



#### GRAND VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ASHTABULA COUNTY JUNE 30, 2019

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Grand Valley Local School District Ashtabula County 111 Grand Valley Avenue West Orwell, Ohio 44076

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 Grand Valley Local School District, Ashtabula County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for 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 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 District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

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

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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 Grand Valley Local School District, Ashtabula County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position 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.

#### **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 and other post-employment benefit liabilities and pension and other post-employment benefit contributions listed in the table of contents, to supplement the basic financial statements. Although this information is not part of the basic financial statements, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board considers it essential for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, consisting of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, to the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not opine or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to opine or provide any other assurance.

#### Supplementary and Other Information

Our audit was conducted to opine on the District's basic financial statements taken as a whole.

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and is not a required part of the financial statements.

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

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#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 23, 2020, on our consideration of the 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 District's internal control over financial reporting.

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Keith Faber Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

March 23, 2020

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The management's discussion and analysis of Grand Valley Local School District's (the School District) financial performance provides an overall review of the School District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. 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 Highlights for fiscal year 2019 are as follows:

- The School District actively pursues grants and controls expenses while still maintaining the high academic standards the residents expect of the School District.
- The School District is committed to meeting the academic needs of our students by providing them with updated instructional materials to compete in a global environment.
- The School District had a decrease of 43 students in enrollment from fiscal year 2018 to fiscal year 2019.

#### Using this Annual Financial Report (AFR)

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

The *Statement of Net Position* and *Statement of Activities* provide information about the activities of the whole School District, presenting both an aggregate and longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements explain 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. In the case of Grand Valley Local School District, the general, bond retirement debt service and classroom facilities capital projects funds are the most significant funds.

#### **Reporting the School District as a Whole**

#### Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

While this document contains all the funds used by the School District to provide programs and activities, the view of the School District as a whole considers all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during 2019?" The statement of net position and the statement of activities answers this question. These statements include all assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources using the accrual basis of accounting, similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. Accrual 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 the position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the School District as a whole, the financial position of the School District has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the School District's performance, demographic and socioeconomic factors and willingness of the community to support the School District.

In the statement of net position and the statement of activities, all of the School District's activities are classified as governmental. All of the School District's programs and services are reported here including instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, pupil transportation, operation of food service and extracurricular activities.

#### **Reporting the School District's Most Significant Funds**

#### Fund Financial Statements

The analysis of the School District's major funds begins on page 11. Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the School District's major funds. The School District uses many funds to account for a multitude 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, the bond retirement debt service fund, and the classroom facilities capital project fund.

*Governmental Funds* Most of the School District's activities are reported as governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are 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 government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the statement of net position and the statement of activities) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

*Fiduciary Funds* Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the School District. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the School District's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds. The School District's fiduciary funds are private purpose trust and agency which accounts for college scholarships and student activities, respectively.

#### The School District as a Whole

You may recall that the statement of net position provides the perspective of the School District as a whole. Table 1 provides a comparison of the School District's net position for 2019 compared to 2018:

Table 1           Net Position           Governmental Activities					
	2019	2018	Change		
Assets					
Current and Other Assets	\$12,582,950	\$11,268,795	\$1,314,155		
Capital Assets	23,845,665	25,120,180	(1,274,515)		
Net OPEB Asset	707,346	0	707,346		
Total Assets	\$37,135,961	\$36,388,975	\$746,986		

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#### **Grand Valley Local School District**

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019 Unaudited

Table 1         Net Position (continued)       Governmental Activities				
	2019	2018	Change	
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b> Deferred Charge on Refunding Pension	\$288,787 3,217,871	\$341,294 4,240,621	(\$52,507) (1,022,750)	
OPEB	161,213	174,205	(12,992)	
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	3,667,871	4,756,120	(1,088,249)	
Liabilities Current Liabilities Long-Term Liabilities	2,763,885	1,456,326	(1,307,559)	
Due within One Year	913,541	923,415	9,874	
Due in More than One Year: Net Pension Liability Net OPEB Liability Other Amounts Due in More Than One Year	12,302,549 1,292,784 5,754,629	14,029,558 3,128,645 6,616,570	1,727,009 1,835,861 861,941	
Total Liabilities	23,027,388	26,154,514	3,127,126	
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b> Property Taxes Pension OPEB	3,231,503 1,331,584 1,396,405	3,124,499 606,315 405,524	(107,004) (725,269) (990,881)	
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	5,959,492	4,136,338	(1,823,154)	
<b>Net Position</b> Net Investment in Capital Assets Restricted for:	18,253,828	18,663,925	(410,097)	
Capital Projects Debt Service Other Purposes	1,375,000 2,693,158 991,277	2,181,540 2,989,588 314,438	(806,540) (296,430) 676,839	
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(11,496,311)	(13,295,248)	1,798,937	
Total Net Position	\$11,816,952	\$10,854,243	\$962,709	

The net pension liability (NPL) is the largest single liability reported by the School District at June 30, 2019. GASB notes that pension and OPEB 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 and other postemployment benefits. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this 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 these liabilities. 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 Ohio revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits.

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 or the net OPEB liability. As explained previously, changes in benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balance of these liabilities, 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 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 and the net OPEB liability are satisfied, these liabilities are separately identified within the long-term liability section of the statement of net position.

Overall, the position of the School District increased, as evidenced by the increase in net position. This is largely because of an increase in unrestricted net positions, resulting primarily from a decrease in the net pension and net OPEB liabilities.

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Table 2 shows the changes in net position for fiscal year 2019 compared to 2018.

Table 2         Change in Net Position         Governmental Activities						
	2019	2018	Change			
<b>Revenues</b> Program Revenues:						
Charges for Services and Sales	\$1,316,658	\$1,243,611	\$73,047			
Operating Grants, Contributions and Interest	1,616,942	1,564,541	52,401			
Capital Grants	13,806	13,979	(173)			
Total Program Revenues	2,947,406	2,822,131	125,275			
General Revenues:						
Property Taxes	4,288,336	4,402,483	(114,147)			
Grants and Entitlements not						
Restricted to Specific Programs	6,564,772	6,447,964	116,808			
Unrestricted Contributions	75	0	75			
Investment Earnings	159,019	30,634	128,385			
Miscellaneous	42,604	42,417	187			
Total General Revenues	11,054,806	10,923,498	131,308			
Total Revenues	14,002,212	13,745,629	256,583			
Program Expenses						
Instruction:			(2.025.004)			
Regular	6,033,375	3,005,574	(3,027,801)			
Special	872,642	275,114	(597,528)			
Vocational	260,447	98,434	(162,013)			

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#### **Grand Valley Local School District**

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019 Unaudited

Table 2           Change in Net Position (continued)           Governmental Activities					
	2019	2018	Change		
Support Services:			0		
Pupil	\$773,135	\$465,137	(\$307,998)		
Instructional Staff	116,863	115,614	(1,249)		
Board of Education	40,210	41,755	1,545		
Administration	1,396,263	906,734	(489,529)		
Fiscal	322,019	267,368	(54,651)		
Business	26,613	28,302	1,689		
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,080,489	991,276	(89,213)		
Pupil Transportation	1,185,313	1,112,760	(72,553)		
Central	83,255	60,558	(22,697)		
Operation of Food Services	534,017	500,911	(33,106)		
Extracurricular Activities	455,344	386,844	(68,500)		
Facilities Acquisitions and					
Construction Services	1,293,502	0	(1,293,502)		
Interest and Fiscal Charges	166,016	237,684	71,668		
Total Program Expenses	14,639,503	8,494,065	(6,145,438)		
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position					
Before Extraordinary Item	(637,291)	5,251,564	(5,888,855)		
Extraordinary Item - Settlement	1,600,000	1,500,000	100,000		
Change in Net Position	962,709	6,751,564	(5,788,855)		
Net Position Beginning of Year	10,854,243	4,102,679	6,751,564		
Net Position End of Year	\$11,816,952	\$10,854,243	\$962,709		

The largest component of the increase in program expenses results from changes in assumptions and benefit terms related to pensions. STRS adopted certain assumption changes, including a reduction in their discount rate, and also voted to suspend cost of living adjustments (COLA). SERS decreased their COLA assumption. (See Note 22) As a result of these changes, pension expense decreased from \$1,692,746 in fiscal year 2017 to a negative pension expense of \$4,427,386 for fiscal year 2018. For fiscal year 2019, pension expense increased to \$958,344, closer to the 2017 pension expense amount.

#### **Governmental Activities**

The School District has carefully planned its financial existence by forecasting its revenues and expenses over the next five years.

The unique nature of property taxes in Ohio creates the need to routinely seek voter approval for operating funds. The overall revenue generated by a voted levy does not increase solely as a result of inflation. It increases as a result of new construction or collection from a new voted levy. Although school districts experience inflationary growth in expenses, tax revenue does not keep pace with the increased expenses due to House Bill 920. As an example, a homeowner with a home valued at \$100,000 and taxed at 1.0 mill would pay \$35.00 annually in taxes. If three years later the home were reappraised and increased to \$200,000 (and this inflationary increase in value is comparable to other property owners) the effective tax rate would become .5 mills and the owner would still pay less than \$35.00 and the School District would

#### **Grand Valley Local School District** Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019 Unaudited

collect the same dollar value the levy generated in the year it passed. The 10 percent rollback on all residential/agricultural property and the 2.5 percent rollback on all owner occupied homes would reduce the amount of taxes paid. Thus School District's dependence upon property taxes is hampered by a lack of revenue growth so it must regularly return to the voters to maintain a constant level of service. Property taxes made up 30.63 percent of revenues for governmental activities for Grand Valley Local School District in fiscal year 2019.

Although the School District relies upon local property taxes to support its operations, a large share of general fund revenue is received from the State of Ohio through the State Foundation Formula. This funding is directly impacted by the enrollment of the School District. The School District also actively solicits and receives additional grant and entitlement funds to help offset operating costs. The School District saw a slight increase in grants and entitlement revenue not restricted due to an increase in targeted assistance received from the State.

The statement of activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. Table 3 shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services for 2019 compared to 2018.

	20	19	201	18
	Total Cost of Service			Net Cost of Service
Instruction:				
Regular	\$6,033,375	\$4,650,279	\$3,005,574	\$1,711,760
Special	872,642	151,519	275,114	(440,888)
Vocational	260,447	158,320	98,434	28,715
Support Services:				
Pupil	773,135	770,658	465,137	462,628
Instructional Staff	116,863	111,463	115,614	110,214
Board of Education	40,210	40,210	41,755	41,755
Administration	1,396,263	1,388,959	906,734	905,019
Fiscal	322,019	322,019	267,368	267,368
Business	26,613	26,613	28,302	28,302
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,080,489	1,026,691	991,276	943,898
Pupil Transportation	1,185,313	1,131,843	1,112,760	1,064,815
Central	83,255	83,255	60,558	60,558
Operation of Food Services	534,017	76,395	500,911	48,824
Extracurricular Activities	455,344	294,355	386,844	201,282
Facilities Acquisitions and				
Construction Services	1,293,502	1,293,502	0	0
Interest and Fiscal Charges	166,016	166,016	237,684	237,684
Total	\$14,639,503	\$11,692,097	\$8,494,065	\$5,671,934

# Table 3 Total and Net Cost of Program Services Governmental Activities

#### The School District's Funds

Information about the School District's major funds starts on page 16. These funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The general fund had an increase in expenditures from the prior fiscal year as a result of rising insurance costs, salary adjustments, new special education programs, and general inflation. The general fund revenues increased slightly from the previous fiscal year due primarily to an increase in interest revenue and Medicaid settlements from the previous fiscal year. In total, the fund balance of the general fund decreased. The bond retirement fund balance decreased due to a reduction in property tax collections approved by the budget commission. The classroom facilities fund balance decreased from the prior fiscal year due to the closure of a Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) project. This was offset by the receipt of a \$1.6 million lawsuit settlement. The School District continues to look for grants to help offset the operating expenditures of the School District and to better provide services to our students.

