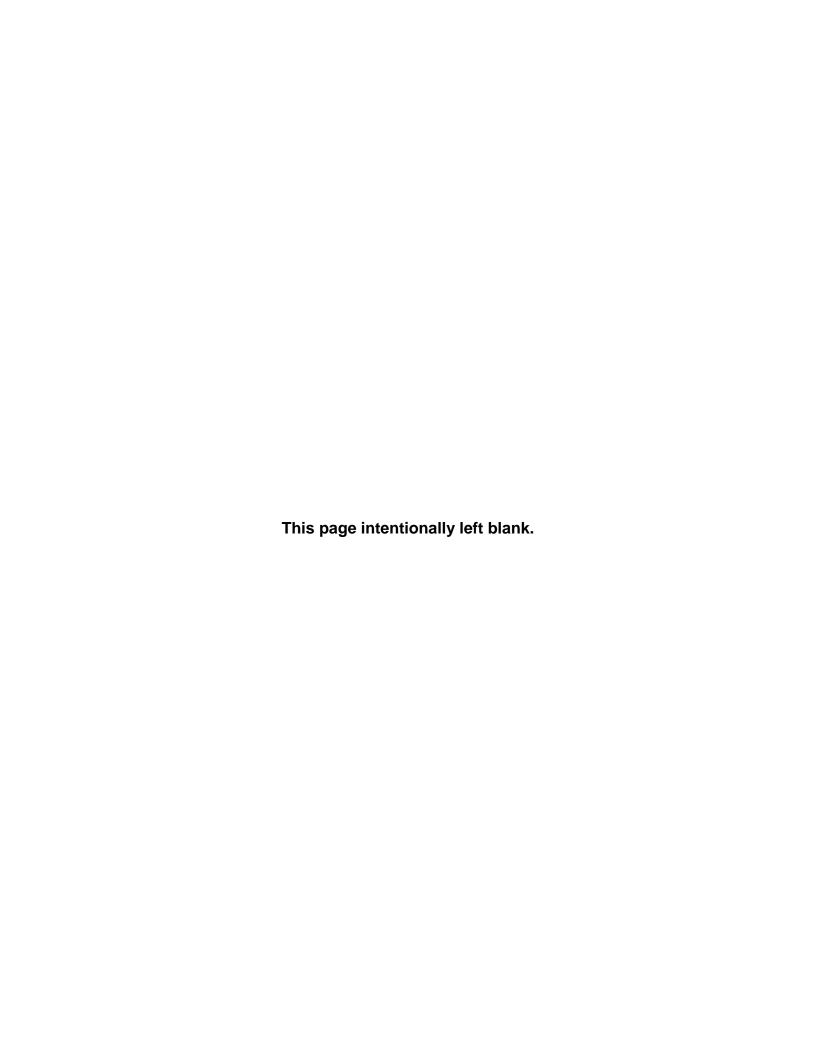




SHADYSIDE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BELMONT COUNTY JUNE 30, 2017

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Shadyside Local School District Belmont County 3890 Lincoln Avenue Shadyside, Ohio 43947

To the Board of Education:

Report on the Financial Statements

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

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

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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 Shadyside Local School District, Belmont 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 year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the School District was placed in Fiscal Caution by the Ohio Department of Education on April 12, 2004 due to a projected General Fund deficit. Note 21 to the financial statements describe management's plans to address the projected General Fund deficit. This matter does not affect our opinion on these financial statements.

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.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 17, 2018, on our consideration of the School District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Dave Yost Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

January 17, 2018

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017 Unaudited

The discussion and analysis of the Shadyside Local School District's (the School District) financial performance provides an overall review of the School District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School District's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for the fiscal year 2017 are as follows:

- In total, net position increased \$791,376.
- General revenues accounted for \$6,112,936 in revenue or approximately 70 percent of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and operating grants and contributions accounted for \$2,626,622 or approximately 30 percent of total revenues of \$8,739,558.
- Total assets of governmental activities increased \$1,352,821 primarily due to an increase in property taxes receivable and equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents during fiscal year 2017. The increase was offset by decreases to capital assets.
- The School District had \$7,948,182 in expenses related to governmental activities; only \$2,626,622 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services and operating grants. General revenues of \$6,112,936 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- Total governmental funds had \$8,725,054 in revenues and \$7,551,035 in expenditures. Overall, including other financing sources and uses, total governmental funds' balance increased \$2,086,558.

Using this Annual Financial Report

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

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

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017 Unaudited

Reporting the School District as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities

While this document contains information about the large number of funds used by the School District to provide programs and activities for students, the view of the School District as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during fiscal year 2017?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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

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

Reporting the School District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The analysis of the School District's major funds begins on page 9. Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the School District's major funds. The School District uses many funds to account for a multiple of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the School District's most significant funds. The School District's major governmental funds are the General Fund, and the Permanent Improvement Capital Projects Fund.

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

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The School District as a Whole

Recall that the Statement of Net Position provides the perspective of the School District as a whole.

Table 1 provides a summary of the School District's net position for 2017 compared to 2016.

Table 1
Net Position
Governmental Activities

		11001,10102	
	2017	2016	Change
Assets			
Current and Other Assets	\$10,154,267	\$8,695,221	\$1,459,046
Capital Assets	2,539,980	2,646,205	(106,225)
Total Assets	12,694,247	11,341,426	1,352,821
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Pension	2,031,799	934,222	1,097,577
Liabilities			
Current and Other Liabilities	813,493	744,967	68,526
Long-Term Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year	128,579	118,117	10,462
Due in More Than One Year:			
Net Pension Liability	10,835,790	8,898,236	1,937,554
Other Amounts	897,885	928,975	(31,090)
Total Liabilities	12,675,747	10,690,295	1,985,452
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Property Taxes	2,615,906	2,399,738	216,168
Pension	273,755	816,353	(542,598)
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	2,889,661	3,216,091	(326,430)
Net Position (Deficit)			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	1,930,794	1,992,910	(62,116)
Restricted	771,518	892,397	(120,879)
Unrestricted	(3,541,674)	(4,516,045)	974,371
Total Net Position (Deficit)	(\$839,362)	(\$1,630,738)	\$791,376

The net pension liability (NPL) is the largest single liability reported by the School District at June 30, 2017 and is reported pursuant to GASB Statement 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions—an Amendment of GASB Statement 27." For reasons discussed below, many end users of this financial statement will gain a clearer understanding of the School District's actual financial condition by adding deferred inflows related to pension and the net pension liability to the reported net position and subtracting deferred outflows related to pension.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board standards are national and apply to all government financial reports prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. When accounting for pension costs, GASB 27 focused on a funding approach.

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

Total assets of governmental activities increased \$1,352,821. Current and other assets increased \$1,459,046 primarily due to increases in property tax receivable due to increased assessed value on public utility personal and equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents resulting from a large transfer of revenue with the closure of the self-insurance fund. Capital assets reflect a slight decrease in the amount of \$106,225 due to additions being offset by current year depreciation. The significant increase in deferred outflows of resources was due to an increase in the difference between projected and actual earnings on investments related to the School District's net pension liability for STRS.

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Total liabilities increased \$1,985,452. Long-term liabilities increased \$1,916,926 primarily due to a significant increase in the net pension liability. Current and other liabilities increased \$68,526 primarily due to increases in accounts payable, which was offset by a decrease in matured severance payable. The net pension liability increase represents the School District's proportionate share of the STRS and SERS unfunded benefits. As indicated previously, changes in pension benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balance of the net pension liability.

Table 2 shows the changes in net position for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016.

