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**EAST MUSKINGUM LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MUSKINGUM COUNTY
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

East Muskingum Local School District
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To the Board of Education:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the East Muskingum Local School District, Muskingum County, Ohio (the School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the School District, as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 22 to the financial statements, the financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures may impact subsequent periods of the School District. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

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 School District's basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 5, 2022, on our consideration of the School District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

May 5, 2022

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The discussion and analysis of the East Muskingum 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, 2021. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School District's financial performance as a whole. Readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School District's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for the fiscal year 2021 are as follows:

- In total, net position of governmental activities decreased slightly by \$42,968.
- Deferred outflows of resources increased by \$489,945 and deferred inflows of resources decreased by \$699,892 primarily due to changes in pension and OPEB related items.
- General revenues accounted for \$18,873,110 in revenue or approximately 72 percent of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services, grants, contributions, and interest accounted for \$7,253,034 or approximately 28 percent of total revenues of \$26,126,144.
- The School District had \$26,169,112 in expenses related to governmental activities; only \$7,253,034 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants, contributions, and interest. General revenues (primarily taxes and intergovernmental revenues) in the amount of \$18,873,110 were not adequate to provide for these programs.

Using this Basic Financial Statements Report

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

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the whole School District, presenting both an aggregate view of the School District's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the School District's most significant funds with all other non-major funds presented in total in one column and also provide information in more detail than the government-wide statements. In the case of the School District, the General Fund is the only major fund for fiscal year 2021.

Reporting the School District as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities

While these documents contain the large number of funds used by the School District to provide programs and activities, the view of the School District as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during the 2021 fiscal year?"

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The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities answer this question. These statements include all assets and deferred outflows of resources and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid. These two statements report the School District's net position and changes in net position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the School District as a whole, the financial position of the School District has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the School District's property tax base, current property tax laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, facility conditions, required educational programs, and other factors. In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, all of the School District's activities are reported as governmental including instruction, support services, operation of non-instructional services, extracurricular activities, and debt service.

Reporting the School District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The analysis of the School District's major fund begins on page 12. Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the School District's major funds. The School District uses many funds to account for a multiple of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the School District's most significant funds.

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

Proprietary Funds Proprietary funds use the same basis of accounting as business-type activities; therefore, these statements will essentially match. The School District's only fund of this type is the Self-Insurance Internal Service Fund. However, the activity of this fund is combined with the Governmental Activities on the entity wide financial statements.

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The School District as a Whole

Recall that the Statement of Net Position provides the perspective of the School District as a whole. Table 1 provides a summary of the School District's net position for fiscal year 2021 compared to fiscal year 2020.

Table 1 - Net Position

	Governmental Activities		
	2021	2020	Change
Assets			
Current and Other Assets	\$18,738,549	\$17,374,189	\$1,364,360
Noncurrent Assets:			
Net OPEB Asset	1,315,968	1,231,239	84,729
Capital Assets	17,945,725	18,652,153	(706,428)
Total Assets	<u>38,000,242</u>	<u>37,257,581</u>	<u>742,661</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Pension	4,042,298	3,813,665	228,633
OPEB	619,039	357,727	261,312
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>4,661,337</u>	<u>4,171,392</u>	<u>489,945</u>
Liabilities			
Current and Other Liabilities	3,315,796	3,046,162	269,634
Long-Term Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year	613,067	657,865	(44,798)
Due in More Than One Year			
Net Pension Liability	23,059,658	20,753,070	2,306,588
Net OPEB Liability	1,685,388	1,854,441	(169,053)
Other Amounts	2,875,663	3,262,568	(386,905)
Total Liabilities	<u>31,549,572</u>	<u>29,574,106</u>	<u>1,975,466</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Property Taxes not Levied to Finance Current			
Year Operations	5,471,873	5,366,025	105,848
Pension	422,764	1,599,585	(1,176,821)
OPEB	2,483,885	2,112,804	371,081
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>8,378,522</u>	<u>9,078,414</u>	<u>(699,892)</u>
Net Position			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	16,211,997	16,304,614	(92,617)
Restricted	2,242,179	2,244,209	(2,030)
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(15,720,691)</u>	<u>(15,772,370)</u>	<u>51,679</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$2,733,485</u>	<u>\$2,776,453</u>	<u>(\$42,968)</u>

The net pension liability (NPL) / net OPEB liability are two of the largest liabilities reported by the School District at June 30, 2021, and are reported pursuant to GASB Statement 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions—an Amendment of GASB Statement 27" and GASB Statement 75, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions," which significantly revises the accounting for costs and liabilities related to other postemployment benefits (OPEB). For reasons discussed below, many end users of this financial statement will gain a clearer understanding of the School District's actual financial condition by adding deferred inflows related to pension and OPEB, the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability to the reported net position and subtracting deferred outflows related to pension and OPEB and the net OPEB asset.

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Governmental Accounting Standards Board standards are national and apply to all government financial reports prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Prior accounting for pensions (GASB 27) and postemployment benefits (GASB 45) focused on a funding approach. This approach limited pension and OPEB costs to contributions annually required by law, which may or may not be sufficient to fully fund each plan's net pension liability or net OPEB liability. GASB 68 and GASB 75 take an earnings approach to pension and OPEB accounting; however, the nature of Ohio's statewide pension/OPEB plans and state law governing those systems requires additional explanation in order to properly understand the information presented in these statements.

GASB 68 and GASB 75 require the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability (asset) to equal the School District's proportionate share of each plan's collective:

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

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.

The employee enters the employment exchange with the knowledge that the employer's promise is limited not by contract but by law. The employer enters the exchange also knowing that there is a specific, legal limit to its contribution to the retirement system. In Ohio, there is no legal means to enforce the unfunded liability of the pension/OPEB plan as against the public employer. State law operates to mitigate/lessen the moral obligation of the public employer to the employee, because all parties enter the employment exchange with notice as to the law. The retirement system is responsible for the administration of the pension and OPEB plans.

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 above, 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.

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In accordance with GASB 68 and GASB 75, the School District's statements prepared on an accrual basis of accounting include an annual pension expense and an annual OPEB expense for their proportionate share of each plan's change in net pension liability and net OPEB liability (asset), respectively, not accounted for as deferred inflows/outflows.

Total assets increased by \$742,661. Current and other assets reflect an overall increase in the amount of \$1,364,360. Cash and cash equivalents increased by \$554,697 from the prior fiscal year. The School District realized an increase in State and federal grants, which resulted in an increase of cash balances. Intergovernmental receivables increased by \$647,112 from the prior fiscal year. The School District realized an increase in State Foundation, related to tuition and enrollment. School District also reflects a net OPEB asset in the amount of \$1,315,968. See Note 12 for more information. These increases were partially offset by decreases in Capital Assets. Capital Assets decreased by \$706,428 due to current year capital asset additions being exceeded by current year deletions and depreciation expense.

Total deferred outflows of resources increased in the amount of \$489,945. This increase was primarily due to the increase in the changes of assumptions related to the School District's proportionate share of the net pension and the increase in projected versus actual earnings on pension plan investments.

Total liabilities increased \$1,975,466. Long-term liabilities increased \$1,705,832 due to the net effect between the increase in the net pension/OPEB liability in the amount of \$2,306,588 and the decrease in other long-term liabilities in the amount of \$600,756. The net pension/OPEB liability net increase represents the School District's proportionate share of the STRS and SERS unfunded benefits. Changes in pension benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balance of the net pension/OPEB liability. The other long-term liabilities decrease was due to the principal payments made during the year. Claims payable increased by \$13,702, due to an increase in actuarial estimates provided by a third party administrator but remained fairly consistent from fiscal year 2020 to fiscal year 2021.

Total deferred inflows of resources decreased \$699,892. This decrease was the result of three factors; an increase in deferred inflows of resources for property taxes, a decrease in deferred inflows of resources related to pension due to changes in pension plan investments, and an increase in deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB due to changes in assumptions.

