>13,994,309</u>	<u>13,994,308</u>	<u>1</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>1,097,811</u>	<u>354,896</u>	<u>627,216</u>	<u>272,320</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Refund of prior year's expenditures	43,058	43,058	22,036	(21,022)
Refund of prior year's receipts	(195,222)	(228,388)	(228,388)	-
Premium on refunding bonds	-	-	101,348	101,348
Sale/loss of assets	4,200	4,200	497	(3,703)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(147,964)</u>	<u>(181,130)</u>	<u>(104,507)</u>	<u>76,623</u>
Net change in fund balance	949,847	173,766	522,709	348,943
Fund balance at beginning of year	8,316,924	8,316,924	8,316,924	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	146,616	146,616	146,616	-
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 9,413,387</u>	<u>\$ 8,637,306</u>	<u>\$ 8,986,249</u>	<u>\$ 348,943</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**LIBERTY UNION-THURSTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2017

	<u>Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds</u>
Assets:	
Current assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and investments.	\$ 11,262
Cash and investments with fiscal agent	<u>1,130,328</u>
Total assets.	<u>1,141,590</u>
Liabilities:	
Current liabilities:	
Claims payable	<u>100,500</u>
Total liabilities	<u>100,500</u>
Net position:	
Unrestricted.	<u>1,041,090</u>
Total net position.	<u>\$ 1,041,090</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**LIBERTY UNION-THURSTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	<u>Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds</u>
Operating revenues:	
Charges for services	\$ 1,702,408
Total operating revenues	<u>1,702,408</u>
Operating expenses:	
Purchased services	117,098
Claims	<u>1,343,252</u>
Total operating expenses.	<u>1,460,350</u>
Change in net position.	242,058
Net position at beginning of year	<u>799,032</u>
Net position at end of year	<u><u>\$ 1,041,090</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**LIBERTY UNION-THURSTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from charges for services	\$ 1,702,408
Cash payments for contractual services	(117,098)
Cash payments for claims	<u>(1,381,452)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>203,858</u>
Net increase in cash and investments.	203,858
Cash and investments at beginning of year	<u>937,732</u>
Cash and investments at end of year	<u><u>\$ 1,141,590</u></u>
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Operating income.	\$ 242,058
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
(Decrease) in claims payable	<u>(38,200)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u><u>\$ 203,858</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**LIBERTY UNION-THURSTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FIDUCIARY FUND
JUNE 30, 2017

	Agency
Assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and investments.	\$ 62,643
Receivables:	
Accounts	6,653
Total assets.	\$ 69,296
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable.	\$ 8,850
Due to students.	60,446
Total liabilities	\$ 69,296

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**LIBERTY UNION-THURSTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE DISTRICT

Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District (the "District") is a body politic and corporate organized under Article VI, Sections 2 and 3 of the Constitution of the State of Ohio. The District is a local school district as defined by Ohio Revised Code Section 3311.03. The District operates under a locally-elected Board form of government 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 was established through the consolidation of existing land areas and school districts. It is staffed by 56 non-certificated employees and 96 certificated teaching personnel who provide services to 1,319 students and other community members.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

A. Reporting Entity

A reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units, and other organizations that are included to ensure that the financial statements are not misleading. The primary government of the District consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the District. For Liberty Union-Thurston Local School 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; the District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the District is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the District in that the District approves the budget, the issuance of debt, or the levying of taxes. The District has no component units.

The District is associated with four jointly governed organizations: META Solutions, the South Central Ohio Insurance Consortium, the Fairfield County Council for Educational Collaboration and the Central Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center. The District is also associated with one insurance purchasing pool: the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program. These organizations are presented in Note 18 to the basic financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

B. Basis of Presentation

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

Government-wide Financial Statements - The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. Internal service fund activity is eliminated to avoid "doubling up" revenues and expenses. The statements distinguish between those activities of the District that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities. The District has no business-type activities.

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the District at year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program 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, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each business segment or governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the District.

Fund Financial Statements - During the year, the District segregates transactions related to certain District functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the District at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting 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 type.

C. Fund Accounting

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of the District fall within three categories: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary.

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

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

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

The following are the District's three major governmental funds:

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

Bond Retirement Fund - This fund is used to account for financial resources accumulated for the payment of general long-term debt principal, interest and related costs.

OFCC Fund - This fund is used to account for monies received and expended in connection with contracts entered into by the District and the Ohio Department of Education for the building and equipping of classroom facilities.

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

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

The proprietary fund focus is on the determination of the change in net position, financial position and cash flows and is classified as internal service. The internal service funds account for the financing of services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the District, or to other governments, on a cost reimbursement basis. The internal service funds of the District account for rotary services and a self-insurance program which provides medical, dental, and pharmacy benefits to employees.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

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

D. Measurement Focus

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

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

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

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

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

Revenues - Exchange and 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. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means that the resources are collectible 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 the accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied (See Note 7). Revenue from income taxes is recognized in the period in which the income is earned (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 the fiscal year-end: property taxes available for advance, income taxes, grants, various reimbursements and interest.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

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. See Note 14 for deferred outflows of resources related the District's net pension liability. In addition, deferred outflows of resources include a deferred charge on debt refunding. A deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt.

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.

See Note 14 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 and Expenditures - On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

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

F. Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

During fiscal year 2017, investments were limited to investments in Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB), Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC), negotiable certificates of deposit (negotiable CDs) and U.S. Treasury Money Market accounts.