#### General Fund Budgeting Highlights

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

During the course of fiscal year 2019, the School District amended its general fund budget several times. For the general fund, the actual revenue was higher than the final budget basis revenue estimates due to an increase in interest revenues received during the year. The School District's actual expenditures were well within the final budgeted appropriations due to the School District's continuous effort in monitoring expenditures.

The School District uses a site-based budgeting system designed to tightly control total site budgets but provide flexibility for site management. Building principals are given a per pupil allocation for textbook, instructional materials and equipment.

#### **Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

#### Capital Assets

The decrease in capital assets was the result of an additional year of annual depreciation on all capital assets other than land. This decrease was offset by asset additions including a paving project, gas oven, bus, and a van. See Note 13 to the Basic Financial Statements for additional capital asset information.

#### Debt

The School District has bonded debt issued for the construction of the new school facility. The football stadium/track complex was financed via a lease purchase agreement via the OASBO Expanded Asset Pool Financing Program. The School District also has a capital lease for copiers. See Notes 14 and 15 to the Basic Financial Statements for additional debt information.

#### **Challenges and Opportunities**

Grand Valley Local School District has continued to maintain the highest standards of service to our students, parents and community. The School District is always presented with challenges and opportunities. The Board of Education and administration closely monitor its revenues and expenditures. Recent national

events and their impact on the Grand Valley Local School District and the surrounding area are very much under review and analysis. While the economic recession has had an impact on our industries, three of our local industries, which include Kraftmaid, Kennemetal and Welded Tubes, have remained relatively strong. We are a diversified community with many residents working outside our School District in varying types of employment.

The School District is not without its share of challenges. The need for additional funds for operating is seen as the newest challenge for the School District. With the bulk of funding coming from the State of Ohio and a stagnant State budget, maintaining the delicate balance of increasing costs with unfunded mandates and flat revenues is becoming more challenging. And finally, actions of local and State governments continue to impact the School District. Due to a decrease in the number of students which has caused a subsequent decrease in State funding, the School District reduced its staff significantly in fiscal year 2018 and underwent additional adjustments and realignments in fiscal year 2019.

Grand Valley Local School District has committed itself to financial reporting excellence for many years and to continuous improvement in financial reporting to our community.

As a result of the challenges mentioned, it is imperative the School District's management continue to carefully and prudently plan in order to provide the resources required to meet student needs over the next several years.

#### **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 questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Lisa Moodt, Treasurer, Grand Valley Local Schools, 111 Grand Valley Avenue West, Suite A, Orwell, Ohio 44076 email at lisa.moodt@grandvalley.school.

# **Basic Financial Statements**

## Grand Valley Local School District

Statement of Net Position June 30, 2019

	Governmental Activities
Assets Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents Accounts Receivable Accrued Interest Receivable Intergovernmental Receivable Prepaid Items Inventory Held for Resale Materials and Supplies Inventory Property Taxes Receivable Nondepreciable Capital Assets Depreciable Capital Assets, Net Net OPEB Asset (See Note 23)	\$6,251,339 1,601,073 15,837 244,241 10,209 14,053 94,036 4,352,162 898,127 22,947,538 707,346
Total Assets	37,135,961
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b> Deferred Charge on Refunding Pension OPEB	288,787 3,217,871 161,213
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	3,667,871
Liabilities Accounts Payable Accrued Wages and Benefits Intergovernmental Payable Accrued Interest Payable Vacation Benefits Payable Matured Capital Leases Payable Long-Term Liabilities: Due Within One Year Due In More Than One Year: Net Pension Liability (See Note 22) Net OPEB Liability (See Note 23) Other Amounts Due in More Than One Year <i>Total Liabilities</i>	57,101 1,097,147 1,516,706 10,999 61,932 20,000 913,541 12,302,549 1,292,784 5,754,629 23,027,388
Deferred Inflows of Resources	23,027,300
Property Taxes Pension OPEB	3,231,503 1,331,584 1,396,405
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	5,959,492
Net Position Net Investment in Capital Assets Restricted for: Capital Projects Debt Service Other Purposes Unrestricted (Deficit)	18,253,828 1,375,000 2,693,158 991,277 (11,496,311)
Total Net Position	\$11,816,952
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**Grand Valley Local School District** Statement of Activities For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

			Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
	Expenses	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants, Contributions and Interest	Capital Grants	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities					
Instruction:	\$6,033,375	\$1,002,499	\$380,597	\$0	(\$4,650,270)
Regular Special	\$0,033,373 872,642	\$1,002,499 0	721,123	30 0	(\$4,650,279) (151,519)
Vocational	260,447	0	102,127	0	(151,519) (158,320)
Support Services:	200,447	0	102,127	0	(150,520)
Pupil	773,135	0	2,477	0	(770,658)
Instructional Staff	116,863	0	5,400	0	(111,463)
Board of Education	40,210	0	0	0	(40,210)
Administration	1,396,263	0	7,304	0	(1,388,959)
Fiscal	322,019	0	0	0	(322,019)
Business	26,613	0	0	0	(26,613)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,080,489	26,023	27,775	0	(1,026,691)
Pupil Transportation	1,185,313	0	39,664	13,806	(1,131,843)
Central	83,255	0	0	0	(83,255)
Operation of Food Services	534,017	127,147	330,475	0	(76,395)
Extracurricular Activities Facilities Acquisitions and	455,344	160,989	0	0	(294,355)
Construction Services	1,293,502	0	0	0	(1,293,502)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	166,016	0	0	0	(166,016)
Totals	\$14,639,503	\$1,316,658	\$1,616,942	\$13,806	(11,692,097)
		General Revenue Property Taxes Le			
		General Purpose			3,632,286
		Debt Service	-5		481,825
		Capital Outlay			115,889
			lities Maintenance		58,336
		Grants and Entitle	ments not Restricte	ed	)
		to Specific Prog			6,564,772
		Unrestricted Conti			75
		Investment Earnin	gs		159,019
		Miscellaneous			42,604
		Total General Rev	enues		11,054,806
		Extraordinary Iten	n - Settlement		1,600,000
		Total General Rev	enues and Extraor	rdinary Item	12,654,806
		Change in Net Pos	sition		962,709
		Net Position Begin	ning of Year		10,854,243
		Net Position End	of Year		\$11,816,952

## Grand Valley Local School District Balance Sheet

Governmental Funds June 30, 2019

	General	Bond Retirement	Classroom Facilities	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets					
Equity in Pooled Cash and					
Cash Equivalents	\$1,839,196	\$2,572,718	\$1,490,540	\$348,885	\$6,251,339
Accounts Receivable	988	0	1,600,000	85	1,601,073
Accrued Interest Receivable	15,837	0	0	0	15,837
Interfund Receivable	542	0	0	1,035,458	1,036,000
Intergovernmental Receivable	131,175	0	0	113,066	244,241
Prepaid Items	9,410	0	0	799	10,209
Inventory Held for Resale	0	0	0	14,053	14,053
Materials and Supplies Inventory	91,726	0	0	2,310	94,036
Property Taxes Receivable	3,684,711	489,781	0	177,670	4,352,162
Total Assets	\$5,773,585	\$3,062,499	\$3,090,540	\$1,692,326	\$13,618,950
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances					
Liabilities Accounts Payable	\$36,021	\$0	\$0	\$21,080	\$57,101
Accrued Wages and Benefits	1,008,978	30 0	40 0	88,169	1,097,147
Intergovernmental Payable	211,603	0	1.293.502	11,601	1,516,706
Interfund Payable	8,420	0	1,027,038	542	1,036,000
Matured Capital Leases Payable	0	0	0	20,000	20,000
Total Liabilities	1,265,022	0	2,320,540	141,392	3,726,954
Deferred Inflows of Resources					
Property Taxes	2,739,548	358,342	0	133,613	3,231,503
Unavailable Revenue	313,521	32,101	0	74,575	420,197
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	3,053,069	390,443	0	208,188	3,651,700
Fund Balances					
Nonspendable	101,136	0	0	3,109	104,245
Restricted	0	2,672,056	770,000	1,371,270	4,813,326
Committed	134,773	0	0	0	134,773
Assigned	1,132,069	0	0	0	1,132,069
Unassigned (Deficit)	87,516	0	0	(31,633)	55,883
Total Fund Balances	1,455,494	2,672,056	770,000	1,342,746	6,240,296
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of					
Resources and Fund Balances	\$5,773,585	\$3,062,499	\$3,090,540	\$1,692,326	\$13,618,950

**Total Governmental Fund Balances** \$6,240,296 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. 23,845,665 Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are reported as unavailable in the funds: **Delinquent Property Taxes** 276.257 61,443 Intergovernmental 54,962 Tuition and Fees Extracurricular Activities 875 Ohio of Bureau of Workers' 26,660 **Compensation Refund** 420,197 Total In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due. (10,999)Vacation benefits payable is not expected to be paid with expendable available financial resources and therefore is not reported in the funds. (61, 932)Deferred outflows of resources represent deferred charges on refundings, which are not reported in the funds. 288,787 Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds: General Obligation Bonds (5,271,576)Capital Leases Payable (609.048)Compensated Absences (787,546) Total (6, 668, 170)The net pension/OPEB asset/liability is not due and payable in the current period; therefore, the asset/liability and related deferred in inflows/outflows are not reported in governmental funds: Net OPEB Asset 707,346 Deferred Outflows - Pension 3,217,871 Deferred Outflows - OPEB 161,213 Net Pension Liability (12, 302, 549)Net OPEB Liability (1,292,784)Deferred Inflows - Pension (1,331,584)Deferred Inflows - OPEB (1,396,405)Total (12, 236, 892)\$11,816,952 Net Position of Governmental Activities