Table 2
Changes in Net Postion
Governmental Activities

_	2017	2016	Change
Revenues			
Program Revenues			
Charges for Services	\$1,724,258	\$1,742,304	(\$18,046)
Operating Grants and Contributions	902,364	868,038	34,326
Total Program Revenues	2,626,622	2,610,342	16,280
General Revenues			
Property Taxes	2,637,909	2,246,222	391,687
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted			
to Specific Programs	3,456,933	3,295,990	160,943
Others	18,094	47,381	(29,287)
Total General Revenues	6,112,936	5,589,593	523,343
Total Revenues	8,739,558	8,199,935	539,623
Program Expenses			
Instruction			
Regular	4,081,207	3,633,269	447,938
Special	875,111	724,220	150,891
Vocational	12,880	29,076	(16,196)
Support Services			
Pupil	260,706	207,518	53,188
Instructional Staff	112,057	110,593	1,464
Board of Education	56,308	41,692	14,616
Administration	767,312	695,987	71,325
Fiscal	306,841	304,278	2,563
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	725,806	649,970	75,836
Pupil Transportation	319,384	285,596	33,788
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	1,000	5,703	(4,703)
Food Service Operations	148,466	152,476	(4,010)
Extracurricular Activities	252,551	235,757	16,794
Interest and Fiscal Charges	28,553	22,123	6,430
Total Expenses	7,948,182	7,098,258	849,924
Change in Net Position	791,376	1,101,677	(310,301)
Net Position (Deficit) Beginning of Year	(1,630,738)	(2,732,415)	1,101,677
Net Position (Deficit) End of Year	(\$839,362)	(\$1,630,738)	\$791,376

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Program revenues accounted for approximately 30 percent of the School District's revenues in fiscal year 2017. These revenues consist of tuition and fees, charges for providing lunches to students, as well as grants for specified purposes. In 2017 program revenues increased slightly, primarily due to an increase in operating grants and contributions as a result of an increase in special education funding. The increase was offset by a decrease in charges for services due to a decrease in tuition and fees for open enrollment.

Instructional programs comprise approximately 63 percent of total governmental program expenses. Of the instructional expenses, approximately 82 percent is for regular instruction and approximately 18 percent for special instruction. Overall program expenses increased over the prior year in the amount of \$849,924, most noticeably in regular instruction due to the increase in net pension liability.

The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services, grants, contributions, and interest earnings offsetting those services. Table 3 shows the total cost of services and the net cost of services for fiscal year 2017 compared to fiscal year 2016. In other words, it identifies the cost of those services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted entitlements.

Table 3
Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of Services		Net Cost o	f Services
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Instruction	_			
Regular	\$4,081,207	\$3,633,269	\$2,397,926	\$1,915,142
Special	875,111	724,220	269,068	171,032
Vocational	12,880	29,076	(361)	12,360
Support Services				
Pupil	260,706	207,518	260,706	207,518
Instructional Staff	112,057	110,593	105,686	105,278
Board of Education	56,308	41,692	56,308	41,692
Administration	767,312	695,987	767,134	695,883
Fiscal	306,841	304,278	306,394	304,008
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	725,806	649,970	699,186	624,592
Pupil Transportation	319,384	285,596	317,702	269,308
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	1,000	5,703	1,000	5,703
Food Service Operations	148,466	152,476	10,953	21,111
Extracurricular Activities	252,551	235,757	101,305	92,166
Interest and Fiscal Charges	28,553	22,123	28,553	22,123
Total Expenses	\$7,948,182	\$7,098,258	\$5,321,560	\$4,487,916

The dependence upon tax revenues and state subsidies for governmental activities is apparent, as approximately 67 percent of expenses are supported through taxes and other general revenues.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017 Unaudited

The School District Funds

Information about the School District's major funds starts on page 13. The School District has two major funds; the General Fund, and the Permanent Improvement Capital Projects Fund. The General Fund had \$7,717,345 in revenues and \$6,388,998 in expenditures, and the Permanent Improvement Fund had \$299,284 in revenues and \$435,073 in expenditures. Overall, including other financing sources and uses, the General Fund's balance increased \$2,227,529, and the Permanent Improvement Fund's balance decreased \$188,279.

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

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

During the course of fiscal 2017 the School District amended its General Fund appropriations, and the budgetary statement reflects both the original and final appropriated amounts. The changes between the original and the final budget reflected decreases in property taxes, with increases in intergovernmental revenue and tuition and fees. The actual results of operations were different than budgeted amounts as more tuition and fees were realized. Spending in almost all categories was lower than budgeted appropriations.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2017 the School District had \$2,539,980 invested in land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture, fixtures and equipment, and vehicles. See Note 8 for more detailed information of the School District's capital assets.

Debt

At June 30, 2017, the School District had \$609,186 outstanding in capital leases with \$46,699 due within one year. See Note 14 for more information regarding the School District's debt and other long-term obligations, including compensated absences, long-term intergovernmental payable, and net pension liability.

Economic Factors

The Shadyside Local School District began experiencing financial difficulty in 2004. The School District relies heavily on State funds and our local taxpayers. The School District was placed in Fiscal Caution on April 12, 2004 and remains there today.

The School District implemented an expenditure reduction plan during fiscal year 2005 which included a reduction in force as well as a pay freeze. The School District submitted an additional expenditure reduction plan for fiscal year 2006 which included additional reductions in salary costs through attrition.

The School District passed a 3 year, 6 mill emergency levy in May 2006. This levy raised an additional \$519,472, with collections beginning in calendar year 2007, and ending with calendar year 2009 collections, as a result of the levy not being renewed by taxpayers.

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The School District also approved an additional expenditure reduction plan that was effective for fiscal year 2011. For fiscal year 2012, the School District reduced staff by two employees. During fiscal year 2013 the School District continued to implement cost saving measures through retirements, attrition, combining positions, as well as changing health insurance plan documents to reduce overall costs.

A significant loss to the School District was the closing of the FirstEnergy R. E. Burger Power Plant. When the School District realizes the full impact of the loss, the School District will lose \$847,661 in tax revenue annually. In an attempt to mitigate the loss, Belmont County and the School District entered into a personal property tax agreement with FirstEnergy. The Agreement called for FirstEnergy to make five annual decreasing payments based on a percentage of its established annual personal property tax beginning in 2012, and the final annual payment was received in fiscal year 2016.

As the School District continues to face the constraints of limited state funding as well as a declining tax base, the Board of Education opted to place another 5 Year Emergency Levy on the November 5, 2013 ballot. The levy was approved by voters and will raise an additional \$365,000 for the School District annually. The levy began collections in calendar year 2014.

In fiscal year 2016, the School District continued to receive the grant from Belmont County Board of Developmental Disabilities in the amount of \$100,000. Open Enrollment continues to increase slightly and provide additional funding. The School District has also began receiving Capacity Aid, which provides additional funding for school districts where the income generated for one mill of property tax is below the state median as part of the State Foundation Payment in fiscal year 2016.

In fiscal year 2017, the School District continued to receive the grant from Belmont County Board of Developmental Disabilities in the amount of \$100,000. The School District has also began receiving Capacity Aid, which provides additional funding for school districts where the income generated for one mill of property tax is below the state median as part of the State Foundation Payment in fiscal year 2017. Shadyside also finalized the closure of the Self Insurance Internal Service Fund, as the District terminated its participation in the Jefferson Health Plan Self-Insurance plan and is currently participating in the Stark County School's Council of Government Health Benefits Program. This allowed for a one time transfer of funds to the General Fund in the amount of \$909,436.

Contacting the School District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to show the School District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Melissa Visnic, Treasurer/CFO at Shadyside Local School District, 3890 Lincoln Avenue, Shadyside, Ohio 43947.