Following Ohio statutes, the Board of Education has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. There was no interest revenue credited to any fund during fiscal year 2017 which was assigned from other District funds.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

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 presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents.

G. Prepayments

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2017, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of purchase and an expenditure/expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

H. Inventory

On government-wide financial statements, inventories are presented at the lower of cost or market on a first-in, first-out basis and are expensed when used.

On fund financial statements, inventories of governmental funds are stated at cost. Donated commodities are presented at the entitlement value. Cost is determined on a first-in, first-out basis. Inventory in governmental funds consists of expendable supplies held for consumption and donated food, purchased food and school supplies held for resale. The cost of inventory items is recorded as an expenditure in the governmental fund types when consumed, used or sold.

I. Interfund Balances

On fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans as a result of cash deficits in certain funds at fiscal year-end are classified as "due to/from other funds". The interfund balances will be repaid once the anticipated revenues are received. These amounts are eliminated in the governmental type activities column on the statement of net position. There were no interfund balances at June 30, 2017.

J. Capital Assets

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

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

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

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:

Description	Governmental Activities Estimated Lives
Land Improvements	50 Years
Buildings and Improvements	20 - 50 Years
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	5 - 20 Years
Vehicles	5 - 20 Years

K. Compensated Absences

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

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the vesting method. The liability includes the employees who are currently eligible to receive termination benefits in the future. The amount is based on accumulated sick leave and employees’ wage rates at fiscal year end, taking into consideration any limits specified in the District’s termination policy. The District records a liability for accumulated unused sick leave for classified and certified employees and administrators who are eligible to receive termination benefits based on School Employees Retirement System and State Teachers Retirement System retirement criteria.

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

On the governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences are recognized as liabilities and expenditures as payments come due each period upon the occurrence of employee resignations and retirements. These amounts are recorded in the account “matured compensated absences payable” in the fund from which the employees will be paid.

L. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Liabilities

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

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources are reported as obligations of the funds. However, claims and judgments, compensated absences, net pension liability and special termination benefits that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment in the current year. Long-term bonds and capital leases are recognized as a liability on the fund financial statements when due.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

M. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and 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 borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws, or regulations of other governments.

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

N. 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.

O. 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. It also includes the long-term amount of loans receivable.

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

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

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Assigned - Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the District for specific purposes, but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted nor committed. In governmental funds other than the general Fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by policies of the District Board of Education, which includes giving the Treasurer the authority to constrain monies for intended purposes.

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

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.

P. Operating Revenues and Expenses

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

Q. Estimates

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

R. Budgetary Process

All funds, other than the agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the appropriation resolution and the certificate of estimated resources, which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amounts that the Board of Education may appropriate. The appropriation resolution is the Board's authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at a level of control selected by the Board. The legal level of control has been established by the Board of Education at the fund level. Although the legal level of budgetary control was established at the fund level, the District has elected to present the General Fund budgetary statement comparison at the fund and function level. Any revisions that alter the total of any fund appropriations must be approved by the Board of Education.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the District Treasurer. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the certificate when the appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts in the budgetary statement reflect the amounts in the final amended certificate issued during fiscal year 2017.

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

S. Issuance Costs/Bond Premiums/Accounting Gain or Loss

On government-wide financial statements, bond issuance costs are expensed in the year they occur.

Bond premiums are deferred and amortized over the term of the bonds. Using the straight-line method, which approximates the effective interest method, bond premiums are presented as an addition to the face amount of the bonds.

For bond refunding resulting in the defeasance of debt reported in the government-wide financial statements, the difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt is deferred and amortized as a component of interest expense. This accounting gain or loss is amortized over the remaining life of the old debt or the life of the new debt, whichever is shorter and is presented as deferred outflow or inflow of resources on the statement of net position.

On the governmental funds financial statements, bond issuance costs and bond premiums are recognized in the current period.

T. 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.

U. Fair Value

The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

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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. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 77 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

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>
Title I	\$ 2,997
Improving teacher quality	1,912

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 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE - (Continued)

C. Noncompliance

The District had noncompliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.39 and 5705.36 for appropriations in excess of estimated resources, and not timely requesting amended certificated throughout the year, respectively.

NOTE 4 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

While reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balance on the basis of GAAP, the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts and disbursements.

The statement of revenue, expenditures and changes in fund balance - budget and actual (non-GAAP budgetary basis) presented for the general fund 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) Investments are reported at fair value (GAAP basis) as opposed to cost (budget basis); and,
- (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	\$ 522,709
Net adjustment for revenue accruals	(175,542)
Net adjustment for expenditure accruals	(56,826)
Net adjustment for other sources/uses	254,022
Funds budgeted elsewhere	(1,155)
Adjustment for encumbrances	96,337
GAAP basis	\$ 639,545

Certain funds that are legally budgeted in separate special revenue funds are considered part of the general fund on a GAAP basis. This includes the public school support fund.

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NOTE 5 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NOTE 5 - 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 and Investments with Fiscal Agent

At June 30, 2017, the District had \$1,130,328 on deposit in its self-insurance fiscal agent account. This amount is not part of the District's internal investment pool and has been excluded from the total amount of deposits reported below.