**Grand Valley Local School District** Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

	General	Bond Retirement	Classroom Facilities	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues					
Property Taxes	\$3,613,454	\$479,229	\$0	\$173,372	\$4,266,055
Intergovernmental	7,116,252	129,681	0	963,693	8,209,626
Interest	157,608	0	0	1,627	159,235
Tuition and Fees	947,537	0	0	1,027	947,537
Extracurricular Activities	68,441	0	0	91,673	160,114
Charges for Services	0	0	0	127,147	127,147
	26,023	0	0	0	26,023
Rentals	20,023	0	0	2,972	3,047
Contributions and Donations		0	0	386	
Miscellaneous	42,218	0	0		42,604
Total Revenues	11,971,608	608,910	0	1,360,870	13,941,388
Expenditures					
Current:					
Instruction:					
Regular	5,411,335	0	0	410,523	5,821,858
Special	892,636	0	0	190,606	1,083,242
Vocational	312,782	0	0	58	312,840
Support Services:	,				,
Pupil	830,367	0	0	2,477	832,844
Instructional Staff	121,743	0	0	5,400	127,143
Board of Education	28,846	0	0	0,400	28,846
Administration	1,422,948	2,850	0	7,511	1,433,309
Fiscal	306,676	10,234	0	4,057	320,967
	26,613	0	0	4,057	26,613
Business	1,142,045	0	0	104,804	· · · · ·
Operation and Maintenance of Plant		0	0		1,246,849
Pupil Transportation	1,065,044			41,700	1,106,744
Central	83,444	0	0	0	83,444
Operation of Food Services	0	0	0	526,366	526,366
Extracurricular Activities	331,581	0	0	103,920	435,501
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	11,913	11,913
Facilities Acquisitions and					
Construction Services	0	0	1,293,502	0	1,293,502
Debt Service:					
Principal Retirement	15,639	755,000	0	86,000	856,639
Interest and Fiscal Charges	705	141,425	0	33,238	175,368
Total Expenditures	11,992,404	909,509	1,293,502	1,528,573	15,723,988
Excess of Revenues Over					
(Under) Expenditures	(20,796)	(300,599)	(1,293,502)	(167,703)	(1,782,600)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Transfers In	0	0	0	1,039,038	1,039,038
Transfers Out	(12,000)	0	(1,027,038)	0	(1,039,038)
Total Other Financine Sources (Hese)	(12,000)	0	(1,027,038)	1,039,038	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)			<u>.</u>		0
Extraordinary Item - Settlement	0	0	1,600,000	0	1,600,000
Net Change in Fund Balances	(32,796)	(300,599)	(720,540)	871,335	(182,600)
Fund Balances Beginning of Year	1,488,290	2,972,655	1,490,540	471,411	6,422,896
Fund Balances End of Year	\$1,455,494	\$2,672,056	\$770,000	\$1,342,746	\$6,240,296

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	(\$182,600)
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 exceeded capital outlay in the current period: Capital Outlay 145,01	
Current Year Depreciation (1,419,53) Total	(1,274,515)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resource reported as revenues in the funds:Property Taxes22,28Intergovernmental(17,29Tuition and Fees54,96Extracurricular Activities87Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Refund26,66Total70	31 94) 52 75
Repayment of principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repaym reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position: General Obligation Bonds755,00Capital Leases Payable101,63Total101,63	00
Accrued interest is reported in the statement of activities and does not require the us of current financial resources and therefore is not reported as an expenditure in the governmental funds:         Accrued Interest on Bonds       1,57         Amortization of Premium on Bonds       60,28         Amortization of Deferred Charge on Refunding       (52,50)         Total       1	73 36
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of curre financial reosurces and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental Compensated Absences (45,1) Vacation Benefits Payable (6,80 Total	l funds: 10)
Contractually required contributions are reported as expenditures in governmental fr however, the statement of net position reports these amounts as deferred outflows. Pension 937,33 OPEB 28,35 Total	: 34
Except for amounts reported as deferred inflows/outflows, changes in the net pension asset/liability are reported as pension expense in the statement of activities: Pension (958,34 OPEB 1,510,97	14)
Total	552,635
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$962,709

## Grand Valley Local School District

#### Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual General Fund For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Budgeted	Amounts		Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final	Actual	
Revenues				
Property Taxes	\$3,662,906	\$3,662,906	\$3,649,343	(\$13,563)
Intergovernmental	6,808,781	7,066,113	7,069,490	3,377
Interest	112,051	50,930	114,696	63,766
Tuition and Fees	945,408	959,265	967,721	8,456
Extracurricular Activities	32,337	35,303	33,100	(2,203)
Rentals	25,423	26,227	26,023	(204)
Miscellaneous	12,596	18,774	12,893	(5,881)
Total Revenues	11,599,502	11,819,518	11,873,266	53,748
Expenditures				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	5,796,512	5,532,345	5,416,244	116,101
Special	933,675	920,334	880,577	39,757
Vocational	320,701	331,085	304,936	26,149
Support Services:	0.50 (50)	0060		
Pupil	853,658	896,263	879,003	17,260
Instructional Staff Board of Education	125,007	137,676	130,475	7,201
Administration	31,492 1,527,296	55,165 1,526,674	42,896 1,422,976	12,269 103,698
Fiscal	331,500	328,798	310,027	103,098
Business	30,345	32,196	30,746	1,450
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,233,152	1,432,460	1,245,184	187,276
Pupil Transportation	1,120,827	1,227,741	1,075,090	152,651
Central	88,581	122,544	83,278	39,266
Extracurricular Activities	266,817	286,868	248,753	38,115
Total Expenditures	12,659,563	12,830,149	12,070,185	759,964
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,060,061)	(1,010,631)	(196,919)	813,712
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Advances In	0	0	70,574	70,574
Advances Out	(17,644)	(542)	(542)	0
Transfers Out	(1,000)	(14,200)	(12,000)	2,200
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(18,644)	(14,742)	58,032	72,774
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,078,705)	(1,025,373)	(138,887)	886,486
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	1,476,666	1,476,666	1,476,666	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	219,871	219,871	219,871	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$617,832	\$671,164	\$1,557,650	\$886,486

# **Grand Valley Local School District** Statement of Net Position Fiduciary Funds June 30, 2019

	Private Purpose Trust	
	Scholarships	Agency
Assets Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$60,831	\$54,336
Liabilities Due to Students	0	\$54,336
Net Position		<i>\$</i> 01,000
Restricted for:		
Scholarships:		
Non-Expendable	60,000	
Expendable	831	
Total Net Position	\$60,831	

**Grand Valley Local School District** Statement of Changes in Net Position Private Purpose Trust Fund For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Scholarships	
Additions		
Interest	\$705	
Contributions and Donations	50,000	
Total Additions	50,705	
Deductions	250	
College Scholarships Awarded	250	
Change in Net Position	50,455	
Net Position Beginning of Year	10,376	
Net Position End of Year	\$60,831	

### Note 1 - Description of the School District and Reporting Entity

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

The School District operates under a locally elected five member Board form of government and provides educational services as mandated by State and federal agencies. The Board of Education controls the School District's 3 instructional/support facilities staffed by 47 classified employees and 78 certified employees who provide services to 1,106 students and other community members.

#### **Reporting Entity**

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

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the School District is financially accountable. The School District is financially accountable for an organization if the School District appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the School District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the School District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the School District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the School District is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the School District in that the School District approves the budget, the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes 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 component units.

The School District is associated with two jointly governed organizations, one insurance purchasing pool, two risk sharing pools and one related organization. These organizations are the Northeast Ohio Management Information Network, Ashtabula County Technical and Career Center, Ohio Association of School Business Officials Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program, Ashtabula County Schools Council of Governments, Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority and the Orwell Library Association dba Grand Valley Public Library. These organizations are presented in Notes 17, 18 and 19 to the basic financial statements.

#### Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

#### **Basis of Presentation**

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

#### **Grand Valley Local School District** *Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019*

*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. These statements usually distinguish between those activities of the School District that are governmental and those that are considered business-type. The School District, however, has no business-type activities.

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

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

#### 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. The various funds of the School District are grouped into the categories governmental and fiduciary.

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

**Bond Retirement Fund** The bond retirement fund accounts for and reports property tax revenues restricted for payment of principal and interest and fiscal charges on general obligation debt.

*Classroom Facilities Fund* The classroom facilities fund accounts for and reports property tax revenues, grants and interest restricted for contracts entered into by the School District and the Ohio Facilities Commission for the building and equipping of classroom facilities.

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

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

#### Measurement Focus

*Government-wide Financial Statements* The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and deferred outflows of resources and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources 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 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 deferred outflows of resources and current liabilities and deferred inflows of resources generally are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (e.g., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (e.g., 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.

The private purpose trust fund is accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements and the statements presented for the fiduciary funds are prepared using 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, in 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 sixty days of fiscal year-end.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the School District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year in which the taxes are levied (See Note 9). Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the

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 nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at fiscal year-end: property taxes available as an advance, interest, tuition, grants, 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, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the School District, deferred outflows of resources are reported on the government-wide statement of net position for deferred charges on refunding, pension, and OPEB plans. A deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt. The deferred outflows of resources related to pension and OPEB plans are explained in Notes 22 and 23.

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, OPEB plans, and unavailable revenue. Property taxes represent amounts for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of June 30, 2019, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2020 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, intergovernmental grants, tuition and fees, extracurricular activities, and Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Refund. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period the amounts become available. The details of these unavailable revenues are identified on the Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to Net Position of Governmental Activities found on page 17. Deferred inflows of resources related to pension are reported on the government-wide statement of net position (See Notes 22 and 23).

#### Pensions/Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

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

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

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

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

To improve cash management, cash received by the School District is pooled. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Interest in the pool is presented as "equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents" on the financial statements.

During fiscal year 2019, investments were limited to federal farm credit bank bonds, federal home loan bank bonds, federal home loan mortgage credit bonds, federal national mortgage association bonds, United States Treasury notes, and STAR Ohio.

Investments, except for mutual funds and STAR Ohio, are reported at fair value which is based on quoted market prices, with the exception of certificates of deposit, which are reported at cost. The School District's mutual fund is measured at amortized cost as it is highly liquid debt instrument with a remaining maturity at the time of purchase of less than one year.

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 fiscal year 2019, there were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates. However, twenty-four hours advance notice is appreciated for deposits and withdrawals of \$25 million or more. STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit the transactions to \$100 million per day, requiring the excess amount to be transacted the following business day(s), but only to the \$100 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 2019 amounted to \$157,608 which includes \$110,760 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 as cash equivalents.

#### Inventory

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

#### **Prepaids**

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2019 are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the period amount is recorded at the time of purchase and an expenditure/expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

#### Capital Assets

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

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

	Governmental Activities	
Description	Estimated Lives	
Land Improvements	20 years	
Buildings and Improvements	20-50 years	
Furniture and Fixtures	5-20 years	
Vehicles	8 years	
Textbooks	6 years	

#### 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 all employees with more than one year of service. Since the School District's policy limits the accrual of vacation time to one year from the employee's anniversary date, the outstanding liability is recorded as "vacation benefits payable" on the statement of net position rather than as a long-term liability.

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

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

On the governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences are recognized as a liability and expenditure to the extent payments come due each period upon occurrence of employee resignations and retirements. These amounts are recorded in the account "Matured Compensated Absences Payable" in the fund from which the employee who has accumulated unpaid leave is paid.

#### 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 fiscal year. Net pension/OPEB liability should be recognized in the governmental funds to the extent that benefit payments are due and payable and the pension/OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is not sufficient for payment of those benefits. Bonds and capital leases are recognized as a liability on the fund financial statements when due.

#### Deferred Charge on Refunding

On the government-wide financial statements, the difference between the reacquisition price (funds required to refund the old debt) and the net carrying amount of the old debt, the gain/loss on refunding, is being amortized as a component of interest expense. This deferred amount is amortized over the life of the old debt or the life of the new debt, whichever is shorter, using the effective interest method and is presented as deferred outflows of resources on the statement of net position.