Statement of Net Position June 30, 2017

	Governmental Activities
Assets Equity in Pooled Cosh and Cosh Equivalents	\$6,991,333
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents Intergovernmental Receivable	192,026
Property Taxes Receivable	2,912,847
Prepaid Items	50,497
Materials and Supplies Inventory	7,564
Non-Depreciable Capital Assets	42,289
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	2,497,691
Total Assets	12,694,247
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Pension	2,031,799
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	101,387
Accrued Wages and Benefits Payable	528,398
Intergovernmental Payable	154,333
Accrued Interest Payable	1,742
Matured Severance Payable	27,633
Long-Term Liabilities:	120.570
Due Within One Year	128,579
Due In More Than One Year:	10 925 700
Net Pension Liability (See Note 10) Other Amounts	10,835,790
Other Amounts	897,885
Total Liabilities	12,675,747
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Property Taxes	2,615,906
Pension	273,755
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	2,889,661
Net Position (Deficit)	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	1,930,794
Restricted for:	
Capital Projects	643,103
Bus Purchase	2,126
State Programs	22,704
Federal Programs	38,723
Other Purposes	64,862
Unrestricted	(3,541,674)
Total Net Position (Deficit)	(\$839,362)

Statement of Activities For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

		Prograi	m Revenues	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
	Expenses	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities	_			
Instruction:				
Regular	\$4,081,207	\$1,522,126	\$161,155	(\$2,397,926)
Special	875,111	0	606,043	(269,068)
Vocational	12,880	0	13,241	361
Support Services:				
Pupil	260,706	0	0	(260,706)
Instructional Staff	112,057	0	6,371	(105,686)
Board of Education	56,308	0	0	(56,308)
Administration	767,312	0	178	(767,134)
Fiscal	306,841	0	447	(306,394)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	725,806	0	26,620	(699,186)
Pupil Transportation	319,384	0	1,682	(317,702)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	1,000	0	0	(1,000)
Food Service Operations	148,466	50,902	86,611	(10,953)
Extracurricular Activities	252,551	151,230	16	(101,305)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	28,553		0	(28,553)
Total Governmental Activities	\$7,948,182	\$1,724,258	\$902,364	(5,321,560)
		General Revenues		
		Property Taxes Levied for Ger	neral Purposes	2,373,845
		Property Taxes Levied for Cap	pital Projects	264,064
		Grants and Entitlements not R	Restricted to Specific Programs	3,456,933
		Gifts and Donations		325
		Investment Earnings		9,454
		Gain on Sale of Capital Assets	S	3,100
		Miscellaneous		5,215
		Total General Revenues		6,112,936
		Change in Net Position		791,376
		Net Position (Deficit) Beginni	ing of Year	(1,630,738)
		Net Position (Deficit) End of	Year	(\$839,362)

Balance Sheet Governmental Funds June 30, 2017

			Other	Total
		Permanent	Governmental	Governmental
	General	Improvement	Funds	Funds
Assets				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$6,220,046	\$700,922	\$68,239	\$6,989,207
Restricted Assets:				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,126	0	0	2,126
Receivables:				
Property Taxes	2,623,092	289,755	0	2,912,847
Intergovernmental	52,922	0	139,104	192,026
Interfund	23,020	0	0	23,020
Prepaid Items	50,497	0	0	50,497
Materials and Supplies Inventory	1,338	0	6,226	7,564
Total Assets	\$8,973,041	\$990,677	\$213,569	\$10,177,287
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	\$14,348	\$87,039	\$0	\$101,387
Accrued Wages and Benefits	469,619	0	58,779	528,398
Interfund Payable	0	0	23,020	23,020
Intergovernmental Payable	145,805	0	8,528	154,333
Matured Severance Payable	27,633	0	0	27,633
Total Liabilities	657,405	87,039	90,327	834,771
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Property Taxes	2,355,364	260,542	0	2,615,906
Unavailable Revenue	135,297	10,319	43,607	189,223
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	2,490,661	270,861	43,607	2,805,129
Fund Balances				
Nonspendable:				
Materials and Supplies Inventory	1,338	0	6,226	7,564
Prepaid Items	50,497	0	0	50,497
Restricted for:				
Capital Projects	0	632,777	7	632,784
Debt Service	0	0	1,504	1,504
Bus Purchase	2,126	0	0	2,126
Local Programs	0	0	64,862	64,862
State Programs	0	0	10,704	10,704
Federal Programs	0	0	7,116	7,116
Assigned to:				
Future Appropriations	626,650	0	0	626,650
Unassigned (Deficit)	5,144,364	0	(10,784)	5,133,580
Total Fund Balances	5,824,975	632,777	79,635	6,537,387
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows				
of Resources, and Fund Balances	\$8,973,041	\$990,677	\$213,569	\$10,177,287

Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to Net Position of Governmental Activities June 30, 2017

Total Governmental Fund Balances		\$6,537,387
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial		
resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		2,539,980
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period		
expenditures and are therefore reported as deferred inflows of		
resources in the funds.		
Intergovernmental	43,607	
Tuition and Fees	44,286	
Property Taxes	101,330	
Total		189,223
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period		
and therefore are not reported in the funds:		
Intergovernmental Payable	15,000	
Accrued Interest Payable	1,742	
Capital Leases	609,186	
Compensated Absences	402,278	
Total		(1,028,206)
The net pension liability is not due and payable in the current period; therefore,		
the liability and related deferred inflows/outflows are not reported in the governmental funds:		
Deferred Outflows - Pension	2,031,799	
Net Pension Liability	(10,835,790)	
Deferred Inflows - Pension	(273,755)	
Total	_	(9,077,746)
Net Position of Governmental Activities	=	(\$839,362)

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

		Permanent	Other Governmental	Total Governmental
	General	Improvement	Funds	Funds
Revenues				
Property Taxes	\$2,382,072	\$264,903	\$0	\$2,646,975
Intergovernmental	3,756,749	32,388	544,830	4,333,967
Interest	6,835	1,993	0	8,828
Tuition and Fees	1,522,579	0	0	1,522,579
Extracurricular Activities	38,737	0	112,493	151,230
Gifts and Donations	125	0	200	325
Charges for Services	5,033	0	50,902	55,935
Miscellaneous	5,215	0	0	5,215
Total Revenues	7,717,345	299,284	708,425	8,725,054
Expenditures				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	3,481,440	198,214	125,767	3,805,421
Special	548,523	202	284,913	833,638
Vocational	13,229	0	0	13,229
Support Services:				
Pupil	246,818	0	0	246,818
Instructional Staff	100,381	0	5,400	105,781
Board of Education	56,308	0	0	56,308
Administration	723,731	2,274	0	726,005
Fiscal	297,526	5,726	0	303,252
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	553,208	186,629	10,212	750,049
Pupil Transportation	241,032	21,540	0	262,572
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	0	0	1,000	1,000
Food Service Operations		0	136,496	136,496
Extracurricular Activities	126,802	220	110,686	237,708
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	0	13,726	30,383	44,109
Interest and Fiscal Charges	0	6,542	22,107	28,649
Total Expenditures	6,388,998	435,073	726,964	7,551,035
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,328,347	(135,789)	(18,539)	1,174,019
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	3,100	0	0	3,100
Transfers In	909,439	0	65,847	975,286
Transfers Out	(13,357)	(52,490)	0	(65,847)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	899,182	(52,490)	65,847	912,539
Net Change in Fund Balances	2,227,529	(188,279)	47,308	2,086,558
Fund Balances Beginning of Year	3,597,446	821,056	32,327	4,450,829
Fund Balances End of Year	\$5,824,975	\$632,777	\$79,635	\$6,537,387

Reconciliation of the 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		\$2,086,558
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because		
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 exceeds capital outlay in the current period. Capital Asset Additions Depreciation Total	116,203 (222,428)	(106,225)
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not		
reported as revenue in the funds: Intergovernmental Tuition and Fees Property Taxes Total	25,330 (5,486) (9,066)	10,778
Interest is reported as an expenditure when due in the governmental funds, but is accrued on outstanding debt on the Statement of Activities.		96
Repayment of principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. Capital Leases		44,109
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Intergovernmental Payable Compensated Absences Payable Total	5,000 (28,481)	(23,481)
The internal service fund used by management to charge the costs of insurance to individual funds is included in the Statement of Activities and not on the governmental fund statements. Governmental fund expenditures and the related internal service fund revenues are eliminated. The net revenue (expense) of the internal service fund is allocated among governmental activities.		(923,080)
Contractually required contributions are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds; however, the Statement of Net Position reports these amounts as deferred outflows.		520,134
Except for amounts reported as deferred inflows/outflows, changes in net pension liability are reported as pension expense in the Statement of Activities.		(817,513)
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities		\$791,376