B. Deposits with Financial Institutions

At June 30, 2017, the carrying amount of all District deposits was \$6,522,628. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures", as of June 30, 2017, \$6,292,710 of the District's bank balance of \$6,792,710 was exposed to custodial risk and \$500,000 was covered by the FDIC.

Custodial Credit Risk: 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 5 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

C. Investments

As of June 30, 2017, the District had the following investments and maturities:

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Measurement Value</u>	<u>Investment Maturities</u>				
		<u>6 months or less</u>	<u>7 to 12 months</u>	<u>13 to 18 months</u>	<u>19 to 24 months</u>	<u>Greater than 24 months</u>
Fair Value:						
FHLB	\$ 1,394,680	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,394,680
FHLMC	2,898,277	1,399,972	-	-	-	1,498,305
Negotiable CDs	1,494,870	749,648	249,252	495,970	-	-
U.S. Treasury Money Market	<u>2,522,460</u>	<u>2,522,460</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 8,310,287</u>	<u>\$ 4,672,080</u>	<u>\$ 249,252</u>	<u>\$ 495,970</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,892,985</u>

The weighted average maturity of investments is 1.50 years.

The District's investments in U.S. Treasury Money Market funds are valued using quoted market prices in active markets (Level 1 inputs). All other District investments are valued using quoted market prices in markets 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 directly or indirectly (Level 2 inputs).

Interest Rate Risk: Interest rate risk arises because potential purchasers of debt securities will not agree to pay face value for those securities if interest rates subsequently increase. The Ohio Revised Code generally limits security purchases to those that mature within five years of the settlement date. The District's investment policy addresses interest rate risk by requiring the consideration of cash flow requirements and market conditions in determining the term of an investment, and limiting investment portfolio maturities to five years or less.

Credit Risk: The District's federal agency securities were rated AA+ and Aaa by Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investor Services, respectively. Standard & Poor's has assigned the U.S. Treasury Money Market an AAAM money market rating. Credit ratings for the negotiable CDs are not readily available. The District's investment policy does not specifically address credit risk beyond the adherence to all relevant sections of the Ohio Revised Code.

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 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.

Concentration of Credit Risk: The District's investment policy addresses concentration of credit risk by requiring investments to be diversified in order to reduce the risk of loss resulting from the over concentration of assets in a specific type of security, the erosion of market value, or by default. However, the District's investment policy does not place any limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer.

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NOTE 5 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

<u>Measurement/ Investment type</u>	<u>Measurement Value</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
FHLB	\$ 1,394,680	16.78
FHLMC	2,898,277	34.88
Negotiable CDs	1,494,870	17.99
U.S. Treasury Money Market	2,522,460	30.35
Total	<u>\$ 8,310,287</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	\$ 6,522,628
Investments	8,310,287
Cash and investments with fiscal agent	<u>1,130,328</u>
Total	<u>\$ 15,963,243</u>
 <u>Cash and investments per statement of net position</u>	
Governmental activities	\$ 15,900,600
Agency funds	<u>62,643</u>
Total	<u>\$ 15,963,243</u>

NOTE 6 - SCHOOL INCOME TAX

The District currently benefits from a 1.75% income tax which is assessed on all residents of the District. In the year ended June 30, 2017, the income tax generated \$3,268,023 in revenue. The District apportions all the proceeds to the General Fund.

NOTE 7 - PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are levied and assessed on a calendar year basis while the District's 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.

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NOTE 7 - PROPERTY TAXES - (Continued)

The District receives property taxes from Fairfield 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 \$386,356 in the general fund, \$132,684 in the bond retirement fund and \$8,201 in the permanent improvement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). This amount is recorded as revenue. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2016 was \$287,306 in the general fund, \$104,557 in the bond retirement fund and \$6,697 in the permanent improvement 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.

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	\$ 168,069,050	94.54	\$ 175,939,170	94.38
Public utility personal	<u>9,704,450</u>	<u>5.46</u>	<u>10,473,550</u>	<u>5.62</u>
Total	<u>\$ 177,773,500</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>\$ 186,412,720</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$ 45.50		\$ 45.50	

NOTE 8 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2017 consisted of property taxes, income taxes, accounts (fees and reimbursements) accrued interest, and intergovernmental grants and entitlements. 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.

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NOTE 8 - RECEIVABLES - (Continued)

A summary of the principal items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

	Governmental activities
BWC refund	\$ 20,071
Medicaid reimbursements	6,570
Title I grant	21,172
Improving Teacher Quality grant	2,421
State Foundation	38,390
Other	1,630
Total	\$ 90,254

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

NOTE 9 - CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	Balance 06/30/16	Additions	Deductions	Balance 06/30/17
Governmental activities:				
<i>Capital assets, not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$ 588,863	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 588,863
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	588,863	-	-	588,863
<i>Capital assets, being depreciated:</i>				
Land improvements	1,599,730	-	-	1,599,730
Buildings and improvements	35,725,865	-	-	35,725,865
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	468,200	76,111	-	544,311
Vehicles	1,138,915	90,143	(51,463)	1,177,595
Total capital assets, being depreciated	38,932,710	166,254	(51,463)	39,047,501
<i>Less: accumulated depreciation:</i>				
Land improvements	(961,443)	(51,181)	-	(1,012,624)
Buildings and improvements	(12,418,146)	(844,053)	-	(13,262,199)
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	(316,999)	(24,006)	-	(341,005)
Vehicles	(862,007)	(80,569)	51,463	(891,113)
Total accumulated depreciation	(14,558,595)	(999,809)	51,463	(15,506,941)
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 24,962,978	\$ (833,555)	\$ -	\$ 24,129,423