#### **Bond Premiums**

On the government-wide financial statements, bond premiums are amortized over the term of the bonds using the straight line method. Bond premiums are presented as an increase of the face amount of the general obligation bonds payable. On the fund financial statements, bond premiums are receipted in the year the bonds are issued. Under Ohio law, premiums on the original issuance of debt are to be deposited to the bond retirement fund to be used for debt retirement and are precluded from being applied to the project fund. Ohio law does allow premiums on refunding debt to be used as part of the payment to the bond escrow agent.

#### Interfund Activity

Transfers between governmental activities are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements. Internal events that are allocations of overhead expenses from one function to another or within the same function are eliminated on the statement of activities. Interfund payments for 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.

#### 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 in the governmental activities column of the statement of net position.

#### 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 through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. Net position restricted for other purposes include resources restricted for auxiliary services and extracurricular activities.

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

#### Fund Balance

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

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

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

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

*Assigned* Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the 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 includes the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. These assigned balances are established by the School District Board of Education. 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 State statute. The School District Board of Education assigned fund balance for classroom support services and to cover a gap between revenues and appropriations in fiscal year 2020's appropriated budget.

*Unassigned* Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

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

#### Extraordinary Item

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. During fiscal year 2019, the School District received \$1,600,000 from the result of a settlement for the remediation of the problems with the new schools.

#### 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.

#### **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. Budgetary modifications at this level require a resolution of the Board of Education. Budgetary allocations at the function and object level are made by the School District Treasurer.

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 and final budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the certificate when the original and final appropriations were adopted.

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 – Change in Accounting Principles

For fiscal year 2019, the School District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 88, *Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements* and Statement No. 89, *Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period.* 

GASB 88 improves the information that is disclosed in notes to government financial statements related to debt, including direct borrowings and direct placements. It also clarifies which liabilities governments should include when disclosing information related to debt. These changes were incorporated in the School District's 2019 financial statements; however, there was no effect on beginning net position.

GASB 89 establishes accounting requirements for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period. These changes were incorporated in the School District's 2019 financial statements; however, there was no effect on beginning net position.

For fiscal year 2019, the School District also implemented the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) *Implementation Guide No. 2017-2*. These changes were incorporated in the School District's 2019 financial statements; however, there was no effect on beginning net position/fund balance.

#### Note 4 - Accountability

The Title I and Title II-A special revenue funds had deficit fund balances in the amounts of \$30,956 and \$146 at June 30, 2019. The deficit was caused by the recognition of expenditures on a modified accrual basis of accounting which are substantially greater than the expenditures recognized on a cash basis.

The general fund is liable for any deficit in the special revenue funds and provides transfers when cash is required, not when accruals occur.

#### **Note 5 - Fund Balances**

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

				Other	
		Bond	Classroom	Governmental	
Fund Balances	General	Retirement	Facilities	Funds	Total
Nonspendable					
Prepaids	\$9,410	\$0	\$0	\$799	\$10,209
Inventory	91,726	0	0	2,310	94,036
Total Nonspendable	101,136	0	0	3,109	104,245
Restricted for					
Food Service Operations	0	0	0	29,443	29,443
Scholarship Awards	0	0	0	76,212	76,212
Classroom Maintenance	0	0	0	845,773	845,773
Athletics	0	0	0	40,522	40,522
Support Services	0	0	0	98	98
Debt Service Payments	0	2,672,056	0	0	2,672,056
Capital Improvements	0	0	770,000	379,222	1,149,222
Total Restricted	0	2,672,056	770,000	1,371,270	4,813,326
Committed to					
Property insurance	53,281	0	0	0	53,281
Consulting fees	81,492	0	0	0	81,492
Total Committed	134,773	0	0	0	134,773
Assigned to					
Classroom support services	76,538	0	0	0	76,538
Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriations	1,055,531	0	0	0	1,055,531
Total Assigned	1,132,069	0	0	0	1,132,069
Unassigned (Deficit)	87,516	0	0	(31,633)	55,883
Total Fund Balances	\$1,455,494	\$2,672,056	\$770,000	\$1,342,746	\$6,240,296

## Note 6 - Budgetary Basis of Accounting

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

The major differences between the budget basis and GAAP basis are:

- 1. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP).
- 2. Investments reported at cost (budget) rather than at fair value (GAAP).
- 3. Budgetary revenues and expenditures of the public school support fund are classified to general fund for GAAP Reporting.
- 4. Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budget) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP).
- 5. Encumbrances are treated as expenditures (budget) rather than as restricted, committed or assigned fund balance (GAAP).
- 6. Advances-In and Advances-Out are operating transactions (budget) as opposed to balance sheet transactions (GAAP).

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP basis statement to the budgetary basis statement for the general fund.

GAAP Basis	(\$32,796)
Net Adjustment for Revenue Accruals	(129,425)
Advances In	70,574
Beginning Fair Value Adjustment for Investments	(26,709)
Ending Fair Value Adjustment for Investments	(7,932)
Perspective Differences:	
Public School Support	(19,984)
Net Adjustment for Expenditure Accruals	220,031
Advances Out	(542)
Encumbrances	(212,104)
Budget Basis	(\$138,887)

#### Note 7 - Deposits and Investments

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

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

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

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

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

- 1. United States Treasury bills, bonds notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
- 2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligation or security issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including, but not limited to, 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. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above 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;
- 4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio, and, with certain limitations, including a requirement for maturity within ten years from the date of settlement, bonds and other obligations of political subdivisions of the State of Ohio, if training requirements have been met;
- 5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
- 6. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible instructions;
- 7. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio); and
- 8. Certain bankers' acceptances (for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days) and commercial paper notes (for a period not to exceed two hundred seventy 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.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements, and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage, and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the School District, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity.

Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the treasurer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

## Deposits

*Custodial Credit Risk* Custodial credit risk 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 possession of an outside party. At fiscal year end, \$144,318 of the School District's bank balance of \$4,278,620 was uninsured and uncollateralized. One of the School District's financial institutions participated in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS) and was approved for a reduced collateral floor of 50 percent, resulting in the uninsured and uncollateralized balance.

The School District has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits be either insured or be protected by:

Eligible securities pledged to the School District and deposited with a qualified trustee by the financial institution as a security for repayment whose market value at all times shall be at least 105 percent of the deposits being secured; or

Participation in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution. OPCS requires the total market value of the securities pledged to be 102 percent of the deposite being secured or a rate set by the Treasurer of State.

#### Investments

Investments are reported at fair value. As of June 30, 2019, the School District had the following investments:

	Measurement		Standard & Poor's	Percent of Total
Measurement/Investment	Amount	Maturity	Rating	Investments
Fair Value - Level Two Inputs:				
Federal Farm Credit Bank Bonds	299,841	Less than Four years	AA+	14.18 %
Federal Home Loan Bank Bonds	389,896	Less than Three years	AA+	18.44
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Credit Bonds	99,891	Less than One year	AA+	N/A
Federal National Mortgage				
Associaton Bonds	99,482	Less than Two years	AA+	N/A
United States Treasury Notes	426,457	Less than Three years	AA+	20.17
Total Fair Value - Level Two Inputs	1,315,567			
Net Asset Value Per Share:				
STAR Ohio	799,203	Average 53.3 Days	AAAm	N/A
Totals	\$2,114,770			

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. The above chart identifies the School District's recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2019. The Money Market Mutual Fund is measured at amortized cost. The School District's remaining investments, except STAR Ohio, measured at fair value are 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).

*Interest Rate Risk.* The School District has no investment policy that addresses the interest rate risk. 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.* Ohio law requires that STAROhio 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.

*Concentration of Credit Risk*. The School District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer.

## **Note 8 - Receivables**

Receivables at June 30, 2019, consisted of taxes, accounts (rent and student fees), tuition, School Employees Retirement System reimbursement 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. All receivables except for delinquent property taxes are expected to be collected within one year. Property taxes, although ultimately collectible, include some portion of delinquencies that will not be collected within one year.

A summary of the principal items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

	Amounts
Title I Grant	\$108,306
School Foundation	75,370
Bureau of Workers' Compensation Refund	27,535
Title II-A Grant	2,605
Other	30,425
Total	\$244,241

#### **Note 9 – Property Taxes**

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

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located in the School District. Real property tax revenues received in calendar year 2019 represent the collection of calendar year 2018 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2019 were levied after April 1, 2018, on the assessed values as of January 1, 2018, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State statute at 35 percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semiannually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax revenues received in calendar year 2019, represent the collection of calendar year 2018 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2019 became a lien on December 31, 2017, were levied after April 1, 2018, and are collected with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property is currently assessed at varying percentages of true value.

The School District receives property taxes from Ashtabula 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, 2019, are available to finance fiscal year 2019 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 are measurable as of June 30, 2019, 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 to deferred inflows of resources – property taxes.

The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2019, was \$711,984 in the general fund, \$99,338 in the bond retirement debt service fund, \$11,561 in the classroom facilities maintenance special revenue fund and \$21,519 in the permanent improvement capital projects fund. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2018, was \$747,873 in the general fund, \$104,125 in the bond retirement debt service fund, \$12,181 in the classroom facilities maintenance special revenue fund and \$22,828 in the permanent improvement capital projects fund.

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

	2018 Second Half Collections		2019 First Half Collections	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Real Estate Public Utility Personal	\$185,049,850 7,583,780	96.06 % 3.94	\$187,498,720 7,802,200	96.01 % 3.99
Total	\$192,633,630	100.00 %	\$195,300,920	100.00 %
Full Tax Rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$45.51		\$45.51	

The assessed values upon which the fiscal year 2019 taxes were collected are:

#### Tax Abatements

The School District property taxes were reduced by \$15,021 under various community reinvestment area agreements entered into by the Village of Orwell.

#### **Note 10 - Other Employee Benefits**

#### **Compensated Absences**

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave benefits are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Classified employees earn five to twenty-five days of vacation per year, depending upon length of service. Employees are able to roll over up to fifteen days of vacation from year to year without penalty. Accumulated unused vacation time is paid to classified employees and administrators upon termination of employment. Teachers, administrators and classified employees earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Sick leave may be accumulated to a maximum of 350 days for certified employees and 325 days for classified employees. Maximum sick leave accumulation for individuals on administrative contracts varies depending on the number of days in the administrator's work year. For all

employees, retirement severance is paid to each employee retiring from the School District at a per diem rate of the annual salary at the time of retirement. Any certified employee receiving retirement severance pay is entitled to a dollar amount equivalent to one-fourth of the first 240 days of sick leave credited to that employee, up to 60 days and 1 severance day for each 10 accumulated sick days above 240 days. The maximum attainable is 65 days. Any classified employee receiving retirement severance pay is entitled to a dollar amount equivalent to one-fourth of the first 240 days of sick leave credited to that employee, up to 60 days and 1 severance day for each 10 accumulated sick leave credited to that employee, up to 60 days and 1 severance day for each fifteen accumulated sick leave credited to that employee, up to 60 days and 1 severance day for each fifteen accumulated sick leave days above 240 days. The maximum attainable is 65 days.

## Life Insurance Benefits

The School District provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to permanent employees through Minnesota Mutual in the amount of \$25,000 for certified and classified employees. An additional \$150,000 is provided to the treasurer and \$200,000 superintendent.