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual General Fund For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues				
Property Taxes	\$2,260,000	\$1,962,480	\$2,295,250	\$332,770
Intergovernmental	2,723,271	3,753,286	3,756,749	3,463
Interest	1,693	1,693	6,835	5,142
Tuition and Fees	1,063,395	1,449,500	1,572,351	122,851
Extracurricular	33,700	48,000	38,737	(9,263)
Gifts and Donations	25,000	25,000	125	(24,875)
Charges for Services	2,500	2,500	5,033	2,533
Miscellaneous	25,599	25,200	5,215	(19,985)
Total Revenues	6,135,158	7,267,659	7,680,295	412,636
Expenditures				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	3,747,992	3,842,463	3,521,540	320,923
Special	725,007	725,007	558,512	166,495
Vocational	6,000	6,000	13,229	(7,229)
Support Services:	202.000	202.000	220 704	10.55
Pupil	283,080	283,080	239,504	43,576
Instructional Staff	107,921	107,921	100,286	7,635
Board of Education	60,526	60,526	55,933	4,593
Administration	748,739	748,739	738,563	10,176
Fiscal	299,944	299,944	298,635	1,309
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	626,231	626,231	609,362	16,869
Pupil Transportation Extracurricular Activities	304,879 145,078	304,879 145,078	241,912 129,035	62,967 16,043
Extracumental Activities	143,078	143,078	129,033	10,043
Total Expenditures	7,055,397	7,149,868	6,506,511	643,357
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(920,239)	117,791	1,173,784	1,055,993
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Sale of Assets	2,000	2,000	3,100	1,100
Tranfers In	909,439	909,439	909,439	0
Transfers Out	(55,012)	(55,012)	(13,357)	41,655
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	856,427	856,427	899,182	42,755
Net Change in Fund Balance	(63,812)	974,218	2,072,966	1,098,748
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	4,058,391	4,058,391	4,058,391	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	29,315	29,315	29,315	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$4,023,894	\$5,061,924	\$6,160,672	\$1,098,748

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position Proprietary Fund For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Governmental Activity Internal Service Fund
Operating Revenues	<u> </u>
Other	\$27,415
Total Operating Revenues	27,415
Operating Expenses	
Claims	41,682
Total Operating Expenses	41,682
Operating Loss	(14,267)
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses) Interest Transfers Out	626 (909,439)
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	(908,813)
Change in Net Position	(923,080)
Net Position Beginning of Year	923,080
Net Position End of Year	\$0

Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Governmental Activity
	Internal Service
	Fund
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities	
Cash Payments for Claims	(\$41,682)
Cash Received from Other Operating Revenue	27,415
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	(14,267)
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities Transfer Out	(909,439)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities Interest	626
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(923,080)
Cash and Cash Equivalents Beginning of Year	923,080
Cash and Cash Equivalents End of Year	\$0

Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities Fiduciary Fund June 30, 2017

	Agency
Assets	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$51,816
Total Assets	\$51,816
Liabilities	
Due to Students	\$51,816
Total Liabilities	\$51,816

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY

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

The first official body designated as the Shadyside Local Board of Education was formed on January 2, 1905. At that meeting, the clerk's salary was set at \$25.00 per year. The clerk was instructed to purchase a clerk's record. At the second meeting, the Librarian's salary was set at \$10.00 per year. A new building had been constructed prior to this time. Insurance was purchased to cover this structure in the amount of \$3,500 on the building and \$500 on the contents.

The School District is located in Belmont County. The Board controls the School District's four instructional/support facilities staff by 20 non-certificated employees, 54 certificated teaching personnel, and 10 administrators who provide services to 806 students and other community members.

On April 12, 2004, the School District was declared to be in a state of "Fiscal Caution" by the Ohio Department of Education. The School District was subsequently required to submit a fiscal caution proposal to the Ohio Department of Education to avoid a potential deficit in fiscal years 2004 and 2005. The proposal was submitted by the School District on July 1, 2004 and accepted by the Ohio Department of Education on July 7, 2004. The School District submitted an additional proposal on January 21, 2005 and was accepted by the Ohio Department of Education on January 31, 2005 to avoid a potential deficit in fiscal year 2006. See Note 21 for further details.

Reporting Entity:

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

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

The School District is involved with the Belmont-Harrison Vocational School District, the Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Educational Service Agency Information Technology Center Regional Council of Governments (Council), and the Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools (CORAS), which are defined as jointly governed organizations, the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan, and the Ohio School Plan, which are defined as insurance purchasing pools, and Stark County Schools' Council of Government Health Benefits Program (COG), which is defined as a shared risk insurance purchasing pool. These organizations are presented in Notes 17 and 18 to the general purpose financial statements.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

A. Basis of Presentation

The School District's general purpose financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

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

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

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

B. Fund Accounting

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

Governmental Funds Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. The following are the School District's major governmental funds:

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

Permanent Improvement Fund The Permanent Improvement Fund is used to account for a permanent improvement levy used to finance various capital projects in the School District.

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

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

Internal Service Fund The Internal Service Fund accounts for the financing of services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the School District on a cost reimbursement basis. The School District's only internal service fund accounts for the operation of the School District's self-insurance program for employee medical, prescription drug, and dental claims. Effective January 1, 2016, the School District no longer participated with the self-insurance program.

Fiduciary Fund Type Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds and agency funds. The School District's only fiduciary funds are agency funds. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The School District's agency funds accounts for student activities, and assets held by the School District as an agent for outside activities.

C. Measurement Focus

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

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

Like the government-wide statements, all proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Changes in Fund Net Position presents

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total position. The Statement of Cash Flows provides information about how the School District finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activity.

D. Basis of Accounting

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

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

Non-exchange transactions, in which the School District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On the accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which taxes are levied (See Note 6). Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the School District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

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

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources In addition to assets, the statements of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources, represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the School District, deferred outflows of resources are reported on the government-wide statement of net position for pension. The deferred outflows of resources related to pension are explained in Note 10.

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

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

resources in the period the amounts become available. The details of these unavailable revenues are identified on the Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balance to Net Position of Governmental Activities found on page 14. Net deferred inflows of resources related to pension are reported on the government-wide Statement of Net Position. See Note 10 for more information.

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

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

E. 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.

F. Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

During fiscal year 2017, the School District invested in STAR Ohio. STAR Ohio (the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio), is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Statement No. 79, "Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants." The School District measures their investment in STAR Ohio at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides an NAV per share that approximates fair value.

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

Following Ohio statutes, the Board of Education has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest revenue credited to the General Fund during fiscal year 2017 amounted to \$6,835, which includes \$1,499 assigned from other School District funds.

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

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

G. Restricted Assets

Assets are reported as restricted assets when limitations on their use change the normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either externally imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, or laws of other governments or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Restricted assets in governmental funds represent unexpended revenues restricted for the purchase of buses.

H. Prepaid Items

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 the purchase and an expenditure/expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

I. Inventory

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

J. Capital Assets

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

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

All reported capital assets are depreciated except for land and construction in progress. 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	Estimated Lives
Land	N/A
Land Improvements	20 Years
Buildings and Improvements	5-50 Years
Furniture, Equipment and Software	5-20 Years
Vehicles	5-20 Years

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

K. Interfund Balances

On fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as "interfund receivables/payables." These amounts are eliminated on the Statement of Net Position.

L. Compensated Absences

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

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the termination method. An accrual for earned sick leave is made to the extent it is probable that benefits will result in termination payments. The liability is an estimate based on the School District's past experience of making termination payments.

The entire sick leave benefit liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements.

On the government fund financial statements, sick leave benefits 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 severance payable" in the fund from which the employee will be paid.

M. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

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

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

N. Internal Activity

Transfers within government activities on the government-wide financial statements are reported in the same manner as general revenue.

Internal allocations of overhead expenses from one function to another or within the same function are eliminated on the Statement of Activities. Payments for interfund services provided and used are not eliminated.

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

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O. Fund Balance

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

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

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

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

<u>Committed:</u> The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by a formal action (resolution) of the School District Board of Education. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Education removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. In contrast to fund balance that is restricted by enabling legislation, committed fund balance classification may be redeployed for other purposes with appropriate due process. Constraints imposed on the use of committed amounts are imposed by the School District Board of Education, separate from the authorization to raise the underlying revenue; therefore, compliance with these constraints is not considered to be legally enforceable. 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.

<u>Assigned:</u> Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the School District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the General Fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the General Fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by the School District Board of Education or a School District official delegated that authority by resolution or by State statute. The amount assigned in the General Fund represents fiscal year 2018 appropriations, which exceed estimated resources.