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NOTE 9 - CAPITAL ASSETS - (Continued)

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

<u>Instruction:</u>	
Regular	\$ 868,744
Vocational	269
<u>Support services:</u>	
Instructional staff	271
Administration	12,000
Fiscal	1,079
Operations and maintenance	15,021
Pupil transportation	80,569
Food service operations	8,132
Extracurricular activities	<u>13,724</u>
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 999,809</u>

NOTE 10 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2017, the District contracted with Catlin Indemnity Company for property and fleet insurance, liability insurance, and public officials bonds. Coverages provided are as follows:

Buildings/Contents (\$1,000 deductible)	\$47,056,057
Automobile Liability (\$250 deductible):	
Per Occurance	5,000
Per Accident	1,000,000
General Liability:	
Per Occurance	1,000,000
Aggregate Limit	3,000,000
Public Officials Bonds:	
Treasurer	25,000
Superintendent/Board Member (each)	50,000

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years. There has been no significant change in coverage from last year.

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NOTE 10 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)

For fiscal year 2017, the District participated in the Ohio School Boards Association Worker's Compensation Group Rating Plan (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool (see Note 18). 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 Plan. The workers' compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the GRP. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the GRP rather than its individual rate. Total savings are then calculated and each participant's individual performance is compared to the overall savings percentage of the GRP. A participant will then either receive money from or be required to contribute to the "Equity Pooling Fund". This "equity pooling" arrangement insures that each participant shares equally in the overall performance of the GRP. Participation in the GRP is limited to school districts that can meet the GRP's selection criteria. The firm Gates McDonald & Co. provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the GRP.

The District has established an internal service "self-insurance" fund, in conjunction with a formalized risk management program, in an effort to minimize risk exposure and control claims and premium costs. This self-insurance fund was established July, 1992 for the purpose of accumulating balances sufficient to self-insure basic medical, dental, vision, and prescription drug coverage and permit excess umbrella coverage for claims over a predetermined level. Amounts are paid into this fund from the General Fund, Food Service Nonmajor Governmental Fund, and certain Nonmajor Governmental Funds (Grants). Claims payments are made on an as-incurred basis, thus no "reserve" remains with the insurance carrier. Effective July 1, 1996, the District terminated the independent carrier for self-insurance for basic medical, dental and prescription drug coverage and joined the South Central Ohio Insurance Consortium.

The South Central Ohio Insurance Consortium was established to accumulate balances sufficient to self-insure basic medical and prescription drug coverage and permit excess umbrella coverage for claims over a predetermined level. The Board's share and the employees' share of premium contributions are determined by the negotiated agreement for certificated employees and by Board action for administrators and classified employees.

Premiums are paid to the South Central Ohio Insurance Consortium Fund from the Self-Insurance Fund of the District. The cash balance with the fiscal agent at June 30, 2017, was \$1,130,328. Claims payments are made on an as incurred basis by the third party administrator, with the balance of contributions remaining with the Fiscal Agent of the Consortium.

The member districts are self-insured for medical, dental and pharmacy benefits. The risk for medical, dental and pharmacy benefits remains with the member districts. The claims payable will be reported for medical, dental and pharmacy claims as of June 30, 2017, and cash with fiscal agent for the balance of funds held by the Consortium that covers medical, dental and pharmacy claims will be reported.

The claims liability of \$100,500 reported at June 30, 2017 is based on an estimate provided by the third party administrators and the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 10 as amended by GASB 30 which requires that a liability for unpaid claim costs, including estimates of costs related to incurred but not reported claims, be reported. The estimate was not affected by incremental claim adjustment expenses and does not include other allocated or unallocated claim adjustment expenses. Changes in claims activity for the past two fiscal years are as follows:

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NOTE 10 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Current Year Claims</u>	<u>Claims Payments</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
2017	\$ 138,700	\$ 1,343,252	\$(1,381,452)	\$ 100,500
2016	394,937	1,609,235	(1,865,472)	138,700

NOTE 11 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

A. Compensated Absences

The criteria for determining vested vacation and sick leave components are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Classified employees earn ten to twenty-five days of vacation per year, depending upon length of service. Administrators and support personnel who are under a full year contract (11 or 12 months) are also eligible for vacation time. These employees earn twelve to twenty days of vacation per year, depending upon length of service. Accumulated, unused vacation time is paid to employees upon termination of employment.

Teachers, administrators, and classified employees earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Sick leave may be accumulated up to a maximum of 250 days for aides and all other classified employees and 250 for certified employees.

Retirement severance is paid to each employee retiring from the District at a per diem rate of the annual salary at the time of retirement. Any teacher or administrator receiving retirement severance pay shall be entitled to a dollar amount equivalent to one-third of all accumulated sick leave credited to that employee up to 65 days. Classified employees receive retirement severance pay equivalent to forty percent of all accumulated sick leave credited to that employee up to 100 days. Classified employees receive a bonus of 20 days severance pay upon reaching 25 years of service. In addition, bargaining unit members will be eligible to receive an additional twenty (20) days of severance when the employee reaches 25 years of service with the District, and an additional twenty (20) days of severance when the employee reaches 30 years of experience.