## Health Insurance Benefits

The School District provides employee medical and surgical insurance, prescription drug, dental, and vision insurance through the Ashtabula County Schools Council of Governments.

# **Note 11 - Interfund Transfers and Balances**

## Interfund Transfers

The general fund transferred \$12,000 to the athletics and music special revenue fund to help provide funding for fiscal year 2019. The classroom facilities capital projects fund transferred \$250,839 and \$776,199 to the classroom facilities maintenance special revenue fund and the permanent improvement capital projects fund, respectively, as part of the closure of the School District's OFCC project.

## **Interfund Balances**

Interfund balances at June 30, 2019, consisted of the following:

	Interfund Balances		
	June 30	), 2019	
	Receivables	Payables	
General	\$542	\$8,420	
Classroom Facilities	0	1,027,038	
Other Governmental Funds:			
Food Service	8,420	0	
Classroom Facilities Maintenance	776,199	0	
Title I	0	542	
Permanent Improvement	250,839	0	
Total Governmental Funds	\$1,036,000	\$1,036,000	

The advances from the general fund to the other governmental funds were made to cover grant monies not received by fiscal year end. The interfund receivables and payables between the Ohio School Facilities fund and the bond retirement and permanent improvement fund is to close out the fund as directed by the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission. The balances are anticipated to be repaid in one year.

## Note 12 - Contingencies

#### 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 is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the general fund or other applicable funds. However, the effect of any such disallowed claims on the overall financial position of the School District at June 30, 2019, if applicable, cannot be determined at this time.

#### Litigation

The School District is party to various legal proceedings. Legal Counsel believes financial exposure is limited and would not have a significant effect on the financial statements.

#### School Foundation

School District foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of each student. The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is legislatively required to adjust/reconcile funding as enrollment information is updated by schools throughout the State, which can extend past the fiscal year end. ODE has finalized the impact of enrollment adjustments to the June 30, 2019 foundation for the School District and as a result, neither a receivable to or liability of the School District has been recorded because the amount is insignificant.

## Note 13 – Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, was as follows:

	Balance	Additions	Deletione	Balance
	June 30, 2018	Additions	Deletions	June 30, 2019
Capital Assets not being Depreciated:				
Land	\$898,127	\$0	\$0	\$898,127
Capital Assets being Depreciated:				
Land Improvements	3,809,208	0	0	3,809,208
Buildings and Improvements	37,120,090	0	0	37,120,090
Furniture and Fixtures	783,301	31,942	0	815,243
Vehicles	1,513,685	41,700	0	1,555,385
Textbooks	532,614	71,376	(10,706)	593,284
Total Capital Assets being Depreciated	43,758,898	145,018	(10,706)	43,893,210
Less: Accumulated Depreciation				
Land Improvements	(2,101,494)	(186,471)	0	(2,287,965)
Buildings and Improvements	(15,252,489)	(1,054,262)	0	(16,306,751)
Furniture and Fixtures	(583,703)	(46,328)	0	(630,031)
Vehicles	(1,146,923)	(92,577)	0	(1,239,500)
Textbooks	(452,236)	(39,895)	10,706	(481,425)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(19,536,845)	(1,419,533) *	10,706	(20,945,672)
Total Capital Assets being Depreciated, Net	24,222,053	(1,274,515)	0	22,947,538
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets, Net	\$25,120,180	(\$1,274,515)	\$0	\$23,845,665

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

\*Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Instruction:	
Regular	\$1,215,553
Support Services:	
Instructional Staff	274
Board of Education	11,381
Administration	9,847
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	13,755
Pupil Transportation	102,362
Operation of Food Services	6,662
Extracurricular Activities	59,699
Total Depreciation Expense	\$1,419,533

# Note 14 – Long-Term Obligations

Original issue amounts and interest rates of the School District's debt issues were as follows:

Debt Issue	Interest Rate	Original Issue	Year of Maturity
2012 Classroom Refunding Bonds:			
Serial Bonds	1.00% to 3.10%	\$8,160,000	2012 to 2025

Changes in long-term obligations of the School District during fiscal year 2019 were as follows:

	Principal Outstanding 6/30/18	Additions	Deductions	Principal Outstanding 6/30/19	Amounts Due in One Year
General Obligation Bonds					
2012 Classroom Refunding Bonds	¢5, 605,000	<b>0</b>	<b>#755 000</b>	¢ 4 0 40 000	<b>\$775</b> 000
Serial Bonds Premium	\$5,695,000 391,862	\$0 0	\$755,000 60,286	\$4,940,000 331,576	\$775,000 0
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Total General Obligation Bonds	6,086,862	0	815,286	5,271,576	775,000
Other Long-Term Obligations					
Capital Leases Payable	710,687	0	101,639	609,048	94,048
Compensated Absences	742,436	111,886	66,776	787,546	44,493
Net Pension Liability					
SERS	2,865,229	0	241,537	2,623,692	0
STRS	11,164,329	0	1,485,472	9,678,857	0
Total Net Pension Liability	14,029,558	0	1,727,009	12,302,549	0
Net OPEB Liability					
SERS	1,294,981	0	2,197	1,292,784	0
STRS	1,833,664	0	1,833,664	0	0
Total Net OPEB Liability	3,128,645	0	1,835,861	1,292,784	0
Total Other Long-Term Obligations	18,611,326	111,886	3,731,285	14,991,927	138,541
Total Governmental Activities Long-Term Liabilities	\$24,698,188	\$111,886	\$4,546,571	\$20,263,503	\$913,541

The capital leases are paid from the general fund and the permanent improvement capital projects fund. Compensated absences will be paid from the general fund and the title I and the food service special revenue funds. There is no repayment schedule for the net pension and OPEB liabilities. However, employer pension contributions are made from the general fund and the title I, classroom reduction, and food service special revenue funds. For additional information related to the net pension/OPEB liabilities see Notes 22 and 23.

On October 4, 2011, the School District issued \$8,689,988 in general obligation refunding bonds which included serial and capital appreciation (deep discount) bonds in the amount of \$8,160,000 and \$529,988, respectively. The general obligation refunding bonds were issued for the purpose of refunding a portion of the 2002 classroom improvement bonds to take advantage of lower interest rates. The proceeds were placed in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the old bonds. Accordingly, the trust account assets and liabilities for the defeased bonds are not included in the School District's financial statements. On June 30, 2019, \$3,990,000 of the defeased bonds are still outstanding. The bonds were issued for a fourteen year period with a final maturity at December 1, 2024. The bonds will be retired from the debt service fund.

The overall debt margin of the School District as of June 30, 2019 was \$15,309,139 with an unvoted debt margin of \$195,301. Principal and interest requirements to retire general obligation bonds outstanding at June 30, 2019 are as follows:

	General Obligation Bonds		
	Serial		
	Principal Interest		
2020	\$775,000	\$123,269	
2021	790,000	105,070	
2022	810,000	85,465	
2023	830,000	64,135	
2024	855,000	40,105	
2025	880,000	13,640	
Total	\$4,940,000	\$431,684	

#### Note 15 – Capital Leases

On August 18, 2006, the School District entered into a capitalized lease obligation for a new football field. During fiscal year 2015, the School District entered into a capitalized lease obligation for copiers. These leases meet the criteria for a capital lease and have been recorded on the government-wide statements. The original amount capitalized for the capital lease and the book value as of June 30, 2019, follows:

	Amounts
Assets:	
Land Improvements	\$1,526,000
Copiers	71,133
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(1,139,333)
Current Book Value	\$457,800

The following is a schedule of the future minimum leases payments required under the capital lease and the present value of the minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2019.

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	Amounts
2020	\$121,971
2021	117,742
2022	118,408
2023	117,844
2024	117,096
2025	117,163
Total Minimum Lease Payments	710,224
Less: Amount Representing Interest	(101,176)
Present Value of Minimum Lease Payments	\$609,048

## Note 16 - Risk Management

#### **Property and Liability**

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. The School District has addressed these various types of risk by purchasing a comprehensive insurance policy through Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority (Note 18).

Type of Coverage	Coverage Amount	
Property - Building and Business Personal	\$64,713,481	
Equipment Breakdown	64,713,481	
Crime Coverage per occurrence	100,000	
Unintentional Errors and Omissions	1,000,000	
Utility Service Direct Damage	500,000	
Valuable Papers	1,000,000	
General Liability:		
Bodily Injury and Property Damage	15,000,000	
Personal Injury	15,000,000	
Products/Completed Operations	15,000,000	
Automobile Bodily Injury	15,000,000	

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

#### **Employee Medical Benefits**

The School District participates in the Ashtabula County Schools Council of Governments, a shared risk pool (Note 18) to provide employee medical/surgical, prescription drug, dental and vision benefits. Rates are set through an annual calculation process. The School District pays a monthly contribution which is placed in a common fund from which the claim payments are made for all participating districts. Certified employees per negotiated agreement are required to pay \$110 per month for family coverage and \$55 per month for single coverage. Classified employees per negotiated agreement are required to pay \$110 per month for family coverage and \$55 per month for family coverage and \$55 per month for family coverage.

#### Worker's Compensation

For fiscal year 2019, the School District participated in the Ohio Association of School Business Officials 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. The firm of Sheakley UniService provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the GRP.

## **Note 17 - Jointly Governed Organizations**

*Northeast Ohio Management Information Network (NEOMIN)* NEOMIN is a jointly governed organization among thirty school districts in Trumbull and Ashtabula Counties. The jointly governed organization was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to administrative and instructional functions among member districts. Each of the districts support NEOMIN based upon a per pupil charge. The School District paid \$37,622 to NEOMIN during fiscal year 2019.

Superintendents of the participating school districts are eligible to be voting members of the Governing Board which consists of ten members: the Trumbull and Ashtabula County superintendents (permanent members, three superintendents from Ashtabula County School Districts, three superintendents from Trumbull County School Districts, and a treasurer from each county. The School District was represented on the Governing Board by the Superintendent and Treasurer during fiscal year 2019. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the Governing Board. The Board exercises total control over the operations including budgeting, appropriating, contracting and designating management. A complete set of separate financial statements may be obtained from the Trumbull Career and Technical Center, 528 Educational Highway, Warren, Ohio 44483.

*Ashtabula County Technical and Career Center* The Ashtabula County Technical and Career Center (the Career Center) is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio which provides vocational education to students. The Career Center is operated under the direction of a Board consisting of representatives from some of the participating School Districts' elected boards. The degree of control exercised by the School District is limited to its representation on the Board. The Board is its own budgeting and taxing authority. The School District paid \$12,365 to the Career Center for fiscal year 2019. Financial information can be obtained from Lindsey Elly, Treasurer at Ashtabula County Technical and Career Center, 1565 State Route 167, Jefferson, Ohio 44047.

## **Note 18 – Public Entity Risk Pools**

#### Insurance Purchasing Pool

The School District participates in a group rating program for workers' compensation as established under Section 4123.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Ohio Association of School Business Officials Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (GRP) was established through the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) as a group purchasing pool. The Executive Director of the OASBO, or his designee, serves as coordinator of the GRP. Each year, the participating school districts pay an enrollment fee to the GRP to cover the costs of administering the program.