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Table 2 shows the changes in net position for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, and comparisons to fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

Table 2 - Changes in Net Position

	Governmental Activities		
	2021	2020	Change
Revenues			
Program Revenues			
Charges for Services	\$2,872,312	\$2,941,782	(\$69,470)
Operating Grants, Contributions, and Interest	4,275,673	2,903,104	1,372,569
Capital Grants and Contributions	105,049	222,457	(117,408)
Total Program Revenues	<u>7,253,034</u>	<u>6,067,343</u>	<u>1,185,691</u>
General Revenues			
Property Taxes	9,277,585	8,904,574	373,011
Grants and Entitlements	9,430,368	9,241,014	189,354
Interest	17,893	235,272	(217,379)
Miscellaneous	147,264	87,788	59,476
Total General Revenues	<u>18,873,110</u>	<u>18,468,648</u>	<u>404,462</u>
Total Revenues	<u>26,126,144</u>	<u>24,535,991</u>	<u>1,590,153</u>
Program Expenses			
Instruction			
Regular	12,599,359	11,352,468	1,246,891
Special	3,334,346	3,920,224	(585,878)
Vocational	266,526	240,430	26,096
Student Intervention Services	662,543	552,975	109,568
Support Services			
Pupils	657,969	669,801	(11,832)
Instructional Staff	497,454	536,607	(39,153)
Board of Education	49,803	31,138	18,665
Administration	2,292,830	2,339,589	(46,759)
Fiscal	545,813	557,031	(11,218)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	2,071,851	2,123,602	(51,751)
Pupil Transportation	1,386,837	1,492,060	(105,223)
Central	184,529	144,783	39,746
Food Service Operations	1,014,340	1,061,709	(47,369)
Extracurricular Activities	545,676	551,518	(5,842)
Interest	59,236	78,393	(19,157)
Total Expenses	<u>26,169,112</u>	<u>25,652,328</u>	<u>516,784</u>
<i>Change in Net Position</i>	<u>(42,968)</u>	<u>(1,116,337)</u>	<u>1,073,369</u>
Net Position Beginning of Year	<u>2,776,453</u>	<u>3,892,790</u>	<u>(1,116,337)</u>
Net Position End of Year	<u>\$2,733,485</u>	<u>\$2,776,453</u>	<u>(\$42,968)</u>

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Net position decreased slightly by \$42,968 in fiscal year 2021. Overall revenues reflect an increase in the amount of \$1,590,153. Program revenues increased in the amount of \$1,185,691, while general revenues increased by \$404,462. Overall revenues increased primarily due to an increase in operating grants, contributions, and interest of \$1,372,569. This increase is due mainly to increases in State and federal grant programs during the fiscal year.

The School District depends greatly on property taxes as a revenue source. The unique nature of property taxes in Ohio creates the need to routinely seek voter approval for operating funds. Inflation alone will not increase the amount of funds generated by a tax levy. As the result of legislation enacted in 1976, the revenue from tax on real property generated by the levy will not increase solely as a result of inflation. As an example, a homeowner with a home valued at \$100,000 and taxed at 1.0 mill would pay \$35.00 annually in taxes. If three years later the home were reappraised and increased to \$200,000 (and this inflationary increase in value is comparable to other property owners) the effective tax rate would become .5 mills and the owner would still pay \$35.00.

Property taxes made up approximately 36 percent of revenues for governmental activities for the School District in fiscal year 2021. The remaining 64 percent of revenues are received through outside sources, such as restricted and unrestricted grants in aid and tuition received from students.

Instruction comprises approximately 64 percent of governmental program expenses. Of the instructional expenses, approximately 75 percent is for regular instruction, approximately 20 percent is for special instruction, and approximately 5 percent is for vocational instruction and student intervention services. Overall program expenses increased by \$516,784, which is primarily due to pension/OPEB related items as discussed previously.

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The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services, grants, contributions, and interest offsetting those services. Table 3 shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State entitlements.

Table 3 - Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of Services 2021	Net Cost of Services 2021	Total Cost of Services 2020	Net Cost of Services 2020
Instruction:				
Regular	\$12,599,359	\$9,122,647	\$11,352,468	\$9,128,533
Special	3,334,346	1,244,624	3,920,224	1,655,215
Vocational	266,526	184,019	240,430	157,923
Student Intervention Services	662,543	662,543	552,975	552,975
Support Services:				
Pupils	657,969	334,228	669,801	419,499
Instructional Staff	497,454	497,454	536,607	536,607
Board of Education	49,803	49,803	31,138	31,138
Administration	2,292,830	2,292,830	2,339,589	2,339,589
Fiscal	545,813	542,344	557,031	548,615
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	2,071,851	1,955,121	2,123,602	1,964,738
Pupil Transportation	1,386,837	1,338,623	1,492,060	1,492,060
Central	184,529	169,984	144,783	131,029
Food Service Operations	1,014,340	34,363	1,061,709	224,973
Extracurricular Activities	545,676	428,259	551,518	323,698
Interest	59,236	59,236	78,393	78,393
Total Expenses	<u>\$26,169,112</u>	<u>\$18,916,078</u>	<u>\$25,652,328</u>	<u>\$19,584,985</u>

The dependence upon tax revenues and State subsidies for governmental activities is apparent, with approximately 72 percent of the School District's activities being supported through taxes, unrestricted grants and entitlements, and other general revenues.

The School District's Funds

The School District's governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. All governmental funds had total revenues of \$26,017,210, expenditures of \$25,557,175, with a combined net increase in fund balances of \$460,035. The fund balance for all governmental funds at June 30, 2021, is \$8,179,672.

The General Fund is the only major fund of the School District. The General Fund had total revenues of \$21,262,067 and expenditures of \$20,829,743. The General Fund's balance at June 30, 2021, increased \$432,324 as a primary result of an increase in intergovernmental revenue due to changes in State Foundation revenues. The General Fund has an ending fund balance of \$5,786,700.

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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.

For the General Fund, budget basis revenues were \$242,193 below final estimates of \$21,437,774. Of this difference, the majority was due to optimistic estimates for tuition and fees revenue.

Budget basis expenditures were \$816,450 lower than final estimates of \$21,492,137. The largest variance in expenditures was in regular instruction. The School District had anticipated additional expenditures in this program that did not occur.

The School District's ending General Fund budgetary basis balance was \$574,257 higher than the final estimate.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2021, the School District had \$17,945,725 invested in land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture, fixtures, and equipment, and vehicles, net of depreciation.

Table 4 shows fiscal year 2021 balances compared to fiscal year 2020 balances.

Table 4 - Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation

	Governmental Activities	
	2021	2020
Land	\$238,139	\$238,139
Construction in Progress	0	149,409
Land Improvements	773,220	556,380
Buildings and Improvements	14,804,809	15,667,400
Furniture and Equipment	784,804	670,208
Vehicles	1,344,753	1,370,617
Totals	<u>\$17,945,725</u>	<u>\$18,652,153</u>

See Note 8 for more detailed information of the School District's capital assets.

Debt

At June 30, 2021, the School District had \$1,425,000 in general obligation bonds outstanding, with \$455,000 due within one year. The School District also had \$267,886 in capital leases, with \$98,929 due within one year.

The bonds were issued for school facilities construction and improvements. The bonds will be fully repaid by fiscal year 2024. See Note 14 for more detail on the School District's debt, which includes net pension liability, net OPEB liability, compensated absences payable, and longevity benefits payable.

East Muskingum Local School District, Ohio

*Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021
Unaudited*

Economic Factors

Based on the most recent five year forecast adopted by the Board of Education, the School District is projecting deficit spending in the amount of \$261,845, beginning in fiscal year 2022, with deficit spending projected to continue fiscal year 2023, fiscal year 2024, fiscal year 2025, and fiscal year 2026. The Board of Education and Administration of the School District must maintain careful financial planning and prudent fiscal management in order to maintain the financial stability of the School District.

Contacting the School District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizen's, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to show the School District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Lottie Fisher, Treasurer at East Muskingum Local School District, 13505 John Glenn School Road, New Concord, Ohio 43762, or e-mail at lfisher@eastmschools.org.