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

The School District applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned,

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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. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between all other elements in a statement of financial position. 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 its use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the School District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. Net position restricted for other purposes include local resources to be used for student programs.

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

Q. Operating Revenues and Expenses

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

R. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the Board of Education and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence.

S. Estimates

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

T. Budgetary Data

All funds, other than agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the appropriation resolution and the certificate of estimated resources, which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amounts that the Board of Education may appropriate. The appropriation resolution is the Board's authorization to spend resources and set annual limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at a level of control selected by the Board. The legal level of control has been established by the Board of Education at the fund level for all funds of the School District. Any budgetary modifications at this level may only be made by resolution of the Board of Education. The treasurer is given the authority to further allocate fund appropriations within all funds. Advances in/out are not required to be budgeted since they represent a temporary cash flow resource and are intended to be repaid.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the School District Treasurer. The amounts reported as the original budgeted

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amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the certificate when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the amended certificate in effect when the final appropriations were passed by the Board.

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 fiscal year.

NOTE 3 - CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE

For fiscal year 2017, the School District has implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 77, "Tax Abatement Disclosures". GASB Statement No. 77 requires disclosure of information about the nature and magnitude of tax abatements. These changes were incorporated in the School District's 2017 financial statements; however, there was no effect on beginning net position/fund balance. The School District had no abatement that met the GASB 77 definition.

The School District also implemented GASB's *Implementation Guide No. 2016-1*. These changes were incorporated in the School District's fiscal year 2017 financial statements; however, there was no effect on beginning net position/fund balance.

NOTE 4 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

- 1. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis).
- 2. Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis).
- 3. Encumbrances are treated as expenditures (budget basis) rather than restricted, committed, or unassigned fund balance (GAAP basis).

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

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Net Change in Fund Balance

	General
GAAP Basis	\$2,227,529
Revenue Accruals	(37,050)
Expenditure Accruals	(32,993)
Encumbrances	(84,520)
Budget Basis	\$2,072,966

NOTE 5 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

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

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

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

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

- 1. United States Treasury bills, bonds notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
- 2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including, but not limited to, Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, and Government National Mortgage Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
- 3. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
- 4. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
- 5. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio, and with certain limitations bonds and other obligations of political subdivisions of the State of Ohio;

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- 6. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio);
- 7. Certain bankers' acceptances and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days in an amount not to exceed 40 percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time if training requirements have been met; and
- 8. Written repurchase agreements in the securities described in (1) or (2) provided 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 the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days.

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

Deposits

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the School District will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At year end, the bank balance was \$6,920,637. Of the bank balance \$250,000 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance and the remaining balance of \$6,670,637 was covered by pooled collateral with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent. Although the securities were held by the pledging financial institution's trust department and all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, non-compliance with Federal requirements could potentially subject the School District to a successful claim by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

The School District has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits be either insured or be protected by eligible securities pledged to and deposited either with the School District or a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value at all times shall be at least one hundred five percent of the deposits being secured. Effective July 1, 2017, the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS) was implemented by the Office of the Ohio Treasurer of State. Financial institutions can elect to participate in the OPCS and will collateralize at 102 percent or a rate set by the Treasurer of State. Financial institution opting not to participate in OPCS will collateralize utilizing the specific pledge method at 105 percent.

Investments

As of June 30, 2017, the School District's only investment was in STAR Ohio. STAR Ohio is measured at net asset value per share. The value of the investments in STAR Ohio was \$136,786, and the investment has an average maturity of 45.5 days.

The School 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. Investments measured at fair value and valued using methodologies that incorporate market inputs such as benchmark yields, reported trades, broker/dealer quotes, issuer spreads, two-sided markets, benchmark securities, bids, offers and reference data including market research publications. Market indicators and industry and economic events are also monitored, which could require the need to acquire further market data. (Level 2 inputs).

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Interest Rate Risk. The School District's investment policy addresses interest rate risk to the extent that it allows the Treasurer to invest funds to a maximum maturity of five years, and allows for the withdrawal of funds from approved public depositories or sale of negotiable instruments prior to maturity. State statute requires that an investment mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the School District, and that an investment must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity.

Credit Risk. STAR Ohio carries a rating of AAAm by Standard and Poor's. Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service. The School District has no investment policy that addresses credit risk.

NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES

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

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located in the School District. Real property tax revenue received in calendar 2017 represents collections of calendar year 2016 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2017 were levied after April 1, 2016, on the assessed value listed as of January 1, 2016, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State law at thirty-five percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax revenue received in calendar year 2017 represents collections of calendar year 2016 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2017 became a lien December 31, 2015, were levied after April 1, 2016 and are collected with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at thirty-five percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value.

The School District receives property taxes from Belmont County. The County Auditor periodically advances to the School District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the County by June 30, 2017, are available to finance fiscal year 2017 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

Accrued property taxes receivable includes real property and public utility property taxes which were measurable as of June 30, 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 of resources – property taxes.

The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2017 was \$176,717 in the General Fund and \$18,894 in the Permanent Improvement Fund. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2016 was \$89,895 in the General Fund and \$7,514 in the Permanent Improvement Fund.

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

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

	2016 Second- Half Collections		2017 First- Half Collections	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Agricultural/Residential And Other Real Estate	\$80,604,840	91.1%	\$81,526,920	83.3%
Public Utility Personal	7,902,420	8.9%	16,296,480	16.7%
Total Assessed Values	\$88,507,260	100.0%	\$97,823,400	100.0%
Tax Rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$40.11		\$39.50	

NOTE 7 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2017, consisted of property taxes, tuition and fees, interfund, and intergovernmental grants. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of State programs, and the current year guarantee of federal funds. Delinquent property taxes deemed collectible by the County Auditor and recorded as receivable in the amount of \$101,330 may not be collected within one year. All other receivables are expected to be collected within one year.

The intergovernmental receivable is as follows:

Governmental Activities	Amounts
Excess Costs from Other School Districts	\$44,286
Title I Grant	71,228
IDEA Part B Grant	26,367
Early Childhood - Preschool Grant	41,509
Bureau of Workers' Compensation Refund	8,636
Total Intergovernmental Receivables	\$192,026

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NOTE 8 - CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	Balance			Balance
	6/30/16	Additions	Deletions	6/30/17
Nondepreciable Capital Assets:				_
Land	\$42,289	\$0	\$0	\$42,289
Depreciable Capital Assets:				
Land Improvements	1,218,130	9,480	0	1,227,610
Buildings and Improvements	4,482,218	75,160	0	4,557,378
Furniture, Equipment and Software	2,166,019	31,563	(419,244)	1,778,338
Vehicles	701,681	0	(98,814)	602,867
Total Depreciable Capital Assets	8,568,048	116,203	(518,058)	8,166,193
Accumulated Depreciation:				
Land Improvements	(899,265)	(25,435)	0	(924,700)
Buildings and Improvements	(3,022,228)	(82,619)	0	(3,104,847)
Furniture, Equipment and Software	(1,714,740)	(73,236)	419,244	(1,368,732)
Vehicles	(327,899)	(41,138)	98,814	(270,223)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(5,964,132)	(222,428)	518,058	(5,668,502)
Total Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	2,603,916	(106,225)	0	2,497,691
Governmental Capital Assets, Net	\$2,646,205	(\$106,225)	\$0	\$2,539,980

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

Instruction:	
Regular	\$95,506
Special	11,269
Vocational	4,286
Support Services:	
Administration	15,976
Fiscal	366
Operation of Maintenance and Plant	31,162
Pupil Transportation	40,979
Food Service Operations	6,642
Extracurricular	16,242
Total Depreciation Expense	\$222,428

NOTE 9 - RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Property and Liability Insurance

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2015 the School District joined together with other school districts in Ohio to participate in the Ohio School Plan

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(OSP), a public entity insurance purchasing pool. Each individual school district enters into an agreement with the OSP and its premium is based on types of coverage, limits of coverage, and deductibles that it selects. The School District pays this annual premium to the OSP (See Note 18). The School District contracted with the Ohio School Plan for liability, property, and fleet insurance.