#### **Risk Sharing Pools**

The School District has contracted with the Ashtabula County Schools Council of Governments to provide employee medical/surgical, prescription drug, dental and vision benefits. The Ashtabula County Schools Council of Governments is organized under Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code and is comprised of

seven Ashtabula County school districts. Rates are set by the Ashtabula County Schools Council of Governments board of directors. The School District pays a monthly contribution, which is placed in a common fund from which claim payments are made for all participating school districts. Claims are paid for all participants regardless of claims flow. Ashtabula County Schools Council of Governments is a separate and independent entity governed by its own set of by-laws and constitution. All assets and liabilities are the responsibility of the Council of Governments. The program is operated as a full indemnity program with no financial liability (other than monthly premiums) or risk to the School District. The School District is not liable nor receives a cash balance of past claims upon departure from the pool.

The School District also participates in the Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority (SORSA), a risk sharing insurance pool. The pool consists of sixty-two school districts, joint vocational schools, and educational service centers throughout Ohio who pool risk for property, crime, liability, boiler and machinery, and public official liability coverage. SORSA is governed by a board of trustees elected by members. The School District pays an annual premium to SORSA for this coverage. Reinsurance is purchased to cover claims exceeding this amount and for all claims related to equipment breakdown coverage.

## Note 19 – Related Organization

*The Orwell Library Association dba Grand Valley Public Library* The Grand Valley Public Library (the Library) is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio created under Chapter 3375 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Library is governed by a seven member Board of Trustees appointed by each other. The Board of Trustees possesses its own contracting and budgeting authority, hires and fires personnel and does not depend on the School District for operational subsidies. Although the School District does serve as the taxing authority and may issue tax related debt on behalf of the Library, its role is limited to a ministerial function. The determination to request approval of a tax, the rate and the purpose are discretionary decisions made solely by the Board of Trustees. Financial information can be obtained from the Grand Valley Public Library, Jeanette Gage, Fiscal Officer, at 1 North School Street, Orwell, Ohio 44076.

## Note 20 - Set Asides

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 the end of the fiscal year 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 fiscal year end set aside amounts for capital acquisition. Disclosure of this information is required by State statute.

	Capital
	Improvements
Set-aside balance June 30, 2018	\$0
Current year set-aside requirement	210,455
Current year offsets	(208,678)
Qualifying disbursements	(153,135)
Totals	(\$151,358)
Set-aside balance carried forward	
to future fiscal years	\$0
Set-aside balance June 30, 2019	\$0

The School District had qualifying disbursements during the fiscal year that reduced the capital improvements set-aside below zero. The negative balance is therefore not presented as being carried forward to future fiscal years.

# Note 21 – Encumbrances

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

General	\$212,104
Other Governmental Funds	63,280
Totals	\$275,384

## **Note 22 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

The Statewide retirement systems provide both pension benefits and other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

## Net Pension Liability/Net OPEB Liability (Asset)

The net pension liability and the net OPEB liability (asset) reported on the statement of net position represent liabilities to employees for pensions and OPEB, respectively. Pensions/OPEB are a component of exchange transactions – between an employer and its employees – of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions/OPEB 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/OPEB liabilities (asset) represent the School District's proportionate share of each pension/OPEB plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension/OPEB plan's fiduciary net position. The net pension/OPEB liabilities (asset) calculations are 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 these estimates annually.

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

GASB 68/75 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires funding to come from these employers. All pension contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also include pension costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits. In addition, health care plan enrollees pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. State statute requires the retirement systems to amortize unfunded pension liabilities within 30 years. If the pension amortization period exceeds 30 years, each

retirement system's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension/OPEB liabilities (asset). Resulting adjustments to the net pension/OPEB liabilities (asset) would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide health care to eligible benefit recipients.

The proportionate share of each plan's unfunded benefits is presented as a *net OPEB asset*, long-term *net pension liability*, or long-term *net OPEB liability* on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually-required pension/OPEB contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in *intergovernmental payable* on both the accrual and modified accrual bases of accounting. The remainder of this note includes the required pension disclosures. See Note 23 for the required OPEB disclosures.

#### Plan Description – School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

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

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

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

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

Annual retirement benefits are calculated based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on 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.

An individual whose benefit effective date is before April 1, 2018, is eligible for a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) on the first anniversary date of the benefit. Beginning April 1, 2018, new benefit recipients must wait until the fourth anniversary of their benefit for COLA eligibility. The COLA is added each year to the base benefit amount on the anniversary date of the benefit. A three-year COLA suspension is in effect for all benefit recipients for the years 2018, 2019, and 2020. Upon resumption of the COLA, it will be indexed to the percentage increase in the CPI-W, not to exceed 2.5 percent and with a floor of 0 percent.

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, 2019, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 13.5 percent. The remaining 0.5 percent was allocated to the Health Care Fund.

The School District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$222,211 for fiscal year 2019. Of this amount \$7,965 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 standalone 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 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS website 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. In April 2017, the Retirement Board made the decision to reduce COLA granted on or after July 1, 2017, to 0 percent to preserve the fiscal integrity of the retirement system. Benefit recipients' base benefit and past cost-of-living increases are not affected by this change. Members are eligible to retire at age 60 with 5 years of qualifying service credit, or age 55 with 27 years of service, or 30 years of service regardless of age. Eligibility changes will be phased in until August 1, 2026, when retirement eligibility for unreduced benefits will be 5 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 9.53 percent of the 14 percent employer contributions into an investment account. Investment allocation decisions are determined by the member. The remaining 4.47 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 goes 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, 2019, the employer rate was 14 percent, and the plan members were also required to contribute 14 percent of covered salary. For fiscal year 2019, the contributions rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates and the full employer contribution was allocated to pension.

The School District's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$715,123 for fiscal year 2019. Of this amount \$100,050 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, 2018, 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:

	SERS	STRS	Total
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability:			
Prior Measurement Date	0.04795540%	0.04699738%	
Current Measurement Date	0.04581120%	0.04401931%	
Change in Proportionate Share	-0.00214420%	-0.00297807%	
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$2,623,692	\$9,678,857	\$12,302,549
Pension Expense	\$113,680	\$844,664	\$958,344

At June 30, 2019, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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	SERS	STRS	Total
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$143,893	\$223,418	\$367,311
Changes of assumptions	59,248	1,715,276	1,774,524
Changes in proportionate share and difference			
between School District contributions and			
proportionate share of contributions	4,213	134,489	138,702
School District contributions subsequent to the			
measurement date	222,211	715,123	937,334
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$429,565	\$2,788,306	\$3,217,871
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$0	\$63,208	\$63,208
Net difference between projected and actual earnings			
on pension plan investments	72,695	586,915	659,610
Changes in proportionate share and difference			
between School District contributions and			
proportionate share of contributions	146,754	462,012	608,766
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$219,449	\$1,112,135	\$1,331,584

\$937,334 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 fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. 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:			
2020	\$106,735	\$745,018	\$851,753
2021	(10,433)	470,636	460,203
2022	(86,103)	(13,948)	(100,051)
2023	(22,294)	(240,658)	(262,952)
Total	(\$12,095)	\$961,048	\$948,953

#### 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.

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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, 2018, are presented as follows:

Inflation	3.00 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.50 percent to 18.20 percent
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	2.5 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.50 percent net of investment
	expense, including inflation
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
	(Level Percent of Payroll)

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age setback for both males and females. Mortality among service retired members, and beneficiaries were based upon the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection with Scale BB, 120 percent of male rates, and 110 percent of female rates. Mortality among disabled members were based upon the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, 90 percent for male rates and 100 percent for female rates, set back five years is 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 buildingblock approach and assumes a time horizon, as defined in SERS' *Statement of Investment Policy*. A forecasted rate of inflation serves as the baseline for the return expectation. Various real return premiums over the baseline inflation rate have been established for each asset class. The long-term expected nominal rate of return has been determined by calculating an arithmetic weighted average of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate, and adding the expected return from rebalanced uncorrelated asset classes.

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
	1 mocution	Real Rate of Retain
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. 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 earnings 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 School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 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 (6.50 percent), or one percentage point higher (8.50 percent) than the current rate.

	Current		
	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
	(6.50%)	(7.50%)	(8.50%)
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$3,695,668	\$2,623,692	\$1,724,912

#### Actuarial Assumptions – STRS

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results used in the July 1, 2018, actuarial valuation, are presented as follows:

Inflation	2.50 percent
Projected Salary Increases	12.50 percent at age 20 to
	2.50 percent at age 65
Investment Rate of Return	7.45 percent, net of investment
	expenses, including inflation
Discount Rate of Return	7.45 percent
Payroll Increases	3 percent
Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA)	0.0 percent, effective July 1, 2017

Post-retirement mortality rates for healthy retirees are based on the RP-2014 Annuitant Mortality Table with 50 percent of rates through age 69, 70 percent of rates between ages 70 and 79, 90 percent of rates between ages 80 and 84, and 100 percent of rates thereafter, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. Post-retirement disabled mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Table with 90 percent of rates for males and 100 percent of rates for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on RP-2014 Employee Mortality Table, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016.

Actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2018, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016.

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:

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Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Rate of Return *
Domestic Equity	28.00 %	7.35 %
International Equity	23.00	7.55
Alternatives	17.00	7.09
Fixed Income	21.00	3.00
Real Estate	10.00	6.00
Liquidity Reserves	1.00	2.25
Total	100.00 %	

\* 10 year annualized geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.25 percent and do not include investment expenses. Over a 30-year period, STRS' investment consultant indicates that the above target allocations should generate a return above the actuarial rate of return, without net value added by management.

**Discount Rate** The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.45 percent as of June 30, 2018. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that member and employer contributions will be made at the statutory contribution rates in accordance with rate increases described previously. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Based on those assumptions, STRS' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2018; therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.45 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payment to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2018.

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 7.45 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 (6.45 percent) or one percentage point higher (8.45 percent) than the current rate:

		Current	
	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
	(6.45%)	(7.45%)	(8.45%)
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$14,134,698	\$9,678,857	\$5,907,594

## Note 23 - Defined Benefit OPEB Plans

See Note 22 for a description of the net OPEB liability (asset).

#### Plan Description – School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

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 75 purposes, this plan is considered a cost-sharing other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan. SERS' Health Care Plan provides health care benefits to eligible individuals receiving retirement, disability, and survivor benefits, and to their eligible

dependents. Members who retire after June 1, 1986, need 10 years of service credit, exclusive of most types of purchased credit, to qualify to participate in SERS' health care coverage. In addition to age and service retirees, disability benefit recipients and beneficiaries who are receiving monthly benefits due to the death of a member or retiree, are eligible for SERS' health care coverage. Most retirees and dependents choosing SERS' health care coverage are over the age of 65 and therefore enrolled in a fully insured Medicare Advantage plan; however, SERS maintains a traditional, self-insured preferred provider organization for its non-Medicare retiree population. For both groups, SERS offers a self-insured prescription drug program. Health care is a benefit that is permitted, not mandated, by statute. 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. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. The SERS Retirement Board established the rules for the premiums paid by the retirees for health care coverage for themselves and their dependents or for their surviving beneficiaries. Premiums vary depending on the plan selected, qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

Funding Policy – State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required pensions and benefits, the Retirement Board may allocate the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund in accordance with the funding policy. For fiscal year 2019, 0.5 percent of covered payroll was made to health care. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated if less than a full year of service credit was earned. For fiscal year 2019, this amount was \$21,600. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2019, the School District's surcharge obligation was \$20,125.