East Muskingum Local School District, Ohio

Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2021

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$7,370,938
Cash and Cash Equivalents in Segregated Accounts	740
Accounts Receivable	30,725
Accrued Interest Receivable	5,482
Intergovernmental Receivable	1,336,118
Inventory Held for Resale	27,092
Materials and Supplies Inventory	301,995
Prepaid Items	65,941
Property Taxes Receivable	9,599,518
Net OPEB Asset	1,315,968
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	244,989
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	17,700,736
Total Assets	<u>38,000,242</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Pension	4,042,298
OPEB	619,039
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>4,661,337</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	111,109
Accrued Wages and Benefits Payable	1,764,004
Intergovernmental Payable	951,295
Accrued Interest Payable	11,989
Matured Compensated Absences Payable	48,827
Matured Longevity Benefits Payable	62,525
Unearned Revenue	27,259
Claims Payable	338,788
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Due Within One Year	613,067
Due in More Than One Year:	
Net Pension Liability	23,059,658
Net OPEB Liability	1,685,388
Other Amounts	2,875,663
Total Liabilities	<u>31,549,572</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Property Taxes	5,471,873
Pension	422,764
OPEB	2,483,885
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>8,378,522</u>
Net Position	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	16,211,997
Restricted for:	
Food Service Operations	127,036
State Programs	13,651
Classroom Facilities Maintenance	175,550
Capital Projects	1,208,774
Debt Service	583,435
District Managed Activities	32,708
District Managed Student Activities	61,480
Federal Programs	29,115
Unclaimed Monies	10,430
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(15,720,691)
Total Net Position	<u>\$2,733,485</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

East Muskingum Local School District, Ohio
Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Program Revenues				Net Expense and Change in Net Position
	Expenses	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants, Contributions, and Interest	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities					
Instruction:					
Regular	\$12,599,359	\$2,592,433	\$872,495	\$11,784	(\$9,122,647)
Special	3,334,346	98,393	1,991,329	0	(1,244,624)
Vocational	266,526	0	82,507	0	(184,019)
Student Intervention Services	662,543	0	0	0	(662,543)
Support Services:					
Pupils	657,969	0	323,741	0	(334,228)
Instructional Staff	497,454	0	0	0	(497,454)
Board of Education	49,803	0	0	0	(49,803)
Administration	2,292,830	0	0	0	(2,292,830)
Fiscal	545,813	0	1,134	2,335	(542,344)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	2,071,851	9,750	70,813	36,167	(1,955,121)
Pupil Transportation	1,386,837	0	1,281	46,933	(1,338,623)
Central	184,529	3,745	10,800	0	(169,984)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:					
Food Service Operations	1,014,340	71,529	900,618	7,830	(34,363)
Extracurricular Activities	545,676	96,462	20,955	0	(428,259)
Interest	59,236	0	0	0	(59,236)
Total Governmental Activities	\$26,169,112	\$2,872,312	\$4,275,673	\$105,049	(18,916,078)
General Revenues					
Property Taxes Levied for:					
					7,886,352
					730,600
					535,470
					125,163
Grants and Entitlements not					
					9,430,368
Restricted to Specific Programs					
					17,893
					147,264
Total General Revenues					18,873,110
Change in Net Position					(42,968)
Net Position Beginning of Year					2,776,453
Net Position End of Year					\$2,733,485

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

East Muskingum Local School District, Ohio

*Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2021*

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$4,562,669	\$1,844,886	\$6,407,555
Cash and Cash Equivalents in Segregated Accounts	0	740	740
Accounts Receivable	17,960	12,765	30,725
Intergovernmental Receivable	624,642	711,476	1,336,118
Accrued Interest Receivable	5,482	0	5,482
Inventory Held for Resale	0	27,092	27,092
Materials and Supplies Inventory	296,348	5,647	301,995
Prepaid Items	55,403	10,538	65,941
Interfund Receivable	465,857	0	465,857
Restricted Assets:			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	10,430	0	10,430
Property Taxes Receivable	8,181,900	1,417,618	9,599,518
Total Assets	<u>\$14,220,691</u>	<u>\$4,030,762</u>	<u>\$18,251,453</u>
Liabilities			
Matured Compensated Absences Payable	\$45,675	\$3,152	\$48,827
Matured Longevity Benefits Payable	59,044	3,481	62,525
Accounts Payable	82,707	28,402	111,109
Accrued Wages and Benefits Payable	1,611,865	152,139	1,764,004
Interfund Payable	0	465,857	465,857
Unearned Revenue	0	27,259	27,259
Intergovernmental Payable	933,689	17,606	951,295
Total Liabilities	<u>2,732,980</u>	<u>697,896</u>	<u>3,430,876</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Property Taxes	4,670,678	801,195	5,471,873
Unavailable Revenue	1,030,333	138,699	1,169,032
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>5,701,011</u>	<u>939,894</u>	<u>6,640,905</u>
Fund Balances			
Nonspendable:			
Materials and Supplies Inventory	296,348	5,647	301,995
Prepaid Items	55,403	10,538	65,941
Unclaimed Monies	10,430	0	10,430
Restricted for:			
Food Service Operations	0	148,964	148,964
State Programs	0	13,651	13,651
Classroom Facilities Maintenance	0	167,596	167,596
Capital Projects	0	1,157,185	1,157,185
Debt Service	0	559,297	559,297
District Managed Activities	0	32,708	32,708
District Managed Student Activities	0	61,480	61,480
Assigned to:			
Purchases on Order	85,927	0	85,927
Capital Projects	0	250,000	250,000
Subsequent Year's Appropriation	261,845	0	261,845
Public School Support	62,879	0	62,879
Unassigned (Deficit)	5,013,868	(14,094)	4,999,774
Total Fund Balances	<u>5,786,700</u>	<u>2,392,972</u>	<u>8,179,672</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	<u>\$14,220,691</u>	<u>\$4,030,762</u>	<u>\$18,251,453</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

East Muskingum Local School District, Ohio
*Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances
to Net Position of Governmental Activities
June 30, 2021*

Total Governmental Fund Balances		\$8,179,672
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.		17,945,725
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are reported as deferred inflows of resources in the funds:		
Grants	57,369	
Property Taxes	593,470	
Interest	4,946	
Charges for Services	9,966	
Tuition and Fees	501,399	
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,882	
Total	1,169,032	1,169,032
An internal service fund is used by management to charge the costs of insurance to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service fund are included in governmental activities on the statement of net position.		614,165
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding general obligation bonds, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due.		(11,989)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:		
General Obligation Refunding Bonds	(1,425,000)	
Bond Premium	(40,842)	
Capital Leases	(267,886)	
Compensated Absences	(697,583)	
Longevity Benefits Payable	(1,057,419)	
Total	(3,488,730)	(3,488,730)
The net OPEB asset and net pension/OPEB liability are not due and payable in the current period and therefore the asset, liability, and related deferred inflows/outflows are not reported in governmental funds:		
Net OPEB Asset	1,315,968	
Deferred Outflows - Pension	4,042,298	
Deferred Inflows - Pension	(422,764)	
Net Pension Liability	(23,059,658)	
Net OPEB Liability	(1,685,388)	
Deferred Outflows - OPEB	619,039	
Deferred Inflows - OPEB	(2,483,885)	
Total	(21,674,390)	(21,674,390)
Net Position of Governmental Activities		\$2,733,485

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

East Muskingum Local School District, Ohio
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues			
Property Taxes	\$7,846,790	\$1,381,950	\$9,228,740
Intergovernmental	10,591,320	3,188,070	13,779,390
Interest	23,068	26	23,094
Tuition and Fees	2,619,959	0	2,619,959
Extracurricular Activities	0	96,462	96,462
Rent	9,750	0	9,750
Charges for Services	3,745	75,351	79,096
Contributions and Donations	20,955	12,500	33,455
Miscellaneous	146,480	784	147,264
Total Revenues	<u>21,262,067</u>	<u>4,755,143</u>	<u>26,017,210</u>
Expenditures			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular	10,363,143	949,212	11,312,355
Special	2,453,036	849,810	3,302,846
Vocational	283,571	0	283,571
Student Intervention Services	662,543	0	662,543
Support Services:			
Pupils	335,761	321,068	656,829
Instructional Staff	521,186	0	521,186
Board of Education	49,803	0	49,803
Administration	2,199,807	0	2,199,807
Fiscal	494,732	28,582	523,314
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,701,560	421,236	2,122,796
Pupil Transportation	1,241,665	86,134	1,327,799
Central	173,729	10,800	184,529
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:			
Food Service Operations	0	999,694	999,694
Extracurricular Activities	312,371	164,665	477,036
Capital Outlay	0	257,755	257,755
Debt Service:			
Principal Retirement	36,836	561,189	598,025
Interest and Fiscal Charges	0	77,287	77,287
Total Expenditures	<u>20,829,743</u>	<u>4,727,432</u>	<u>25,557,175</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	432,324	27,711	460,035
Fund Balances Beginning of Year	<u>5,354,376</u>	<u>2,365,261</u>	<u>7,719,637</u>
Fund Balances End of Year	<u>\$5,786,700</u>	<u>\$2,392,972</u>	<u>\$8,179,672</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