B. Health, Dental and Prescription Drug Insurance

In July 1996, the District joined the South Central Ohio Insurance Consortium (SCOIC) to self-insure its medical, dental, claims and prescription drugs. SCOIC currently includes twenty members school districts and governmental entities. Bloom-Carroll Local School District serves as the fiscal agent for the consortium and records the activity of the consortium in an agency fund. Contributions are determined by the consortium's board of directors and are remitted monthly to Bloom-Carroll Local School District as the consortium's fiscal agent and incurred claims are paid. Thus actual cash "reserves" are held by Bloom Carroll Local School District as the fiscal agent.

Claim liabilities for the consortium at June 30, 2017 are reported by the individual member entities.

Employee Benefits Management Company (EBMC), a third party administrator, services all health/medical claims submitted by employees. An excess coverage insurance policy covers individual claims for the District in excess of \$100,000 and \$3,000,000 lifetime maximum, per employee consortium wide.

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NOTE 12 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

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

	Balance			Balance	Amount
	<u>06/30/16</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>06/30/17</u>	<u>Due in</u> <u>One Year</u>
<u>Governmental activities:</u>					
Advance Refunding Bonds, 2011:					
Term Bonds	\$ 2,115,000	\$ -	\$ (685,000)	\$ 1,430,000	\$ 705,000
Capital Appreciation Bonds	464,994	-	-	464,994	-
Accreted Interest	291,170	77,189	-	368,359	-
Advance Refunding Bonds, 2016:					
Serial Bonds	-	3,340,000	(25,000)	3,315,000	25,000
Construction Bonds:					
Term Bonds	3,725,000	-	(3,725,000)	-	-
Capital Appreciation Bonds	624,996	-	-	624,996	212,550
Accreted Interest	383,534	67,462	-	450,996	152,998
Total General Obligation Debt	<u>7,604,694</u>	<u>3,484,651</u>	<u>(4,435,000)</u>	<u>6,654,345</u>	<u>1,095,548</u>
Net pension liability	17,160,670	5,288,487	-	22,449,157	-
Capital leases	-	48,167	(10,669)	37,498	8,946
Compensated absences	787,365	169,514	(103,169)	853,710	116,805
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 25,552,729</u>	<u>\$ 8,990,819</u>	<u>\$ (4,548,838)</u>	29,994,710	<u>\$ 1,221,299</u>
Add unamortized premium on bonds				524,924	
Total reported on the statement of net position				<u>\$ 30,519,634</u>	

On September 10, 2008, the District issued general obligation bonds of \$6,000,000 with an interest rate of 4.27 percent to pay off a Bond Anticipation Note. The general obligation bonds were issued as a result of the District being approved for the school facilities funding through the State Department of Education. The District issued the general obligation bonds to provide a partial cash match to the school facilities funding. As a requirement of the school facilities funding program, the District passed a 2.80 mill levy. Of the 2.80 mill levy, 2.3 mills is used for the retirement of the bonds that were issued and are in effect for eighteen years. The remaining .5 mill is used for repairs and maintenance of the facility. These bonds are paid from the Bond Retirement Debt Service Fund using property tax revenues.

The term bonds were refunded during fiscal year 2017. These bonds are defeased (in substance) and therefore have been removed from the financial statements. \$3,350,000 of defeased debt is outstanding at June 30, 2017. The capital appreciation bonds are not subject to a mandatory sinking fund or optional redemption prior to stated maturity. The capital appreciation bonds will mature in fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020. The maturity of the bonds is \$1,225,000. At June 30, 2017, a total of \$450,996 was accreted on the capital appreciation bonds.

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NOTE 12 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES - (Continued)

In June 2011, the District issued \$4,674,994 of voted general obligation bonds for the advance refunding of \$4,675,000 in 2002 series bonds. The \$375,771 premium on the issuance of the refunding bonds is netted against this new debt and will be amortized over the life of this new debt, which has a remaining life of 10 years. The refunding was undertaken to reduce total future debt service payments. The refunding resulted in an economic gain of \$484,989 and a reduction of \$191,506 in future debt service payments. The bonds were issued for a 10 year period, with final maturity December 1, 2020. The refunding bonds are retired from the Bond Retirement Debt Service Fund using property taxes revenues.

The capital appreciation bonds are not subject to a mandatory sinking fund or optional redemption prior to stated maturity. The capital appreciation bonds will mature in fiscal years 2020 and 2021. The maturity of the bonds is \$1,095,000. At June 30, 2017, a total of \$368,359 was accreted on the capital appreciation bonds.

In August 2016, the District issued \$3,340,000 of voted general obligation bonds for the advance refunding of \$3,350,000 in 2002 series bonds. The \$409,424 premium on the issuance of the refunding bonds is netted against this new debt and will be amortized over the life of this new debt, which has a remaining life of 10 years. The refunding was undertaken to reduce total future debt service payments. The refunding resulted in an economic gain of \$232,999 and a reduction of \$258,141 in future debt service payments. The bonds were issued for a 10 year period, with final maturity on December 1, 2026. The refunding bonds are retired from the Bond Retirement Debt Service Fund using property taxes revenues.

The District pays obligations related to employee compensation from the fund benefitting from their service. Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employee is paid which is primarily the General Fund. Additional information on the capital leases and net pension liability can be found in Notes 13 and 14, respectively.