Building and Contents-replacement cost (\$1,000 deductible)	\$38,016,388
Automotive Liability (\$1,000 deductible)	3,000,000
Uninsured Motorist	1,000,000
General Liability:	
Each Occurrence	3,000,000
Aggregated Limit	5,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury Limit - Each Occurrence	3,000,000
Sexual Misconduct Liability:	
Each Occurrence	3,000,000
Aggregated Limit	5,000,000
School Leaders Errors and Omissions Liability:	
Each Occurrence	3,000,000
Aggregated Limit	5,000,000
Employee Benefits Liability:	
Each Occurrence	3,000,000
Aggregated Limit	5,000,000
Employer's Liability:	
Each Occurrence	3,000,000

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

B. Workers' Compensation

For fiscal year 2017, the School District participated in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 18). The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the School District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRP. The workers' compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the GRP. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the GRP rather than its individual rate. Participation in the GRP is limited to school districts that can meet the GRP's selection criteria. CompManagement, Inc. provides administrative, cost control, and actuarial services to the GRP.

C. Employee Benefits

Effective January 1, 2016, the School District contracted with the Stark County Schools' Council of Government Health Benefits Program, (COG) to provide employee medical/surgical and dental, and vision benefits. The COG's Health Benefits Program is a shared risk pool comprised of 90 member school districts, educational service centers and related agencies. See Note 18 for further information about the COG. Rates are set through an annual calculation process. The School District pays a monthly contribution which is paid in a common fund from which claim payments are made for all participants regardless of claims flow. The board of directors has the right to return monies to an existing school district subsequent to the settlements of all expenses and claims. Premiums for this coverage are \$718.90 for individual coverage per month and \$1,746.36 for family coverage per month; the Board pays 90

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percent of the premium. The premium is paid from the fund that pays the salary of the covered employee. Dental premiums are \$91.28 for individual coverage per month and \$225.22 for family coverage per month; the Board pays 90 percent of the premium. Premiums for the vision coverage are \$19.48 for individual coverage per month and \$47.83 for family coverage per month; the Board pays 90 percent of the premium. The premium is paid from the fund that pays the salary of the covered employee.

NOTE 10 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

Net Pension Liability

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

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

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

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

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

Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

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

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Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

The School District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$119,803 for fiscal year 2017. Of this amount \$0 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

Plan Description – School District licensed teachers and other faculty members participate in STRS Ohio, a cost-sharing multiple employer public employee 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 is 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

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retirement benefit. Members are eligible to retire at age 60 with five years of qualifying service credit, or age 55 with 26 years of service, or 31 years of service regardless of age. Eligibility changes will be phased in until August 1, 2026, when retirement eligibility for unreduced benefits will be five years of service credit and age 65, or 35 years of service credit and at least age 60.

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

The Combined Plan offers features of both the DB Plan and the DC Plan. In the Combined Plan, 12 percent of the 14 percent member rate goes to the DC Plan and the remaining 2 percent is applied to the DB Plan. Member contributions to the DC Plan are allocated among investment choices by the member, and contributions to the DB Plan from the employer and the member 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 service. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum payment or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity after termination of employment at age 50 or later.

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 to 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, the employer rate was 14 percent and the plan members were also required to contribute 14 percent of covered salary. The statutory member contribution rate was increased one percent to 14 percent on July 1, 2016. The fiscal year 2017 contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates.

The School District's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$400,331 for fiscal year 2017. Of this amount \$70,408 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

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

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the School District's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

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	SERS	STRS	Total
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability Prior Measurement Date	0.02506990%	0.02702068%	
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability			
Current Measurement Date	0.02639060%	0.02660126%	
Change in Proportionate Share	0.00132070%	-0.00041942%	
Proportionate Share of the Net			
Pension Liability	\$1,931,548	\$8,904,242	\$10,835,790
Pension Expense	\$241,349	\$576,164	\$817,513

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

	SERS	STRS	Total
Deferred Outflows of Resources	_		
Differences between expected and			
actual experience	\$26,052	\$359,774	\$385,826
Changes of assumptions	128,941	0	128,941
Net difference between projected and			
actual earnings on pension plan investments	159,325	739,291	898,616
Changes in proportionate Share and			
difference between School District contributions			
and proportionate share of contributions	98,282	0	98,282
School District contributions subsequent to the			
measurement date	119,803	400,331	520,134
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$532,403	\$1,499,396	\$2,031,799
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Changes in Proportionate Share and			
Difference between School District contributions			
and proportionate share of contributions	\$0	\$273,755	\$273,755

\$520,134 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 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:

	SERS	STRS	Total
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2018	¢110.120	¢01.094	\$210.204
2018	\$119,120	\$91,084	\$210,204
2019	119,004	91,085	210,089
2020	128,676	374,769	503,445
2021	45,800	268,372	314,172
Total	\$412,600	\$825,310	\$1,237,910

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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, compared with June 30, 2015, are presented below:

	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2015
Wage Inflation	3.00 percent	3.25 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.50 percent to 18.20 percent	4.00 percent to 22.00 percent
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	3 percent	3 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.50 percent net of investments	7.75 percent net of investments
	expense, including inflation	expense, including inflation
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal

For 2016, the mortality assumptions are that mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age set-back for both males and females. For 2015, the mortality assumptions were based on the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table set back one year for both men and women. Special mortality tables were used for the period after disability retirement.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five year period ended June 30, 2015.

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

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Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Cash	1.00 %	0.50 %
US Stocks	22.50	4.75
Non-US Stocks	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	10.00	3.00
_		
Total	100.00 %	

Discount Rate The total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 percent. A discount rate of 7.75 percent was used in the prior measurement period. 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 School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate Net pension liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 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.

	Current		
	1% Decrease Discount Rate 1% Increa		
	(6.50%)	(7.50%)	(8.50%)
School District's proportionate share			
of the net pension liability	\$2,557,250	\$1,931,548	\$1,407,810

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
Salary increases	12.25 percent at age 20 to 2.75 percent at age 70
Investment Rate of Return	7.75 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Cost-of-Living Adjustments	2 percent simple applied as follows: for members retiring before
(COLA)	August 1, 2013, 2 percent per year; for members retiring August 1, 2013,
	or later, 2 percent COLA commences on fifth anniversary of retirement date.

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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 no 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.

STRS' investment consultant develops an estimate range for the investment return assumption based on the target allocation adopted by the Retirement Board. The target allocation and long-term expected rate of return for each major asset class are summarized as follows:

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

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

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

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	Current			
	1% Decrease Discount Rate			
School District's proportionate share	(6.75%)	(7.75%)	(8.75%)	
of the net pension liability	\$11,833,016	\$8,904,242	\$6,433,651	

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 School District's NPL is expected to be significant. *Social Security System*

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the School Employees Retirement System or the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio have an option to choose Social Security or the School Retirement System. As of June 30, 2017, three members of the Board of Education have elected Social Security. The contribution rate is 6.2 percent of wages.

NOTE 11 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

School Employees Retirement System

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

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

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required basic benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. For fiscal year 2016, no allocation of covered payroll was allocated to health care. In addition, employers pay a surcharge for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. For fiscal year 2017, this amount was \$23,500. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2 percent of that

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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 School District's surcharge obligation was \$12,627.

The School District's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015 were \$0, \$0, and \$6,189, respectively. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015.

State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

Plan Description – The State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio) administers a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit Health Plan administered for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS Ohio. 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 Ohio which can be obtained by visiting www.strsoh.org or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy – Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307 authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board discretionary 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 Health Care Plan. Nearly all health care plan enrollees, for the most recent year, pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017, 2016 and 2015, STRS Ohio did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care.

NOTE 12 - OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

A. Compensated Absences

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

Teachers, administrators, and classified employees earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Sick leave may be accumulated up to a maximum of 270 days for certified employees hired prior to August 1, 2012, all certified employees hired after August 1, 2012 may accumulate a maximum of 240 days. Classified employees may accumulate a maximum sick leave balance of 250.