East Muskingum Local School District, Ohio
Reconciliation of the Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds		\$460,035
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 and capital contribution in the current period:		
Capital Asset Additions - Capital Outlay	520,305	
Capital Asset Additions - Capital Contribution	7,830	
Current Year Depreciation	<u>(1,234,563)</u>	(706,428)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds:		
Property Taxes	48,845	
Intergovernmental	(9,611)	
Interest	(5,175)	
Tuition and Fees	70,867	
Charges for Services	<u>(3,822)</u>	101,104
Repayments of principal are expenditures in the governmental funds, but the repayments reduce long-term liabilities in the statement of net position:		
General Obligation Refunding Bonds	440,000	
Energy Conservation Notes	43,211	
Capital Leases	<u>114,814</u>	598,025
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds:		
Accrued Interest	4,437	
Amortization of Bond Premium	<u>13,614</u>	18,051
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:		
Compensated Absences	(51,837)	
Longevity Benefits Payable	<u>(128,099)</u>	(179,936)
Contractually required contributions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds; however, the statement of net position reports these amounts as deferred outflows:		
Pension	1,669,781	
OPEB	<u>49,647</u>	1,719,428
Except for amounts reported as deferred inflows/outflows, changes in the net pension/OPEB asset/liability are reported as pension/OPEB expense in the statement of activities.		
Pension	(2,570,915)	
OPEB	<u>94,366</u>	(2,476,549)
The internal service fund used by management to charge the costs of insurance to individual funds is not reported in the district-wide statement of activities. The net change in net position of the internal service fund is reported with governmental activities.		
		<u>423,302</u>
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities		<u><u>(\$42,968)</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

East Muskingum Local School District, Ohio
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual
General Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Property Taxes	\$7,895,797	\$7,895,797	\$7,853,838	(\$41,959)
Intergovernmental	10,386,553	10,510,273	10,505,950	(4,323)
Interest	72,555	116,000	72,903	(43,097)
Tuition and Fees	2,608,950	2,736,650	2,619,959	(116,691)
Rent	9,450	9,450	9,600	150
Charges for Services	3,800	3,800	3,745	(55)
Miscellaneous	107,615	165,804	129,586	(36,218)
Total Revenues	21,084,720	21,437,774	21,195,581	(242,193)
Expenditures				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	10,939,869	10,949,432	10,260,104	689,328
Special	2,537,458	2,552,896	2,415,650	137,246
Vocational	309,031	309,032	291,520	17,512
Student Intervention Services	436,924	436,924	684,078	(247,154)
Support Services:				
Pupils	437,067	437,067	322,528	114,539
Instructional Staff	416,920	469,973	481,185	(11,212)
Board of Education	34,600	34,600	52,414	(17,814)
Administration	2,162,579	2,162,579	2,177,131	(14,552)
Fiscal	498,761	498,761	493,291	5,470
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,925,109	1,900,109	1,794,042	106,067
Pupil Transportation	1,297,698	1,297,698	1,213,987	83,711
Central	121,135	121,135	175,809	(54,674)
Extracurricular Activities	285,095	285,095	277,112	7,983
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	36,836	36,836	36,836	0
Total Expenditures	21,439,082	21,492,137	20,675,687	816,450
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(354,362)	(54,363)	519,894	574,257
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	4,124,516	4,124,516	4,124,516	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	97,813	97,813	97,813	0
Fund Balance End of Year	\$3,867,967	\$4,167,966	\$4,742,223	\$574,257

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

East Muskingum Local School District, Ohio

*Statement of Fund Net Position
Self-Insurance Internal Service Fund
June 30, 2021*

	<u>Medical-Dental Insurance</u>
Current Assets	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$952,953
Current Liabilities	
Claims Payable	<u>338,788</u>
Net Position	
Unrestricted	<u><u>\$614,165</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

East Muskingum Local School District, Ohio
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position
Self-Insurance Internal Service Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Medical-Dental Insurance
Operating Revenues	
Charges for Services	\$3,855,971
Operating Expenses	
Purchased Services	400,201
Claims	3,032,468
Total Operating Expenses	3,432,669
Operating Income	423,302
Net Position Beginning of Year	190,863
Net Position End of Year	\$614,165

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

East Muskingum Local School District, Ohio

Statement of Cash Flows

Self-Insurance Internal Service Fund

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

	<u>Medical-Dental Insurance</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	
Cash Received from Interfund Services Provided	\$3,855,971
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Services	(400,201)
Cash Payments for Claims	<u>(3,018,766)</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	437,004
Cash and Cash Equivalents Beginning of Year	<u>515,949</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents End of Year	<u><u>\$952,953</u></u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	
Operating Income	\$423,302
Changes in Liabilities:	
Increase in Claims Payable	<u>13,702</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u><u>\$437,004</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

East Muskingum Local School District, Ohio

*Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021*

Note 1 - Description of the School District and Reporting Entity

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

The School District was established in 1958. The School District serves an area of approximately 192 square miles. It is located in Muskingum and Guernsey Counties, and includes all of the Village of New Concord, Ohio. The School District is staffed by 103 classified employees and 149 certificated full-time teaching personnel who provide services to 2,042 students and other community members. The School District currently operates six instructional buildings, two administrative buildings, and four garage/storage buildings.

Reporting Entity

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

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

The School District participates in six organizations which are defined as jointly governed organizations and two insurance purchasing pools. These organizations are the Licking Area Computer Association (LACA), Mid-East Career and Technology Centers, the Metropolitan Educational Technology Association (META), the Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools (CORAS), the Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Educational Service Agency (OME-RESA), the Ohio Coalition of Equity and Adequacy of School Funding, the Ohio SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program plan, and the Ohio School Benefits Cooperative. These organizations are presented in Notes 16 and 17 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.

East Muskingum Local School District, Ohio

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

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.

Government-wide Financial Statements The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the School District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. The activity of the internal service fund is eliminated to avoid "doubling up" revenues and expenses. The statements usually distinguish between those activities of the School District that are governmental (primarily supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues) and those that are considered business-type activities (primarily supported by fees and charges). The School District, however, does not have any 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. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the School District.

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

Fund Accounting

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

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

East Muskingum Local School District, Ohio

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

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 in another fund. The General Fund balance is available to the School District for any purpose, provided it is expended and transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

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

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

Internal Service Fund The internal service fund accounts for the financing of services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the School District on a cost reimbursement basis. The School District's only internal service fund accounts for the operation of the School District's self-insurance program for employee medical/surgical, prescription drug, and dental claims.

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 are generally included on the balance sheet. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include reconciliations with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

Like the government-wide statements, all proprietary and fiduciary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and deferred outflows of resources and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of these funds are included on the Statement of Fund Net Position. In fiduciary funds, a liability to the beneficiaries of fiduciary activity is recognized when an event has occurred that compels the government to disburse fiduciary resources. Fiduciary fund liabilities other than those to beneficiaries are recognized using the economic resources measurement focus.

For proprietary funds, the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net position. The Statement of Cash Flows provides information about how the School District finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activities.

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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 proprietary and fiduciary funds are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and 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 60 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 the accrual basis, payments from property taxes (See Note 6) are recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. 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 and fees, charges for services, grants, and miscellaneous revenue.

Unearned revenue represents amounts under the accrual and modified accrual basis of accounting for which asset recognition criteria have been met, but for which revenue recognition criteria have not yet been met because such amounts have not yet been earned. On governmental fund financial statements, revenue received as of June 30, 2021, for fiscal year 2022 services, has been recorded as unearned revenue.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources In addition to assets, 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 pension and OPEB plans. The deferred outflows of resources related to pension/OPEB are explained in Notes 11 and 12.