The District's overall legal debt margin was \$12,479,131 (including available funds of \$1,536,976) and an unvoted debt margin of \$186,413 at June 30, 2017.

The annual requirements to retire the general obligation refunding bonds are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended	Serial and Term Bonds			Capital Appreciation Bonds		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$ 730,000	\$ 149,675	\$ 879,675	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2019	750,000	128,150	878,150	-	-	-
2020	25,000	106,025	131,025	326,019	418,981	745,000
2021	420,000	95,338	515,338	138,975	211,025	350,000
2022	470,000	79,550	549,550	-	-	-
2023 - 2027	2,350,000	199,081	2,549,081	-	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 4,745,000</u>	<u>\$ 757,819</u>	<u>\$ 5,502,819</u>	<u>\$ 464,994</u>	<u>\$ 630,006</u>	<u>\$ 1,095,000</u>

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NOTE 12 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES - (Continued)

The annual requirements to retire the general obligation construction bonds are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended	Capital Appreciation Bonds		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$ 212,550	\$ 177,450	\$ 390,000
2019	211,770	203,230	415,000
2020	<u>200,676</u>	<u>219,324</u>	<u>420,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 624,996</u>	<u>\$ 600,004</u>	<u>\$ 1,225,000</u>

NOTE 13 - CAPITAL LEASES - LESSEE DISCLOSURE

During fiscal year 2017, the District entered into a lease agreement to acquire utility tractors. The lease agreement meets the criteria of a capital lease as defined by GAAP, which defines a capital lease generally as one which transfers benefits and risks of ownership to the lessee.

Capital assets consisting of equipment have been capitalized in the amount of \$48,167. At June 30, 2017, accumulated depreciation was \$1,606, leaving a book value of \$46,561. A liability is recorded in the government-wide financial statements for the present value of the future minimum lease payments. Principal payments in fiscal year 2017 amounted to \$10,669 and were paid from 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	\$ 10,669
2019	<u>29,863</u>
Total minimum lease payments	40,532
Less: amount representing interest	<u>(3,034)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 37,498</u>

NOTE 14 - 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.

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NOTE 14 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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 benefits payable* on both the accrual and modified accrual bases of accounting.

Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

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

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

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

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

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NOTE 14 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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 \$296,739 for fiscal year 2017. Of this amount, \$11,466 is reported as pension and postemployment benefits payable.

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.

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

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

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

Funding Policy – Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 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 \$837,982 for fiscal year 2017. Of this amount, \$143,476 is reported as pension and postemployment benefits 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	0.06320970%	0.04904232%	
Proportion of the net pension liability current measurement date	<u>0.06653610%</u>	<u>0.05251791%</u>	
Change in proportionate share	<u>0.00332640%</u>	<u>0.00347559%</u>	
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 4,869,829	\$ 17,579,328	\$ 22,449,157
Pension expense	\$ 579,749	\$ 1,352,839	\$ 1,932,588

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

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deferred outflows of resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 65,683	\$ 710,289	\$ 775,972
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	401,691	1,459,558	1,861,249
Changes of assumptions	325,087	-	325,087
Difference between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions/change in proportionate share	155,528	744,293	899,821
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>296,739</u>	<u>837,982</u>	<u>1,134,721</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u><u>\$ 1,244,728</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,752,122</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,996,850</u></u>
Deferred inflows of resources			
Difference between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions/change in proportionate share	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 222,740</u>	<u>\$ 222,740</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 222,740</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 222,740</u></u>

\$1,134,721 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	\$ 260,837	\$ 455,378	\$ 716,215
2019	260,550	455,379	715,929
2020	311,132	1,015,452	1,326,584
2021	<u>115,470</u>	<u>765,191</u>	<u>880,661</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 947,989</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,691,400</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,639,389</u></u>

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Actuarial Assumptions - SERS

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

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

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

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

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NOTE 14 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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

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

<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><u>100.00 %</u></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	\$ 6,447,350	\$ 4,869,829	\$ 3,549,378

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NOTE 14 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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	12.25 percent at age 20 to 2.75 percent to age 70
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	<u>1.00</u>	3.00
Total	<u><u>100.00 %</u></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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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	\$ 23,361,498	\$ 17,579,328	\$ 12,701,726

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 15 - 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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FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO**

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NOTE 15 - 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 \$31,281.

The District's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015 were \$31,281, \$31,414, and \$15,087, respectively. The fiscal year 2017 amount has been reported as pension and postemployment benefits 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 did not make any contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017, 2016 and 2015.

NOTE 16 - 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 exceeding the set-aside requirement may not be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

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FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO**

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NOTE 16 - 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	238,511
Current year qualifying expenditures	(932,382)
Current year offsets	<u>(105,738)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (799,609)</u>
Balance carried forward to fiscal year 2018	<u>\$ -</u>
Set-aside balance June 30, 2017	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

NOTE 17 - OTHER 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 (less amounts already included in payables) in the governmental funds were as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Year-End Encumbrances</u>
General	\$ 85,282
Nonmajor governmental	<u>48,828</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 134,110</u></u>

NOTE 18 - JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS AND PURCHASING POOL

Metropolitan Educational Technology Association (META) Solutions

The District is a participant in META Solutions which is a computer consortium that resulted from the mergers between Tri-Rivers Educational Computer Association (TRECA), Metropolitan Educational Council (MEC), Metropolitan Dayton Educational Cooperative Association (MDECA), Southeastern Ohio Valley Voluntary Education Cooperative (SEOVEC), and South Central Ohio Computer Association (SCOCA). META Solutions develops, implements and supports the technology and instructional needs of schools in a cost-effective manner. META Solutions provides instructional, core, technology and purchasing services for its member districts. The Board of Directors consists of the Superintendents from eleven of the member districts. Financial information can be obtained from Dave Varda, who serves as Chief Financial Officer, 100 Executive Drive, Marion, Ohio 43302.