For certified employees hired prior to August 1, 2012, upon retirement, payment is made for 30 percent of accumulated sick leave at 30 years; 29 percent of accumulated sick leave at 31 years, 28 percent of accumulated unused sick leave at 32 years; 27 percent of accumulated sick leave at 33 years; 26 percent of accumulated sick leave at 34 years; and 25 percent of accumulated sick leave at 35 years. If an employee is eligible to retire at less than 30 years of credited service, severance will be calculated in the following manner:

Number of years credited service divided by 30 equaling the prorated factor. The prorated factor will then be multiplied by the 30 percent/30 years, (formula as stated above).

For certified employees hired after August 1, 2012, upon retirement, payment is made for 27.5 percent of accumulated sick leave at 30 years; 26.5 percent of accumulated sick leave at 31 years, 25.5 percent of accumulated unused sick leave at 32 years; 24.5 percent of accumulated sick leave at 33 years; 23.5

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percent of accumulated sick leave at 34 years; and 22.5 percent of accumulated sick leave at 35 years. If an employee is eligible to retire at less than 30 years of credited service, severance will be calculated in the following manner:

Number of years credited service divided by 30 equaling the prorated factor. The prorated factor will then be multiplied by the 30 percent/30 years, (formula as stated above).

For classified employees, payment is made for the first 75 days of accumulated leave at the regular rate of pay with the remaining balance of days to be paid \$10 per day.

B. Other Insurance Benefits

Life insurance is provided in the amount of \$40,000 for all certified teachers and administrators. \$15,000 for classified employees whose salary is at least \$15,000; and \$20,000 for classified employees whose salary is more than \$15,000. The monthly premium for life insurance is \$0.125 per \$1,000 of coverage. The Board pays 100 percent of the premiums.

NOTE 13 - CAPITAL LEASES - LESSEE DISCLOSURE

In prior years, the School District entered into a capitalized lease for the financing of a House Bill 264 Energy Conservation Project and for copying equipment. Capital lease payments are reflected as debt service expenditures on the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance for the governmental funds.

Equipment acquired by lease has been capitalized in government wide statements governmental activities in the amount of \$670,139, which is equal to the present value of the future minimum lease payments at the time of acquisition. A corresponding liability was recorded in the government wide statements governmental activities. Governmental activities capitalized leased assets are reflected net of accumulated depreciation in the amount of \$594,466. Principal payments in fiscal year 2017 totaled \$44,109.

Future minimum lease payments through fiscal year 2031 are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest
2018	\$46,699	\$26,059
2019	49,477	23,280
2020	52,460	20,298
2021	45,326	17,299
2022	36,871	15,618
2023-2027	207,370	55,078
2028-2031	170,983	12,732
Totals	\$609,186	\$170,364

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NOTE 14 - LONG - TERM OBLIGATIONS

The changes in the School District's long-term obligations during fiscal year 2017 were as follows:

	Principal Outstanding 6/30/16	Additions	Deductions	Principal Outstanding 6/30/17	Amounts Due In One Year
Net Pension Liability *					
SERS	\$1,430,511	\$501,037	\$0	\$1,931,548	\$0
STRS	7,467,725	1,436,517	0	8,904,242	0
Total Net Pension Liability	8,898,236	1,937,554	0	10,835,790	0
Capital Leases	653,295	0	44,109	609,186	46,699
Long-Term Intergovernmental Payable	20,000	0	5,000	15,000	5,000
Compensated Absences	373,797	82,799	54,318	402,278	76,880
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Total General Long-Term Obligations	\$9,945,328	\$2,020,353	\$103,427	\$11,862,254	\$128,579

^{*} For additional information related to the net pension liability, see Note 10.

The School District's overall legal debt margin was \$8,805,610, with an unvoted debt margin of \$97,823 at June 30, 2017.

On December 2, 2015 the Shadyside School District Board of Education signed an addendum to Service Agreement with the East Central Ohio Educational Service Center Governing Board (ECOESC). The Board of Education and the ECOESC wish to include an additional service to the services that the ECOESC will provide to the Board of Education pursuant to Section 3313.845 of Ohio Revised Code. In consideration of the services contained in the addendum the ECOESC will purchase property to be used for the delivery of educational services to students served by the Belmont County school district clients of the ECOESC. In consideration of the above, the Board agrees to pay ECOESC, the sum of \$5,000 per year for a period of five years, for a total payment of \$25,000. The first installment was paid on January 7, 2016, and subsequent payments shall be made no later than January 1 each year thereafter.

Capital leases will be paid from the Permanent Improvement Capital Projects fund. Compensated absences will be paid from the General Fund.

Net Pension Liability – There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability. However, employer pension contributions are made from the following funds the General Fund, Miscellaneous Local, Miscellaneous State Grant, Miscellaneous Federal Grant, and the Food Service Special Revenue Funds. For additional information related to the net pension liability, See Note 10.

NOTE 15 - COMMITMENTS

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

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General Fund	\$84,520
Permanent Improvement Fund	218,994
Other Non-major Governmental Funds	63,499
Total	\$367,013

NOTE 16 - INTERNAL BALANCES AND TRANSFERS

Interfund balances at June 30, 2017 consisted of the following individual interfund receivables and payables:

Interfund Receivable
General Fund
\$23,020

The loans were made to the Miscellaneous State Grant Fund, and the Miscellaneous Federal Grant Fund to support the programs until grant monies are received to operate the programs.

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2017 consisted of the following:

	Transfers to	Transfers To	
		Other Non-major	
	General Fund	Governmental	Total
Transfers from			
General Fund	\$0	\$13,357	\$13,357
Permanent Improvement Fund	0	52,490	52,490
Internal Service Fund	909,439	0	909,439
Total	\$909,439	\$65,847	\$975,286

The transfers were used to move receipts from the General Fund to provide additional funding to cover the costs of the Food Service Fund and the Miscellaneous Local Fund. Transfers were also made to move money from the Permanent Improvement Capital Projects Fund to the Debt Service Fund for capital lease payments on the HB264 Energy Conservation Lease and to move the remaining balance from the Self Insurance Fund to the General Fund.

NOTE 17 - JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

Belmont-Harrison Vocational School District – The Belmont-Harrison Vocational School District is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a Board consisting of one representative from each of the seven participating school district's elected boards, which possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. During fiscal year 2017, the School District made no contributions to the Belmont-Harrison Vocational School District. To obtain financial information write to the Belmont-Harrison Vocational School, Mark Lucas, who serves as Treasurer, at Fox Shannon Road, St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950.

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Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Educational Service Agency Information Technology Center Regional Council of Governments (Council) – The School District participates in the Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Educational Service Agency Information Technology Center Regional Council of Governments. The Council was created as a separate regional council of governments pursuant to State statutes. The Council operates under the direction of a Board comprised of a representative from each participating school district. The Board exercised total control over the operations of the Council including budgeting, appropriating, contracting, and designating management. Each participant's control is limited to its representation on the Board. The Council provides information technology and internet access to member districts, as well as cooperative purchasing programs. During fiscal year 2017, the total amount paid to OME-RESA from the School District was \$699 for cooperative gas purchasing service administrative fees, \$14,151 for technology services and \$15,650 for financial accounting services and educational management information. The Jefferson County Educational Service Center serves as the fiscal agent. To obtain financial information write to Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Educational Service Agency, Treasurer, at 2023 Sunset Blvd., Steubenville, Ohio 43952.

Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools (CORAS) – The Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools is a jointly governed organization including 136 school districts in southeastern Ohio. The Coalition is operated by a Board which is comprised of fourteen members. The board members are comprised of one superintendent from each county elected by the school districts within that county. The Coalition provides various in-service for school district administrative personnel; gathers data regarding conditions of education in the region; cooperates with other professional groups to assess and develop programs designed to meet the needs of member districts; and provides staff development programs for school district personnel. The Board exercises total control over the operations of the Coalition including budgeting, appropriating, contracting, and designating management. Each participant's control is limited to its representation on the Board. The School District's membership fee was \$325 for fiscal year 2017.

NOTE 18 - PUBLIC ENTITY POOLS

A. Insurance Purchasing Pools

Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan – The School District participates in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (GRP), an 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. The School District's enrollment fee of \$2,415 for policy year 2017 was paid to CompManangement, Inc.