In addition to liabilities, 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, 2021, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2022 operations. These amounts have been recorded as a deferred inflow on both the government-

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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, accrued interest, charges for services, tuition and fees, miscellaneous revenues, and intergovernmental grants. 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 18. Deferred inflows of resources related to pension and OPEB plans are reported on the government-wide Statement of Net Position. (See Notes 11 and 12)

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. Individual fund integrity is maintained through the School District's records. Interest in the pool is presented as "equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents" on the financial statements.

The School District has a separate bank account for athletic monies. The athletic account monies are kept separate from the School District treasury. This account is presented on the financial statements as "cash and cash equivalents in segregated accounts".

During fiscal year 2021, the School District's investments were limited to negotiable certificates of deposits. Investments in negotiable certificates of deposits are reported at fair value based on quoted market prices.

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 2021 amounted to \$23,068, which includes \$7,215 assigned from other School District funds.

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

Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2021, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and an expenditure/expense is reported in the fiscal year in which services are consumed.

Inventory

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

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Capital Assets

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

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the fiscal year. The School District was able to estimate the historical cost for the initial reporting of capital assets by back trending (i.e. estimating the current replacement cost of the assets to be capitalized and using an appropriate price-index to deflate the costs to the acquisition year or estimated acquisition year). Donated fixed 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 and construction in progress, are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Description	Estimated Lives
Land Improvements	15 years
Buildings and Improvements	10-50 years
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	5-20 years
Vehicles	10-15 years

Restricted Assets

Assets are reported as restricted assets when limitations on their use change the normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either externally imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, or laws of other government or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Restricted assets in the General Fund represent cash and cash equivalents for unclaimed monies not available for appropriation.

Compensated Absences

Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the School District will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. Employees who qualify for vacation benefits can accrue up to a maximum of the immediately preceding two years, plus the prorated portion of earned but unavailable for use vacation time of the current year. The School District records a liability for accumulated unused vacation time when earned for vacation eligible employees with more than one year of service.

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the 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 after twenty-five years of current service with the School District.

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

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

Longevity Benefits Payable

Longevity benefits are accrued as a liability using the vesting method. The liability includes the employees who are currently eligible to receive this benefit and those the School District has identified as probable of receiving this benefit in the future. The liability for longevity benefits is based on the employees’ length of employment with the School District and the employees’ annual salary earned at fiscal year end, taking into consideration any limits specified in the School District’s termination policy. The School District records a liability for this benefit after twenty-five years of service with the School District. The benefit is paid in one lump sum at the time of retirement from the fund and function that pays the employees’ salaries.

The longevity benefits liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements.

On the governmental fund financial statements, longevity benefits are recognized as liabilities and expenditures to the extent payments come due each period upon the occurrence of employee retirements. These amounts are recorded as “matured longevity benefits payable” in the fund from which these payments will be made.

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, compensated absences, and longevity benefits that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current fiscal year. Bonds, long-term notes, and capital leases are recognized as a liability on the governmental fund financial statements when due. 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.

Pensions/Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB liability (asset), deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions/OPEB, and pension/OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the pension/OPEB plans and additions to/deductions from their fiduciary net position 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.

Bond Premium and Issuance Costs

In government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities on the Statement of Net Position. Bond premiums are deferred and amortized over the term of the bonds using the straight-line method, which approximates the effective interest method. Bond premiums are presented as an addition to the face amount of the bonds.

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In the government fund financial statements, issuance costs and bond premiums are recognized in the current period. The face amount of the debt issue is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

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 repayment to the bond escrow agent.

Internal Activity

Transfers within governmental activities are eliminated on the government-wide statements.

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

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

Interfund Balances

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

Fund Balance

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

Nonspendable: The nonspendable fund balance category includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form, or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash. It can also include the long-term amount of loans receivable, prepaids, as well as inventory, unless the use of the proceeds from the collection of those receivables, or from the use of the prepaids or inventory, is restricted, committed, or assigned.

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 determined 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.

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Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for the use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned: Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the School District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the General Fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by the School District Board of Education delegated that authority by State statute. State statute authorizes the Treasurer to assign fund balance for purchases on order provided such amounts have been lawfully appropriated. The Board of Education assigned fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in fiscal year 2022's appropriated budget.

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

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

Net Position

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

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

Operating Revenues and Expenses

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

Extraordinary and Special Items

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

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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 custodial 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. Any budgetary modifications at this level may only be made by resolution of the Board of Education. The Treasurer has been authorized to allocate Board appropriations to the function and object level.

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

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

Note 3 - Changes in Accounting Principles

For fiscal year 2021, the School District implemented the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Statement No. 98, The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. GASB 98 establishes the term annual comprehensive financial report and its acronym ACFR. That new term and acronym replace instances of comprehensive annual financial report and its acronym in generally accepted accounting principles for state and local governments.

The School District is also implementing Implementation Guide No. 2019-1. These changes were incorporated in the School District's 2021 financial statements; however, there was no effect on beginning net position/fund balance.

Note 4 - Budgetary Basis of Accounting

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

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The major differences between the budget basis and GAAP (modified accrual) basis are as follows:

1. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis).
2. Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis).
3. Encumbrances are treated as expenditures (budget basis) rather than as a restricted, committed, or assigned fund balance (GAAP basis).
4. Prepaid items are reported on the balance sheet (GAAP basis) but not on the budget basis.
5. Fair value adjustments for investments and negative cash advances to other funds are reported on the balance sheet (GAAP basis), but not on the budgetary basis.
6. Certain funds are accounted for as separate funds internally with legally adopted budgets (budget basis) that do not meet the definition of special revenue funds under GASB Statement No. 54 and were reported with the General Fund (GAAP basis).

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

Net Change in Fund Balance	
GAAP Basis	\$432,324
Net Adjustment for Revenue Accruals	(464,385)
Net Adjustment for Expenditure Accruals	258,695
Beginning of Fiscal Year:	
Fair Value Adjustment for Investments	142,977
Prepaid Items	54,695
Negative cash advance to other funds	(83,181)
End of Fiscal Year:	
Fair Value Adjustment for Investments	(93,146)
Prepaid Items	(55,403)
Negative cash advance to other funds	465,857
To reclassify excess of revenues and other sources of financial resources over expenditures and other uses of financial resources into financial statement fund types.	1,097
Adjustment for Encumbrances	(139,636)
Budget Basis	<u><u>\$519,894</u></u>

Note 5 - Deposits and Investments

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

Active deposits are public deposits necessary 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.

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

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

Protection of the School District's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by the financial institutions 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.

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

1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligation or security issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, 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 institutions;
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. The investment in commercial paper notes of a single issuer shall not exceed in the aggregate five percent of interim moneys available for investment at the time of purchase.

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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.

Investments

As of June 30, 2021, the School District had the following investments:

<u>Measurement/Investment</u>	<u>Measurement Amount</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Rating Agency</u>	<u>Percent of Total Investments</u>
Fair Value - Level Two Inputs					
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	\$3,454,150	08/24/2021-03/18/2026	N/A	N/A	100.00%

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, 2021. All of the School District’s investments measured at fair value are valued using other significant observable inputs (Level 2 inputs).

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

Credit Risk. The credit ratings for the School District’s securities are listed above. Ohio law requires that the money market mutual funds be rated in the highest category at the time of purchase by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service. The School District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

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

Concentration of Credit Risk. The School District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer. The percentage of total investments is listed in the table above.

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Note 6 - Property Taxes and Tax Abatements

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 collections are received by the School District in the second half of the fiscal year. Second half tax distributions occur in the first half of the following fiscal year.

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located in the School District. Real property tax revenue received in calendar year 2021 represents collections of calendar year 2020 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2021 were levied after April 1, 2020, on the assessed value listed as of January 1, 2020, 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 semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax revenue received in calendar year 2021 represents collections of calendar year 2020 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2021 became a lien December 31, 2019, were levied after April 1, 2020, and are collected with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value.

The School District receives property taxes from Muskingum and Guernsey Counties. The County Auditors periodically advance to the School District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the counties by June 30, 2021, are available to finance fiscal year 2021 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

Accrued property taxes receivable includes real property and public utility property taxes which were measurable as of June 30, 2021, 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 reflected as revenue at fiscal year end. The portion of the receivable not levied to finance current fiscal year operations is offset by a credit to deferred inflows of resources - property taxes.