The surcharge, added to the allocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. The School District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$28,355 for fiscal year 2019. Of this amount \$20,420 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

## Plan Description – State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

Plan Description – The State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS) administers a cost-sharing Health Plan administered for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS. Ohio law authorizes STRS to offer this plan. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. Medicare Part B premium reimbursements will be discontinued effective January 1, 2020. The Plan is included in the report of STRS, which can be obtained by visiting www.strsoh.org or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy – Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307 authorizes STRS 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. 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 postemployment health care may be deducted from employer contributions, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to postemployment health care.

# **OPEB** Liabilities (Asset), **OPEB** Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

The net OPEB liability (asset) was measured as of June 30, 2018, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability (asset) was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The School District's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset) was based on the School District's share of contributions to the respective retirement systems relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and OPEB expense:

	SERS	STRS	Total
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability/Asset:			
Prior Measurement Date	0.04825290%	0.04699738%	
Current Measurement Date	0.04659910%	0.04401931%	
Change in Proportionate Share	-0.00165380%	-0.00297807%	
Proportionate Share of the:			
Net OPEB Asset	\$0	\$707,346	\$707,346
Net OPEB Liability	\$1,292,784	\$0	\$1,292,784
OPEB Expense	\$35,096	(\$1,546,075)	(\$1,510,979)

At June 30, 2019, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	SERS	STRS	Total
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$21,103	\$82,619	\$103,722
Changes in proportionate share and difference			
between School District contributions and			
proportionate share of contributions	0	29,136	29,136
School District contributions subsequent to the			
measurement date	28,355	0	28,355
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$49,458	\$111,755	\$161,213
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$0	\$41,212	\$41,212
Changes of assumptions	116,147	963,814	1,079,961
Net difference between projected and actual			
earnings on OPEB plan investments	1,940	80,809	82,749
Changes in proportionate share and difference			
between School District contributions and			
proportionate share of contributions	86,358	106,125	192,483
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$204,445	\$1,191,960	\$1,396,405

\$28,355 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

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Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	SERS	STRS	Total
2020	(\$76,220)	(\$191,474)	(\$267,694)
2021	(61,282)	(191,474)	(252,756)
2022	(13,971)	(191,474)	(205,445)
2023	(13,146)	(173,122)	(186,268)
2024	(13,280)	(166,682)	(179,962)
Thereafter	(5,443)	(165,979)	(171,422)
Total	(\$183,342)	(\$1,080,205)	(\$1,263,547)

#### **Actuarial Assumptions – SERS**

The total OPEB liability is determined by SERS' actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 74, as part of their annual actuarial valuation for each 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 terminations). 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 OPEB liability in the latest actuarial valuation date of June 30, 2018, are presented as follows:

Inflation	3.00 percent
Wage Increases	3.50 percent to 18.20 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.50 percent net of investment expense, including inflation
Municipal Bond Index Rate:	
Measurement Date	3.62 percent
Prior Measurement Date	3.56 percent
Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of plan	
investment expense, including price inflation:	
Measurement Date	3.70 percent
Prior Measurement Date	3.63 percent
Medical Trend Assumption:	
Medicare	5.375 to 4.75 percent
Pre-Medicare	7.25 to 4.75 percent

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and Scale BB, 120 percent of male rates and 110 percent of female rates. RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table with 90 percent for male rates and 100 percent for female rates set back five years.

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

The long-term expected rate of return on plan assets is reviewed as part of the actuarial five-year experience study. The most recent study covers fiscal years 2010 through 2015 and was adopted by the Board on April 21, 2016. Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return were developed by the investment consultant for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return, 7.50 percent, by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and then adding expected inflation. The capital market assumptions developed by the investment consultant are intended for use over a 10-year horizon and may not be useful in setting the long-term rate of return for funding pension plans which covers a longer timeframe. The assumption is intended to be a long-term assumption and is not expected to change absent a significant change in the asset allocation, a change in the inflation assumption, or a fundamental change in the market that alters expected returns in future years.

The SERS health care plan follows the same asset allocation and long-term expected real rate of return for each major asset class as the pension plan, see Note 22.

**Discount Rate** The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2018, was 3.70 percent. The discount rate used to measure total OPEB liability prior to June 30, 2018, was 3.63 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions will be made from members and the System at the State statute contribution rate of 2.00 percent of projected covered employee payroll each year, which includes a 1.50 percent payroll surcharge and 0.50 percent of contributions from the basic benefits plan. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to become insufficient to make future benefit payments during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan assets was used to present value the projected benefit payments through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 (i.e. municipal Bond Index rate of 3.62 percent, as of June 30, 2018 (i.e. municipal bond rate), was used to present value the projected benefit payments from all years was then used to determine the single rate of return that was used as the discount rate. The projection of future benefit payments for all current plan members was until the benefit payments ran out.

Sensitivity of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate and Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rates The net OPEB liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate and the health care cost trend rate. The following table presents the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability for SERS and what the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (2.70 percent) and higher (4.70 percent) than the current discount rate (3.70 percent). Also shown is what the School District's proportionate share one percentage point lower (6.25 percent decreasing to 3.75 percent) and higher (8.25 percent decreasing to 5.75 percent) than the current rate.

		Current	
	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
	(2.70%)	(3.70%)	(4.70%)
School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$1,568,693	\$1,292,784	\$1,074,318

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		Current	
	1% Decrease	Trend Rate	1% Increase
	(6.25% decreasing	(7.25% decreasing	(8.25% decreasing
	to 3.75%)	to 4.75%)	to 5.75%)
School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$1,043,040	\$1,292,784	\$1,623,492

#### **Actuarial Assumptions – STRS**

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results used in the June 30, 2018, actuarial valuation are presented as follows:

Projected Salary Increases	12.50 percent at age 20 to
	2.50 percent at age 65
Investment Rate of Return	7.45 percent, net of investment
	expenses, including inflation
Payroll Increases	3 percent
Discount Rate of Return - Current Year	7.45 percent
Blended Discount Rate of Return - Prior Year	4.13 percent
Health Care Cost Trends:	
Medical:	
Pre-Medicare	6 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
Medicare	5 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
Prescription Drug:	
Pre-Medicare	8 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
Medicare	-5.23 initial, 4 percent ultimate

Projections of benefits include the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and retired plan members.

For healthy retirees the mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Annuitant Mortality Table with 50 percent of rates through age 69, 70 percent of rates between ages 70 and 79, 90 percent of rates between ages 80 and 84, and 100 percent of rates thereafter, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. For disabled retirees, mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Table with 90 percent of rates for males and 100 percent of rates for females, projected forward generationally using mortality using mortality improvement scale MP-2016.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2018, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016.

Since the Prior Measurement Date, the discount rate was increased from the blended rate of 4.13 percent to the long-term expected rate of return of 7.45 percent based on the methodology defined under GASB *Statement No. 74, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans (OPEB).* Valuation year per capita health care costs were updated.

Also since the prior measurement date, the subsidy multiplier for non-Medicare benefit recipients was increased from 1.9 percent to 1.944 percent per year of service effective January 1, 2019. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2019, and all remaining Medicare Part B premium reimbursements were scheduled to be discontinued beginning January 1, 2020; however, in June of 2019, the STRS Board voted to extend the current Medicare Part B partial reimbursement for one year.

The STRS health care plan follows the same asset allocation and long-term expected real rate of return for each major asset class as the pension plan, see Note 22.

**Discount Rate** The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability/asset was 7.45 percent as of June 30, 2018. The blended discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 4.13 percent as of June 30, 2017. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes STRS continues to allocate no employer contributions to the health care fund. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on health care plan investments of 7.45 percent was used to measure the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2018. The blended discount rate of 4.13 percent, which represents the long-term expected rate of return of 7.45 percent for the funded benefit payments and the Bond Buyer 20-year municipal bond rate of 3.58 percent for the unfunded benefit payments, was used to measure the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2017.

Sensitivity of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Asset to Changes in the Discount and Health Care Cost Trend Rate The following table represents the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset as of June 30, 2018, calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.45 percent, as well as what the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.45 percent) or one percentage point higher (8.45 percent) than the current assumption. Also shown is the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset as if it were calculated using health care cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current health care cost trend rates.

	1% Decrease (6.45%)	Current Discount Rate (7.45%)	1% Increase (8.45%)
School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	\$606,261	\$707,346	\$792,302
	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	\$787,506	\$707,346	\$625,936

## **Note 24 - Endowments**

The School District's private purpose trust fund include donor-restricted endowments for scholarships. The Net Position-Non-Expendable amounts of \$60,000 represent the principal portion of the endowments. The Net Position – Expendable amount of \$831 represents the interest earnings on donor- restricted investments and is available for expenditure by the governing board, for purposes consistent with the endowment's intent. State law permits the governing board to appropriate, for purposes consistent with the endowment's intent, net appreciation, realized and unrealized, unless the endowment terms specify otherwise.

# Note 25 – Ohio School Facilities Project Liability

In prior years, the School District participated in the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) Classroom Facilities Assistance Program for construction and renovation of School District facilities. The School District has signed a Certificate of Completion of the Project Agreement with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) for a project closeout. As of June 30, 2019, the School District anticipated the repayment of \$1,293,502 in facilities acquisitions and construction services to the OSFC for a project close-out. As of the date of the financial statements, no payments have been made from the School District to the OFCC. See Subsequent Event Note 26 for further details.

## Note 26 – Subsequent Event

*Ohio School Facilities Project Closeout* The School District has signed a Certificate of Completion of the Project Agreement with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) for a project closeout. The agreement calls for repayment of funds to the OFCC as well as to other School District funds to finalize the project (see Note 25). During July 2019, the School District received a \$1,600,000 settlement for the remediation of problems with the new schools. As of the date of the financial statements, the School District has remedial work to be completed on a parking lot. Once the parking lot remediation is completed, the Classroom Facilities capital projects fund will be closed.

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

-	2019	2018	2017	2016
School District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.04581120%	0.04795540%	0.05067780%	0.05017260%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$2,623,692	\$2,865,229	\$3,709,147	\$2,862,898
School District's Covered Payroll	\$1,533,511	\$1,593,700	\$1,525,886	\$1,511,171
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	171.09%	179.78%	243.08%	189.45%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	71.36%	69.50%	62.98%	69.16%

(1) Although this schedule is intended to reflect information for ten years, information prior to fiscal year 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 fiscal year end.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

2015	2014
0.05099100%	0.05099100%
\$2,580,625	\$3,032,271
\$1,494,145	\$1,298,008
172.72%	233.61%
71.70%	65.52%

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

	2019	2018	2017
School District's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	0.04659910%	0.04825290%	0.05054780%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$1,292,784	\$1,294,981	\$1,440,799
School District's Covered Payroll	\$1,533,511	\$1,593,700	\$1,525,886
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	84.30%	81.26%	94.42%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	13.57%	12.46%	11.49%

(1) Although this schedule is intended to reflect information for ten years, information prior to fiscal year 2017 is not available. An additional column will be added each year.