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NOTE 18 - JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS AND PURCHASING POOL - (Continued)

South Central Ohio Insurance Consortium

The South Central Ohio Insurance Consortium (SCOIC) is a Regional Council of Governments organized under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 167. The SCOIC's primary purpose and objective is establishing and carrying out a cooperative health program for its member organizations. The governing board consists of the superintendent or other designee appointed by each of the members of the SCOIC. The District does not have an ongoing financial interest in or ongoing financial responsibility for the SCOIC other than medical and dental claims paid on behalf of the District for its employees.

Fairfield County Council for Education Collaboration

The Fairfield County Council of Educational Collaboration (FCCEC) is a not-for-profit Council of Governments owned and operated by certain Boards of Education and institutions of higher education within Fairfield County. The purpose of the FCCEC is to bring together the public school systems and the public institution for higher education in Fairfield County so they can collectively devise and provide for enhanced educational opportunities for the students and citizens of the community. The areas of interest that may be addressed by the FCCEC include, but are not limited to, student programming, school management issues, and any other collaborative projects deemed appropriate by the governing body of the FCCEC. The FCCEC is not dependent upon the continued participation of the District and the District does not maintain any equity interest in or financial responsibility for the FCCEC.

Central Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center

The Central Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center (COSERC) is a not-for-profit Council of Governments of various school districts in Central Ohio. The District participates in services that assist the District in complying with Mandates of Public Law 101-476 and Public Law 99-457 for educating children with disabilities. There is no financial commitment made by the District. COSERC is not dependent upon the continued participation of the District and the District does not maintain an equity interest in or financial responsibility for COSERC.

Ohio School Boards Association Worker's Compensation Group Rating Program

The District participates in the Ohio School Boards Association Worker's Compensation Group Rating Program (GRP), and insurance purchasing 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 program. Each year, the participating school districts pay an enrollment fee to the GRP to cover the costs of administering the program.

NOTE 19 - CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The District received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds. However, the effect of any such disallowed claims on the overall financial position of the District at June 30, 2017, if applicable, cannot be determined at this time.

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FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO**

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NOTE 19 - CONTINGENCIES - (Continued)

B. Litigation

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

C. School Foundation

School 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 schools throughout the State, which can extend past 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 School District.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**LIBERTY UNION-THURSTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO**

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	0.06653610%	0.06320970%	0.15302900%	0.15302900%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 4,869,829	\$ 3,606,807	\$ 7,744,711	\$ 9,100,143
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,693,143	\$ 1,839,932	\$ 4,446,724	\$ 4,416,792
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	287.62%	196.03%	174.17%	206.04%
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.

**LIBERTY UNION-THURSTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO**

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	0.05251791%	0.04904232%	0.16852908%	0.16852908%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 17,579,328	\$ 13,553,863	\$ 40,992,105	\$ 48,829,527
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 5,129,621	\$ 5,368,686	\$ 17,219,015	\$ 18,375,592
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	342.70%	252.46%	238.06%	265.73%
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.

**LIBERTY UNION-THURSTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO**

SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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

LAST FIVE FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 296,739	\$ 237,040	\$ 242,503	\$ 275,973	\$ 258,052
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(296,739)</u>	<u>(237,040)</u>	<u>(242,503)</u>	<u>(275,973)</u>	<u>(258,052)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>				
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 2,119,564	\$ 1,693,143	\$ 1,839,932	\$ 1,991,147	\$ 1,864,538
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	14.00%	14.00%	13.18%	13.86%	13.84%

Note: Information prior to fiscal year 2013 is not available.

**LIBERTY UNION-THURSTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO**

SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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

LAST FIVE FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 837,982	\$ 718,147	\$ 751,616	\$ 692,180	\$ 758,210
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(837,982)</u>	<u>(718,147)</u>	<u>(751,616)</u>	<u>(692,180)</u>	<u>(758,210)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>				
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 5,985,586	\$ 5,129,621	\$ 5,368,686	\$ 5,324,462	\$ 5,832,385
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	13.00%	13.00%

Note: Information prior to fiscal year 2013 is not available.

**LIBERTY UNION-THURSTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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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 disable member 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 financials for the methods and assumptions in this calculation.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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**LIBERTY UNION-THURSTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

FEDERAL GRANTOR/ SUB GRANTOR/ PROGRAM TITLE	CFDA NUMBER	(A) PASS-THROUGH GRANT NUMBER	(B) CASH FEDERAL DISBURSEMENTS
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			
<i>Child Nutrition Grant Cluster:</i>			
(D) (E) School Breakfast Program	10.553	2017	\$ 57,557
(C) (D) National School Lunch Program - Food Donation	10.555	2017	52,488
(D) (E) National School Lunch Program	10.555	2017	214,842
Total National School Lunch Program			267,330
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture and Child Nutrition Grant Cluster			324,887
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	2016	22,957
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	2017	271,428
Total Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies			294,385
<i>Special Education Grant Cluster:</i>			
(F) Special Education_Grants to States	84.027	2017	238,801
Total Special Education _Grants to States			238,801
(F) Special Education_Preschool Grants	84.173	2017	2,048
Total Special Education Grant Cluster			240,849
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	2016	11,723
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	2017	31,736
Total Improving Teacher Quality State Grants			43,459
Total U.S. Department of Education			578,693
Total Federal Financial Assistance			\$ 903,580