The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2021, was \$3,004,747 in the General Fund, \$47,578 in the Classroom Facilities Special Revenue Fund, \$202,285 in the Bond Retirement Debt Service Fund, and \$279,565 in the Permanent Improvement Levy Capital Projects Fund. The amount available as an advance and recognized as revenue at June 30, 2020, was \$3,011,795 in the General Fund, \$48,049 in the Classroom Facilities Special Revenue Fund, \$190,272 in the Bond Retirement Debt Service Fund, and \$283,651 in the Permanent Improvement Levy Capital Projects Fund.

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

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The assessed values upon which the fiscal year 2021 taxes were collected are:

	2020 Second- Half Collections		2021 First- Half Collections	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Real Estate	\$296,565,010	82.61%	\$300,687,970	82.72%
Public Utility Personal	62,411,600	17.39%	62,825,730	17.28%
Total	<u>\$358,976,610</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$363,513,700</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
 Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	 \$37.31		 \$37.51	

The increase in the tax rate per \$1,000 was attributed to an increase in the amount required for debt retirement.

Tax Abatements

The School District property taxes were reduced under Enterprise Zone Tax Exemption agreements entered into by Muskingum County with companies within the School District's boundaries. Pursuant to the financing agreements, Muskingum County is being compensated, in part, for lost real and personal property taxes that otherwise would have been due each year. The School District does not share in these payments. The total tax abated amount for the School District was \$58,438 for fiscal year 2021.

Note 7 - Receivables

Receivables at June 30, 2021, consisted of property taxes, intergovernmental, accounts, interfund, and accrued interest. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of State programs, and the current year guarantee of federal funds. Delinquent property taxes deemed collectible by the County Auditors and recorded as a receivable in the amount of \$593,470 may not be collected in one year. All other receivables are expected to be received within one year.

A summary of items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

	<u>Amounts</u>
<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
Title I Grant	\$84,656
Title II-A Grant	15,278
Title VI-B IDEA Grant	79,268
ESSER Grants	407,535
Miscellaneous Federal Grants	12,551
Medicaid Reimbursements	95,452
Food Service Grants	105,400
State Foundation Adjustments	520,780
Miscellaneous Intergovernmental Receivables	<u>15,198</u>
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$1,336,118</u>

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Note 8 - Capital Assets

Capital assets activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, was as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>06/30/2020</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>06/30/2021</u>
Nondepreciable Capital Assets				
Land	\$238,139	\$0	\$0	\$238,139
Land Improvements	6,850	0	0	6,850
Construction in Progress	149,409	0	(149,409)	0
Total Non-Depreciable Capital Assets	<u>394,398</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(149,409)</u>	<u>244,989</u>
Depreciable Capital Assets				
Land Improvements	590,000	269,610	0	859,610
Buildings and Improvements	41,980,225	112,235	0	42,092,460
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	1,904,288	176,155	(10,560)	2,069,883
Vehicles	2,461,093	119,544	0	2,580,637
Total Depreciable Capital Assets	<u>46,935,606</u>	<u>677,544</u>	<u>(10,560)</u>	<u>47,602,590</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation				
Land Improvements	(40,470)	(52,770)	0	(93,240)
Buildings and Improvements	(26,312,825)	(974,826)	0	(27,287,651)
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	(1,234,080)	(61,559)	10,560	(1,285,079)
Vehicles	(1,090,476)	(145,408)	0	(1,235,884)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(28,677,851)</u>	<u>(1,234,563) *</u>	<u>10,560</u>	<u>(29,901,854)</u>
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>18,257,755</u>	<u>(557,019)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>17,700,736</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$18,652,153</u>	<u>(\$557,019)</u>	<u>(\$149,409)</u>	<u>\$17,945,725</u>

* Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Instruction:	
Regular	\$956,119
Special	2,100
Vocational	1,736
Support Services:	
Administration	2,108
Fiscal	4,000
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	43,945
Pupil Transportation	141,833
Food Service Operations	6,716
Extracurricular	76,006
Total Depreciation Expense	<u>\$1,234,563</u>

Included in additions and deletions is a reclass of construction in progress to depreciable land improvements in the amount of \$149,409 as a result of completion of a capital project. Also during the fiscal year, a refrigeration chiller unit, valued at \$7,830, was donated to the School District. This amount is included in Capital Grants and Contributions on the Statement of Activities.

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Note 9 - 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. During fiscal year 2021, the School District purchased its property, fleet, and liability insurance from Argonaut Insurance Company.

The types and amounts of coverage provided by the Argonaut Insurance Group are as follows:

Building and Contents-replacement cost (\$2,500 deductible)	\$73,724,025
Automobile Liability (\$250 Comprehensive/\$500 Collision deductible)	1,000,000
Auto Medical Payments	5,000
Uninsured/Underinsured Motorists	1,000,000
General Liability	
Per occurrence	1,000,000
Aggregate Per Year	3,000,000
Employee Benefits Liability	
Per occurrence	1,000,000
Aggregate Per Year	3,000,000
Employer's Liability	1,000,000
Educators Legal Liability Limit (\$2,500 deductible)	1,000,000
Aggregate Per Year	3,000,000
Commercial Excess Liability	1,000,000
Commercial Crime	25,000

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

Workers' Compensation

The School District participates in the workers' compensation program provided by the State of Ohio. The School District participates in the Ohio SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (Program), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 17). The Program is intended to achieve lower workers' compensation rates while establishing safer working conditions and environments for participants. The participating school districts continue to pay their own premiums and have the opportunity to receive premium adjustments based upon the combined performance of the group. Depending upon that performance, the participating school districts can either receive a premium refund or assessment. The total premium for the entire group is the standard premium of the group.

Participation in the Program is limited to school districts that can meet the Program's selection criteria. The firm of Comp Management, Inc., a Sedgwick Company, serves as the third party administrator of the Program and provides administrative, cost control, and actuarial services. Each year, the School District pays an enrollment fee to the Program to cover the cost of administering the Program.

The School District may withdraw from the Program if written notice is provided sixty days prior to the prescribed application deadline of the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation. However, the participant is not relieved of the obligation to pay any amounts owed to the Program prior to withdrawal.

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Employee Medical/Surgical and Dental Benefits

The School District offers three medical/surgical insurance plans and one dental insurance plan to employees covered through the Self-Insurance Internal Service Fund. Monthly premiums are paid to the fiscal agent who in turn pays the claims on the School District's behalf. The Board of Education pays \$1,821.98 of the medical/surgical premiums for family coverage and \$783.07 for single coverage. The Board of Education pays 100 percent of the dental premiums for family and single coverage which is \$74 for both. The medical/surgical and dental premiums are paid from the fund that pays the salary of the covered employee. The claims liability of \$338,788 reported in the Self-Insurance Internal Service Fund at June 30, 2021, is based on an estimate provided by the third party administrator and the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 30, which requires that a liability for unpaid claim costs, including estimates of costs relating to incurred but not reported claims, be reported. The estimate was not affected by incremental claim adjustment expenses and does not include other allocated or unallocated claim adjustment expenses. The School District purchases an aggregate stop-loss coverage policy in the amount of \$4,026,821. In addition, the School District has contracted for an excess stop-loss coverage, with a maximum allowable covered expense per individual of \$100,000 annually.

Changes in the fund's claims liability amount in fiscal years 2020 and 2021 were:

	Balance at Beginning of Year	Current Year Claims	Claim Payments	Balance at End of Year
2020	\$190,331	\$3,192,342	\$3,057,587	\$325,086
2021	325,086	3,032,468	3,018,766	338,788

Note 10 - Employee Benefits

Compensated Absences

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave components are derived from Board policy and State laws. Classified employees and administrators who are contracted to work a minimum of 260 days earn ten to twenty-five days of vacation per year, depending upon length of service. All employees who qualify for vacation time must be with the School District for one year before receiving vacation hours. All employees who qualify for vacation time can accrue up to a maximum of the immediately preceding two years, plus the prorated portion of earned but unavailable for use vacation time of the current year. The School District pays accumulated, unused vacation hours to employees who qualify for vacation time upon termination of employment at the employee's current rate of pay. Teachers, administrators, and staff who work less than 260 days per year do not earn vacation time.

Teachers, administrators, and classified employees earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Sick leave may be accumulated up to a maximum of 220 days for all personnel. Upon retirement, payment is made for one-third of accrued, but unused sick leave credit to a maximum of 40 days for all employees.