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

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B. Shared Risk Insurance Purchasing Pool

The Stark County Schools' Council of Government Health Benefits Program (COG) – The Stark County Schools' Council of Governments (COG) Health Benefits program is a shared risk pool created pursuant to State statute for the purposes of administering health care benefits. The COG is governed by an assembly which consists of one representative from each participating school district (usually the superintendent or designee). The assembly elects officers for one year terms to serve on the Board of Directors. The assembly exercises control over the operation of the COG. Only the representatives from the original 19 Stark County school district members at the time of foundation have a vote in the assembly. All COG revenues are generated from charges for services received from the participating school districts, based on the established premiums for the insurance plans. Each school district reserves the right to terminate the plan in whole or in part, at any time. If it is terminated, no further contributions will be made, but the benefits under the insurance contract shall be paid in accordance with the terms of the contract.

NOTE 19 - SET-ASIDE CALCULATIONS AND FUND RESTRICTIONS

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

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

	Capital
	Improvements
Set-aside Restricted Balance as of June 30, 2016	\$0
Current Year Set-aside Requirement	73,225
Current Year Offsets	(253,523)
Totals	(\$180,298)
Balance Carried Forward to Fiscal Year 2018	\$0
Set-aside Restricted Balance as of June 30, 2017	\$0

The School District had current year offsets which reduced the set-aside amount to below zero for the capital maintenance set-aside, which may not be carried forward to future years.

NOTE 20 - CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

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

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B. State Foundation Funding

School District Foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of each student. The funding formula the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is legislatively required to follow will continue to adjust as enrollment information is updated by the School District, which can extend past the fiscal year end. As of the date of this report, ODE has not finalized the impact of enrollment adjustments to the June 30, 2017, Foundation funding for the School District; therefore, any financial statement impact is not fully determinable at this time. ODE and management believe this will result in either a receivable to or liability of the School District.

C. Litigation

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

D. Paid Up Oil/Gas Lease

Gulfport Energy Corporation - The Shadyside Local Board of Education has entered into a "Paid-Up" Oil and Gas Lease with Gulfport Energy Corporation for 21.3577 acres of property owned by the Board. The lease is effective beginning December 18, 2013 for a five year period. In consideration of the execution of the lease, the School District received a signing bonus in the amount of \$154,843 in fiscal year 2014. The lease calls for payments to the School District, in addition to the bonus, royalties in the amount of 20 percent for all oil and other liquid hydrocarbons and by-products produced and saved from the land, and all gas and other hydrocarbons and by-products. The total carrying value of the land leased is \$42,289. As of the date of the financial statements, the value of any potential royalties cannot be determined, and the School District has not received any compensation beyond the bonus.

NOTE 21 - GOING CONCERN

The School District began experiencing financial difficulty in 2004 and, accordingly, was placed in Fiscal Caution on April 12, 2004 and continues to remain in fiscal caution as of the date of the financial statements.

The School District implemented an expenditure reduction plan during fiscal year 2005 which included a reduction in force as well as a pay freeze. The School District submitted an additional expenditure reduction plan for fiscal year 2006 which included additional reductions in salary costs through attrition.

The School District passed a 3 year, 6 mill emergency levy in May 2006. This levy raised an additional \$519,472 per year, with collections beginning in calendar year 2007. The Renewal of the Emergency Levy was defeated by the taxpayers, which resulted in the levy ceasing to be collected following calendar year 2009.

The School District approved additional cost-saving measures on June 24, 2010, effective for fiscal year 2011. The plan eliminated four positions within the School District, reduced the high school principal and high school secretary's contracted days from 260 per year to 229 per year, as well as provided for a reduction of the cost of the HVAC maintenance contract.

During fiscal year 2013, Board approved changes to the insurance plan took effect, which reduced costs by increasing deductibles, co-pays, and other out of pocket costs. As another step to control costs, the School District consolidated the position of superintendent and high school principal for the 2013-2014 school year.

In November 2013, voters approved a five year, 4.61 mill emergency operating levy, which began collection in fiscal year 2014. The levy is expected to generate approximately \$365,000 in tax revenue.

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In an attempt to increase savings in the short-term and better control costs in the long-term, the School District terminated its participation in the Jefferson Health Plan Self-Insurance Plan during fiscal year 2016. Beginning January 1, 2016, the School District is a member of the Stark County Schools' Council of Government Health Benefits Program, a shared risk insurance purchasing pool.

To increase savings in the short term, the School District continued to have retirements and fill those positions with entry level teachers in 2017.

The School District must continue to monitor finances in order to maintain financial stability.

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

	2017	2016	2015	2014
School District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.02639060%	0.02506990%	0.02365300%	0.02365300%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$1,931,548	\$1,430,511	\$1,197,064	\$1,406,568
School District's Covered Payroll	\$819,586	\$754,730	\$687,323	\$715,556
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	235.67%	189.54%	174.16%	196.57%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	62.98%	69.16%	71.70%	65.52%

⁽¹⁾ Although this schedule is intended to reflect information for ten years, information prior to 2014 is not available. An additional column will be added each year.

^{*} Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the School District's measurement date which is the prior year end.

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

	2017	2016	2015	2014
School District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.02660126%	0.02702068%	0.02800781%	0.02800781%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net				
Pension Liability	\$8,904,242	\$7,467,725	\$6,812,468	\$8,114,968
School District's Covered Payroll	\$2,810,564	\$2,804,129	\$2,847,538	\$2,897,343
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	316.81%	266.31%	239.24%	280.08%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	66.80%	72.10%	74.70%	69.30%

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^{*} Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the School District's measurement date which is the prior year end.

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

	2017	2016	2015	2014
Contractually Required Contribution	\$119,803	\$114,742	\$99,474	\$95,263
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(119,803)	(114,742)	(99,474)	(95,263)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
School District Covered Payroll	\$855,736	\$819,586	\$754,730	\$687,323
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	14.00%	14.00%	13.18%	13.86%

_	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
	\$99,033	\$95,332	\$90,923	\$97,790	\$67,080	\$62,184
_	(99,033)	(95,332)	(90,923)	(97,790)	(67,080)	(62,184)
=	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$715,556	\$708,791	\$723,337	\$722,228	\$681,711	\$633,237
	13.84%	13.45%	12.57%	13.54%	9.84%	9.82%

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

	2017	2016	2015	2014
Contractually Required Contribution	\$400,331	\$393,479	\$392,578	\$370,180
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(400,331)	(393,479)	(392,578)	(370,180)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
School District Covered Payroll	\$2,859,507	\$2,810,564	\$2,804,129	\$2,847,538
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	13.00%

2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
\$376,655	\$384,534	\$368,370	\$364,066	\$363,312	\$350,139
(376,655)	(384,534)	(368,370)	(364,066)	(363,312)	(350,139)
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$2,897,343	\$2,957,957	\$2,833,614	\$2,800,507	\$2,794,707	\$2,693,379
13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%

Notes to Required Supplementary Information For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

Changes in Assumptions - SERS

Amounts reported for fiscal year 2017 incorporate changes in assumptions used by SERS in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation. These new assumptions compared with those used in fiscal year 2016 and prior are presented below:

	Fiscal Year 2017	Fiscal Year 2016 and Prior
Wage Inflation Future Salary Increases,	3.00 percent	3.25 percent
including inflation	3.50 percent to 18.20 percent	4.00 percent to 22.00 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.50 percent net of investments expense, including inflation	7.75 percent net of investments expense, including inflation

Amounts reported for fiscal year 2017 use mortality assumptions with mortality rates that are based on the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age set-back for both males and females. Amounts reported for fiscal year 2016 and prior, use mortality assumptions that are based on the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table set back one year for both men and women. Special mortality tables were used for the period after disability retirement.

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

Shadyside Local School District Belmont County 3890 Lincoln Avenue Shadyside, Ohio 43947

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 Shadyside Local School District, Belmont County, Ohio (the School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 17, 2018, wherein we noted the School District was placed in fiscal caution by the Ohio Department of Education on April 12, 2004 due to a projected General Fund deficit.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the School District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts.

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However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

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

Dave Yost Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

January 17, 2018



SHADYSIDE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BELMONT COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED FEBRUARY 6, 2018