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS:

- (A) OAKS did not assign pass-through numbers for fiscal year 2017.
- (B) This schedule includes the federal award activity of the Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District under programs of the federal government for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 and is prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting. 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 Liberty Union-Thurston School District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District.
- (C) The Food Donation Program is a non-cash, in kind, federal grant. Commodities are reported at the entitlement value.
- (D) Included as part of "Child Nutrition Grant Cluster" in determining major programs.
- (E) Commingled with state and local revenue from sales of lunches; assumed expenditures were made on a first-in, first-out basis.
- (F) Included as part of "Special Education Grant Cluster" in determining major programs.
- (G) CFR 200.414 allows a non-federal entity that has never received a negotiated indirect cost rate to charge a de minimis rate of 10% of modified total direct costs to indirect costs. Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District has not elected to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate.

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**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on
Compliance and Other Matters Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District
Fairfield County
1108 S. Main Street
Baltimore, Ohio 43105

To the Board of Education:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District, Fairfield County, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 14, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinions on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District's financial statements. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed two instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the schedule of findings as items 2017-001 and 2017-002.

Board of Education
Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District

Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District's Responses to Findings

The Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying corrective action plan. We did not audit the Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Purpose of this Report

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



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December 14, 2017



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Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to the Major Federal Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District
Fairfield County
1108 S. Main Street
Baltimore, Ohio 43105

To the Board of Education:

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

We have audited the Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District's compliance with the applicable requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could directly and materially affect the Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2017. The *Summary of Auditor's Results* in the accompanying schedule of findings identifies the Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District's major federal program.

Management's Responsibility

The Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District's Management is responsible for complying 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 opine on the Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District's compliance for the Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District's major federal program based on our audit of the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. Our compliance audit followed auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards for financial audits included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). These standards and the Uniform Guidance require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether noncompliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our compliance opinion on the Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District's major program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District's compliance.

Board of Education
Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District complied, in all material respects with the compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect its major federal program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

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

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

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

Julian & Grube, Inc.
December 14, 2017

**LIBERTY UNION-THURSTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO**

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

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS		
<i>(d)(1)(i)</i>	<i>Type of Financial Statement Opinion</i>	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	<i>Were there any material control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	<i>Were there any other significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iii)</i>	<i>Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	Yes
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	<i>Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	<i>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(v)</i>	<i>Type of Major Program's Compliance Opinion</i>	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(vi)</i>	<i>Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR §200.516(a)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(vii)</i>	<i>Major Program (listed):</i>	Special Education Cluster
<i>(d)(1)(viii)</i>	<i>Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs</i>	Type A: > \$750,000 Type B: all others
<i>(d)(1)(ix)</i>	<i>Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR § 200.520?</i>	Yes

**LIBERTY UNION-THURSTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO**

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

2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS	
Finding Number	2017-001

Material Noncompliance

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.39 requires that a subdivision’s total appropriations from each fund should not exceed total estimated resources.

The District had total appropriations exceeding total estimated resources in the following fund at June 30, 2017:

	Appropriations	Estimated Resources	Excess
Debt Service Fund	\$ 4,900,714	\$ 2,587,532	\$ (2,313,182)

With appropriations exceeding estimated resources, the District may spend more funds than in the Treasury or in process of collection and cause fund deficits.

We recommend the District comply with the Ohio Revised Code and Auditor of State Bulletin 97-010 and continually monitor appropriations versus estimated resources records. If it is determined that estimated resources will be different than initially anticipated, the District should amend its estimate and also amend the appropriations as necessary; however, appropriations should not exceed estimated resources.

Finding Number	2017-002
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Material Noncompliance

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.36 in part, requires subdivisions to request increased or reduced amended certificates of estimated resources upon determination by the fiscal officer that revenue to be collected will be greater or less than the amount in the last certified amended certificate.

The District did not request timely amended certificates throughout the fiscal year upon notice of increased or decreased resources.

The District is not properly certifying its most current estimated resources to the appropriate authorities and thus causing appropriations to exceed estimated resources, throughout the fiscal year and at fiscal year-end.

We recommend that the District review its available resources versus its appropriations throughout the fiscal year and file amended certificates when necessary. This will facilitate the District’s appropriation process.

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS
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None



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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
2 CFR § 200.511(c)
JUNE 30, 2017

Finding Number	Planned Corrective Action	Anticipated Completion Date	Responsible Contact Person
2017-001	Liberty Union-Thurston School District plans to amend the Appropriations as well as Estimated Resources throughout the year to ensure they are in full compliance with all of the Ohio Revised Codes.	June 30, 2018	April Bolyard, Treasurer and the Board of Education
2017-002	Liberty Union-Thurston School District plans to amend the Appropriations as well as Estimated Resources throughout the year to ensure they are in full compliance with all of the Ohio Revised Codes.	June 30, 2018	April Bolyard, Treasurer and the Board of Education

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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
FEBRUARY 20, 2018