Longevity Benefits Payable

Employees who retire are eligible for a longevity/service benefit. Employees that have completed between one and ten years of service at the School District upon retirement, are paid a longevity benefit payment equal to one percent of their annual salary earned in the year of retirement multiplied by the years of service with the School District. Employees that have completed between eleven and twenty years of service at the School District upon retirement, are paid a longevity benefit payment equal to one and one quarter

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percent of their annual salary earned in the year of retirement multiplied by the years of service with the School District. Employees that have completed over twenty years of service at the School District upon retirement, are paid a longevity benefit payment equal to one and one half percent of their annual salary earned in the year of retirement multiplied by the years of service with the School District. Retirees must notify the School District by March 1 of each year as to their intent to retire and to apply for the retirement/longevity benefit. Payment of the retirement/longevity benefit is limited to five percent of the number of employees in each year based upon seniority. The benefit is paid in one lump sum at the time of retirement from the fund and function that pays the employees' salaries.

Life and Vision Insurance

The School District provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to most employees through The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company.

The School District provides vision insurance to employees through Vision Service Plan.

Note 11 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

Net Pension Liability/Net OPEB Liability

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 liability (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 liability (asset) calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost of living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting these estimates annually.

Ohio Revised Code limits the School District's obligation for this liability to annually required payments. The School District cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions/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 includes 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.

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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 liability (asset). Resulting adjustments to the net pension/OPEB liability (asset) would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The Ohio revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients.

The proportionate share of each plan's unfunded benefits is presented as a net OPEB asset or long-term net pension/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 12 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 multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by SERS. SERS provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits, 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. In 2020, the Board of Trustees approved a 0.5 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for eligible retirees and beneficiaries in 2021.

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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, 2021, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 14.0 percent. For fiscal year 2021, the Retirement Board did not allocate any employer contribution to the Health Care Fund.

The School District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$369,250 for fiscal year 2021. Of this amount, \$74,191 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

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

New members have a choice of three retirement plans; a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan, and a Combined Plan. Benefits are established by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307.

The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service. Effective August 1, 2015, the calculation is 2.2 percent of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. 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. Eligibility changes will be phased in until August 1, 2026, when retirement eligibility for unreduced benefits will be five year of service credit and age 65, or 35 years of service credit and at least age 60.

Eligibility changes for DB Plan members who retire with actuarially reduced benefits will be phased in until August 1, 2023, when retirement eligibility will be five years of qualifying service credit and age 60, or 30 years of service credit at any age.

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. The member determines how to allocate the member and employer money among various investment choices offered by STRS. 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 is deposited into the member's DC account and the remaining 2 percent is applied to the DB Plan. Member contributions to the DC Plan are allocated among investment choices by the member, and contributions to the DB Plan from the employer and the member are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The defined benefit portion of the

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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 at age fifty and after termination of employment.

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. New members must have at least ten years of qualifying service credit that apply for disability benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. Eligible survivors of members who die before service retirement may qualify for monthly benefits. 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. The fiscal year 2021 employer and employee contribution rate of 14 percent was equal to the statutory maximum rates. For fiscal year 2021, the full employer contribution was allocated to pension.

The School District's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$1,300,531 for fiscal year 2021. Of this amount, \$180,994 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, 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the School District's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability:			
Current Measurement Date	0.07471780%	0.07487739%	
Prior Measurement Date	<u>0.07209120%</u>	<u>0.07433947%</u>	
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>0.00262660%</u>	<u>0.00053792%</u>	
Proportionate Share of the Net			<u>Total</u>
Pension Liability	\$4,941,993	\$18,117,665	\$23,059,658
Pension Expense	\$583,269	\$1,987,646	\$2,570,915

At June 30, 2021, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$9,600	\$40,651	\$50,251
Changes of assumptions	0	972,570	972,570
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	313,716	881,064	1,194,780
Changes in Proportionate Share and Difference between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	95,890	59,026	154,916
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>369,250</u>	<u>1,300,531</u>	<u>1,669,781</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$788,456</u>	<u>\$3,253,842</u>	<u>\$4,042,298</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$0	\$115,850	\$115,850
Changes in Proportionate Share and Difference between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>2,875</u>	<u>304,039</u>	<u>306,914</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$2,875</u>	<u>\$419,889</u>	<u>\$422,764</u>

\$1,669,781 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, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
2022	\$57,097	\$451,112	\$508,209
2023	130,250	207,066	337,316
2024	130,764	460,380	591,144
2025	<u>98,220</u>	<u>414,864</u>	<u>513,084</u>
Total	<u>\$416,331</u>	<u>\$1,533,422</u>	<u>\$1,949,753</u>

Actuarial Assumptions - SERS

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

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

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

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation, prepared as of June 30, 2020, are presented below:

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

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Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Cash	2.00 %	1.85 %
US Stocks	22.50	5.75
Non-US Stocks	22.50	6.50
Fixed Income	19.00	2.85
Private Equity	12.00	7.60
Real Assets	17.00	6.60
Multi-Asset Strategies	5.00	6.65
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 net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 percent, as well as what each plan’s net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.50 percent), or one percentage point higher (8.50 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (6.50%)	Current Discount Rate (7.50%)	1% Increase (8.50%)
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$6,769,927	\$4,941,993	\$3,408,321

Actuarial Assumptions – STRS

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results used in the July 1, 2020, actuarial valuation are presented below:

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

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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. Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on RP-2014 Employee Mortality Table, 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.

Actuarial assumptions used in the July 1 2020, 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:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Rate of Return *</u>
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	 <u>100.00 %</u>	

* 10 year annualized geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.25 percent, but does 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, 2020. 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 above. 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, 2020. 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, 2020.

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

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discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.45 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (8.45 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.45%)	Current Discount Rate (7.45%)	1% Increase (8.45%)
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$25,796,399	\$18,117,665	\$11,610,575

Social Security System

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the School Employees Retirement System or the State Teachers Retirement System have an option to choose Social Security or the School Employees Retirement System. As of June 30, 2021, there are two employees who have elected Social Security. The Board of Education's liability is 6.2 percent of wages paid.

Note 12 - Defined Benefit OPEB Plans

See Note 11 for a description of the net OPEB liability.

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 healthcare 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 Annual Comprehensive 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 2021, no allocation 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

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was earned. For fiscal year 2021, this amount was \$23,000. 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 2021, the School District’s surcharge obligation was \$49,647.

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 and intergovernmental payable to SERS was \$49,647 for fiscal year 2021.

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. 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. All benefit recipients pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care.

OPEB Liabilities, 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, 2020, 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:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability:			
Current Measurement Date	0.07754870%	0.07487739%	
Prior Measurement Date	<u>0.07374140%</u>	<u>0.07433947%</u>	
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>0.00380730%</u>	<u>0.00053792%</u>	
Proportionate Share of the:			<u>Total</u>
Net OPEB Liability	\$1,685,388	\$0	\$1,685,388
Net OPEB (Asset)	\$0	(\$1,315,968)	(\$1,315,968)
OPEB Expense	(\$1,275)	(\$93,091)	(\$94,366)

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At June 30, 2021, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$22,136	\$84,321	\$106,457
Changes of assumptions	287,300	21,724	309,024
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	18,990	46,119	65,109
Changes in Proportionate Share and Difference between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	88,052	750	88,802
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>49,647</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>49,647</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u><u>\$466,125</u></u>	<u><u>\$152,914</u></u>	<u><u>\$619,039</u></u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$857,137	\$262,122	\$1,119,259
Changes of assumptions	42,451	1,249,949	1,292,400
Changes in Proportionate Share and Difference between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>18,877</u>	<u>53,349</u>	<u>72,226</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u><u>\$918,465</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,565,420</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,483,885</u></u>

\$49,647 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 year ending June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2022	(\$104,408)	(\$354,667)	(\$459,075)
2023	(103,034)	(323,450)	(426,484)
2024	(103,257)	(312,501)	(415,758)
2025	(98,170)	(297,406)	(395,576)
2026	(70,333)	(61,015)	(131,348)
2027	<u>(22,785)</u>	<u>(63,467)</u>	<u>(86,252)</u>
Total	<u><u>(\$501,987)</u></u>	<u><u>(\$1,412,506)</u></u>	<u><u>(\$1,914,493)</u></u>

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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, 2020, are presented below:

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	2.45 percent
Prior Measurement Date	3.13 percent
Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation	
Measurement Date	2.63 percent
Prior Measurement Date	3.22 percent
Medical Trend Assumption	
Medicare	5.25 to 4.75 percent
Pre-Medicare	7.00 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

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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 11.