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#### Grand Valley Local School District, Ohio

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

-	2019	2018	2017	2016
School District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.04401931%	0.04699738%	0.04623467%	0.04621170%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$9,678,857	\$11,164,329	\$15,476,137	\$12,771,564
School District's Covered Payroll	\$4,987,671	\$5,181,600	\$5,436,486	\$4,844,950
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	194.06%	215.46%	284.67%	263.61%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	77.30%	75.30%	66.80%	72.10%

(1) Although this schedule is intended to reflect information for ten years, information prior to fiscal year 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 fiscal year end.

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2015	2014
0.04614833%	0.04614833%
\$11,224,871	\$13,370,993
\$4,747,900	\$4,718,046
236.42%	283.40%
74.70%	69.30%

## **Grand Valley Local School District, Ohio**

#### Required Supplementary Information Schedule of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio Last Three Fiscal Years (1) \*

	2019	2018	2017
School District's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	0.04401931%	0.04699738%	0.04623467%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	(\$707,346)	\$1,833,664	\$2,472,642
School District's Covered Payroll	\$4,987,671	\$5,181,600	\$5,436,486
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	-14.18%	35.39%	45.48%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	176.00%	47.10%	37.30%

(1) Although this schedule is intended to reflect information for ten years, information prior to fiscal year 2017 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 fiscal year end.

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# Grand Valley Local School District, Ohio

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

-	2019	2018	2017	2016
Net Pension Liability:				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$222,211	\$207,024	\$223,118	\$213,624
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(222,211)	(207,024)	(223,118)	(213,624)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
School District Covered Payroll (1)	\$1,646,007	\$1,533,511	\$1,593,700	\$1,525,886
Pension Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	13.50%	13.50%	14.00%	14.00%
Net OPEB Liability:				
Contractually Required Contribution (2)	\$28,355	\$33,392	\$24,399	\$22,108
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(28,355)	(33,392)	(24,399)	(22,108)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
OPEB Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	1.72%	2.18%	1.53%	1.45%
Total Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (2)	15.22%	15.68%	15.53%	15.45%

(1) The School District's covered payroll is the same for Pension and OPEB.

(2) Includes Surcharge

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
\$199,172	\$207,088	\$179,644	\$184,442	\$183,788	\$207,575
(199,172)	(207,088)	(179,644)	(184,442)	(183,788)	(207,575)
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$1,511,171	\$1,494,145	\$1,298,008	\$1,371,315	\$1,462,117	\$1,533,052
13.18%	13.86%	13.84%	13.45%	12.57%	13.54%
\$30,479	\$22,342	\$18,339	\$27,991	\$42,279	\$37,713
(30,479)	(22,342)	(18,339)	(27,991)	(42,279)	(37,713)
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2.02%	1.50%	1.41%	2.04%	2.89%	2.46%
15.20%	15.36%	15.25%	15.49%	15.46%	16.00%

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

-	2019	2018	2017	2016
Net Pension Liability:				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$715,123	\$698,274	\$725,424	\$761,108
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(715,123)	(698,274)	(725,424)	(761,108)
School District Covered Payroll (1)	\$5,108,021	\$4,987,671	\$5,181,600	\$5,436,486
Pension Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%
Net OPEB Liability/Asset:				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	0	0	0	0
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
OPEB Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Total Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%

(1) The School District's covered payroll is the same for Pension and OPEB.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
\$678,293	\$617,227	\$613,346	\$630,081	\$646,146	\$698,726
(678,293)	(617,227)	(613,346)	(630,081)	(646,146)	(698,726)
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$4,844,950	\$4,747,900	\$4,718,046	\$4,846,777	\$4,970,354	\$5,374,815
14.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%
\$0	\$47,479	\$47,180	\$48,468	\$49,704	\$53,748
0	(47,479)	(47,180)	(48,468)	(49,704)	(53,748)
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
0.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%

## Net Pension Liability

## **Changes in Assumptions – SERS**

Beginning in fiscal year 2018, an assumption of 2.5 percent was used for COLA or Ad Hoc COLA. Prior to 2018, an assumption of 3 percent was used.

Beginning with fiscal year 2017, amounts reported incorporate changes in assumptions used by SERS in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation. These assumptions compared with those used in fiscal year 2016 and prior are presented as follows:

	Fiscal Year 2017	Fiscal Year 2016 and Prior
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
Investment Rate of Return	7.50 percent net of investments	7.75 percent net of investments
	expense, including inflation	expense, including inflation

Beginning with fiscal year 2017, mortality assumptions use mortality rates that are based on the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age setback 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.

## **Changes in Assumptions – STRS**

Beginning with fiscal year 2018, amounts reported incorporate changes in assumptions and changes in benefit terms used by STRS in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation. These new assumptions compared with those used in fiscal year 2017 and prior are presented as follows:

	Fiscal Year 2018	Fiscal Year 2017 and Prior
Inflation	2.50 percent	2.75 percent
Projected Salary Increases	12.50 percent at age 20 to	12.25 percent at age 20 to
	2.50 percent at age 65	2.75 percent at age 70
Investment Rate of Return	7.45 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation	7.75 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Payroll Increases	3 percent	3.5 percent
Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA)	0.0 percent, effective July 1, 2017	2 percent simple applied as follows: for members retiring before August 1, 2013, 2 percent per year; for members retiring August 1, 2013, or later, 2 percent COLA commences on fifth anniversary of retirement date.

Beginning with fiscal year 2018, post-retirement mortality rates for healthy retirees are based on the RP-2014 Annuitant Mortality Table with 50 percent of rates through age 69, 70 percent of rates between ages 70 and 79, 90 percent of rates between ages 80 and 84, and 100 percent of rates thereafter, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. Post-retirement disabled mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Table with 90 percent of rates for males and 100 percent of rates for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Employee Mortality Table, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. For fiscal year 2017 and prior actuarial valuation, 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 setback for age 90 and above. Females younger than age 80 are set back four years, one year setback from age 80 through 89, and no setback from age 90 and above.

## Net OPEB Liability (Asset)

## **Changes in Assumptions – SERS**

Amounts reported incorporate changes in key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total OPEB liability as presented as follows:

Municipal Bond Index Rate:	
Fiscal Year 2019	3.62 percent
Fiscal Year 2018	3.56 percent
Fiscal Year 2017	2.92 percent
Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of plan investment expense,	
including price inflation:	
Fiscal Year 2019	3.70 percent
Fiscal Year 2018	3.63 percent
Fiscal Year 2017	2.98 percent

## **Changes in Assumptions – STRS**

For fiscal year 2018, the discount rate was increased from 3.26 percent to 4.13 percent based on the methodology defined under GASB *Statement No. 74, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans (OPEB)* and the long term expected rate of return was reduced from 7.75 percent to 7.45 percent. Valuation year per capita health care costs were updated, and the salary scale was modified. The percentage of future retirees electing each option was updated based on current data and the percentage of future disabled retirees and terminated vested participants electing health care cost trend rates were modified along with the portion of rebated prescription drug costs.

For fiscal year 2019, the discount rate was increased from the blended rate of 4.13 percent to the long-term expected rate of return of 7.45 percent.

## **Changes in Benefit Terms – STRS**

For fiscal year 2018, the subsidy multiplier for non-Medicare benefit recipients was reduced from 2.1 percent to 1.9 percent per year of service. Medicare Part B premium reimbursements were discontinued for certain survivors and beneficiaries, and all remaining Medicare Part B premium reimbursements will be discontinued beginning January 2020.

For fiscal year 2019, the subsidy multiplier for non-Medicare benefit recipients was increased from 1.9 percent to 1.944 percent per year of service effective January 1, 2019. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2019, and all remaining Medicare Part B premium reimbursements will be discontinued beginning January 1, 2020.

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# GRAND VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ASHTABULA COUNTY SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

FEDERAL GRANTOR <i>Pass Through Grantor</i> Program / Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass Through Entity Identifying Number	Total Federal Expenditures
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b> Passed Through Ohio Department of Education:			
<i>Child Nutrition Cluster:</i> School Breakfast Program National School Lunch Program Non-Cash Food Commodities <b>Total Child Nutrition Cluster</b>	10.553 10.555 10.555	2019 2019 2019	\$81,725 216,237 27,010 <b>324,972</b>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			324,972
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</b> Passed Through Ohio Department of Education:			
Title I - Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	2018 2019	75,201 382,239
Subtotal Title I - Grants to Local Educational Agencies		2013	457,440
Special Education Cluster: IDEA-B - Special Education Grants to State Special Education - Preschool Grants Subtotal - Special Education Cluster	84.027 84.173	2019 2019	18,675 2,122 <b>20,797</b>
Title VI-B - Rural Education	84.358	2018	7,822
Title II-A - Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	2018 2019	9,299 58,863
Subtotal - Title II - A Improving Teacher Quality State Grants			68,162
Title VI-A - Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	2019	34,363
Total - U.S. Department of Education			588,584
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$913,556

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

#### GRAND VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ASHTABULA COUNTY

## NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS 2 CFR 200.510(b)(6) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

## NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the Grand Valley Local School District (the District) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2019. The information on this Schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in net position of the District.

## NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be allowable or may be limited as to reimbursement.

## NOTE C – INDIRECT COST RATE

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

### NOTE D - CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER

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

#### NOTE E – FOOD DONATION PROGRAM

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

#### NOTE F - FISCAL AGENT

The District is part of a consortium with the Ashtabula County Educational Service Center (Service Center) which serves as the Fiscal Agent. The Grant awards for the District are determined by the Ohio Department of Education and used to fund the consortium. The Service Center receives the combined IDEA-B and Early Childhood Special Education awards from the Ohio Department of Education to provide grant services to eligible students of the District. Expenditures are limited to the amount awarded to the District. The Service Center expended \$245,551 for the District for the year ended June 30, 2019.



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

Grand Valley Local School District Ashtabula County 111 Grand Valley Avenue West Orwell, Ohio 44076

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 Grand Valley Local School District, Ashtabula County, (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 23, 2020.

### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the 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 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 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.

Grand Valley Local School District Ashtabula County Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of reasonably assuring whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed 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 District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Keith Faber Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

March 23, 2020



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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Grand Valley Local School District Ashtabula County 111 Grand Valley Avenue West Orwell, Ohio 44076

To the Board of Education:

## Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

We have audited the Grand Valley Local School District's (the District) compliance with the applicable requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could directly and materially affect the Grand Valley Local School District's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2019. The *Summary of Auditor's Results* in the accompanying schedule of findings identifies the District's major federal program.

#### Management's Responsibility

The District's Management is responsible for complying with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

Grand Valley Local School District Ashtabula County Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to the Major Federal Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance Page 2

#### **Opinion on the Major Federal Program**

In our opinion, the Grand Valley Local School District complied, in all material respects with the compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect the major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2019.

#### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

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

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

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

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

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Keith Faber Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

March 23, 2020

#### GRAND VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ASHTABULA COUNTY

### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS 2 CFR § 200.515 JUNE 30, 2019

#### 1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

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

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

None

# 3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None

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## **GRAND VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## ASHTABULA COUNTY

### **CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

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

Susan Babbrtt

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

CERTIFIED APRIL 7, 2020

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