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2020 was 2.63 percent. The discount rate used to measure total OPEB liability at June 30, 2019, was 3.22 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, 2025. 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, 2024, and the Fidelity General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index rate of 2.45 percent, as of June 30, 2020 (i.e. municipal bond rate), was used to present value the projected benefit payments for the remaining years in the projection. The total present value of 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 net OPEB liability of SERS, what SERS' net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (1.63%) and higher (3.63%) than the current discount rate (2.63%). Also shown is what SERS' net OPEB liability would be based on health care cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower (6.00% decreasing to 3.75%) and higher (8.00% decreasing to 5.75%) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (1.63%)	Current Discount Rate (2.63%)	1% Increase (3.63%)
School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$2,062,872	\$1,685,388	\$1,385,287

	1% Decrease (6.00 % decreasing to 3.75%)	Current Trend Rate (7.00 % decreasing to 4.75%)	1% Increase (8.00 % decreasing to 5.75%)
School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$1,327,114	\$1,685,388	\$2,164,490

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Actuarial Assumptions – STRS

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results used in the June 30, 2020, actuarial valuation are presented below:

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	7.45 percent
Health Care Cost Trends	
Medical	
Pre-Medicare	5.00 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
Medicare	-6.69 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
Prescription Drug	
Pre-Medicare	6.50 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
Medicare	11.87 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 improvement scale MP-2016.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2020, 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, there was no change to the claims costs process. Claim curves were updated to reflect the projected fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 premium based on June 30, 2020 enrollment distribution. The non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2021 from 1.984 percent to 2.055 percent per year of service. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2021. The Medicare subsidy percentages were adjusted effective January 1, 2021 to 2.1 percent for the AMA Medicare plan. The Medicare Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed indefinitely.

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 11.

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 7.45 percent as of June 30, 2020. 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 as of June 30, 2020. 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, 2020.

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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 net OPEB asset as of June 30, 2020, calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.45 percent, as well as what 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 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.

	<u>1% Decrease</u> <u>(6.45%)</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>Discount Rate</u> <u>(7.45%)</u>	<u>1% Increase</u> <u>(8.45%)</u>
School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	(\$1,144,979)	(\$1,315,968)	(\$1,461,048)

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>Trend Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	(\$1,452,043)	(\$1,315,968)	(\$1,150,211)

Note 13 - Capitalized Leases

The School District has entered into capitalized leases for copying equipment and buses. During fiscal year 2021, the School District entered into no new leases.

The leases meet the criteria of a capital lease which is defined as transferring benefits and risks of ownership to the lessee. Capital lease payments are reflected as debt service expenditures in the basic financial statements for the governmental funds.

Equipment and vehicles acquired by lease have been capitalized in the government-wide statements governmental activities in the amount of \$599,101, which is equal to the present value of the minimum lease payments. A corresponding liability was recorded in the government-wide statements governmental activities. Assets acquired by governmental activities capitalized leases are reported, net of accumulated depreciation, in the amount of \$491,203. Principal payments in fiscal year 2021 totaled \$114,814 in the governmental funds.

Future minimum lease payments through fiscal year 2024 are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2022	\$98,929	\$8,108	\$107,037
2023	83,129	5,491	88,620
2024	85,828	2,792	88,620
Total	<u>\$267,886</u>	<u>\$16,391</u>	<u>\$284,277</u>

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Note 14 - Long-Term Obligations

The changes in the School District's long-term obligations during the fiscal year consist of the following:

	Outstanding 06/30/2020	Additions	Reductions	Outstanding 06/30/2021	Due Within One Year
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>					
2012 School Facilities Refunding					
Serial Bonds - various	\$1,865,000	\$0	\$440,000	\$1,425,000	\$455,000
Bond Premium	54,456	0	13,614	40,842	0
Total General Obligation Bonds	<u>1,919,456</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>453,614</u>	<u>1,465,842</u>	<u>455,000</u>
2007 House Bill 264 Energy					
Conservation Notes - 4.5%	43,211	0	43,211	0	0
Net Pension Liability:					
STRS	16,439,727	1,677,938	0	18,117,665	0
SERS	4,313,343	628,650	0	4,941,993	0
Total Net Pension Liability	<u>20,753,070</u>	<u>2,306,588</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>23,059,658</u>	<u>0</u>
Net OPEB Liability - SERS	1,854,441	0	169,053	1,685,388	0
Capital Leases	382,700	0	114,814	267,886	98,929
Compensated Absences Payable	645,746	157,232	105,395	697,583	59,138
Longevity Benefits Payable	929,320	203,235	75,136	1,057,419	0
Total Long-Term Obligations	<u>\$26,527,944</u>	<u>\$2,667,055</u>	<u>\$961,223</u>	<u>\$28,233,776</u>	<u>\$613,067</u>

There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability or net OPEB liability. However, employer pension contributions are made from the following funds: General Fund and Food Service Special Revenue Fund. For additional information related to the net pension liability and net OPEB liability, see Note 11 and Note 12.

Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employees' salaries are paid. These funds include the General Fund and the Food Service Special Revenue Fund. The capital leases will be paid from the General Fund and the Permanent Improvement Levy Capital Projects Fund.

On September 9, 2011, the School District issued \$4,950,000 of School Facilities General Obligation Refunding serial bonds with varying interest rates between 2 percent to 4 percent. The general obligation refunding bonds were sold at a premium of \$176,988 that will be amortized over the term of the bonds. The amount amortized for fiscal year 2021 was \$13,614 leaving an unamortized balance of \$40,842. Issuance costs associated with the refunding bond issue, in the amount of \$86,809, were expensed in the year of issuance. The refunding resulted in a current refunding of the 2001 School Facilities serial and term bonds. \$5,121,344 (after premium, underwriting fees, and other issuance costs) was deposited into an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the refunded 2001 bonds. On December 1, 2011, the 2001 refunded bonds were called and paid in full and the escrow account was closed.

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As a result of the refunding, \$5,305,000 of refunded bonds is considered defeased and the liability is removed from the Statement of Net Position. The refunding resulted in a difference between the net carrying amount of the debt and the acquisition in the amount of \$121,344. This difference was expensed during fiscal year 2012. The School District completed the current refunding to reduce its total debt service requirements over the next 12 years by \$582,478 in order to obtain an economic gain of \$487,382.

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the general obligation bonds are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2022	\$455,000	\$47,900	\$502,900
2023	475,000	29,300	504,300
2024	495,000	9,900	504,900
Totals	<u>\$1,425,000</u>	<u>\$87,100</u>	<u>\$1,512,100</u>

The bonds maturing on or after December 1, 2021, are subject to redemption at the option of the School District, either in whole or in part, in such order of maturity as the School District shall determine, on any date on or after June 1, 2021, at a redemption price equal to 100 percent of the principal amount redeemed plus, in each case, accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

The School District obtained approval to participate in the Ohio School District Credit Enhancement Program on November 9, 2010. The additional level of security afforded by the Credit Enhancement Program provides the basis for consideration of a higher debt rating by certain rating agencies. As a result, the School District obtained a Moody's rating on the 2011 School Facilities Refunding Bonds of Aa2.

On August 9, 2006, the School District issued \$497,079 in unvoted Energy Conservation Notes, under the authority of Ohio Revised Code sections 133.06(G) and 3313.46(B). The Energy Conservation Notes were issued for the purpose of purchasing and installing energy conservation measures. These energy conservation measures include geothermal cooling energy operational improvements to Perry Elementary. The energy conservation notes matured on January 15, 2021, and were paid in full during the fiscal year.

The School District's overall legal debt margin was \$31,542,639, with an unvoted debt margin of \$363,069 at June 30, 2021.

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Note 15 - Interfund Activity

Interfund receivables and payables during the current year consisted of the following:

	Interfund Receivable	Interfund Payable
Major Fund:		
General Fund	\$465,857	\$0
Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds:		
Miscellaneous State Grants	0	1,882
Title I Grant	0	24,994
Title II-A Grant	0	4,978
ESSER Grant	0	394,972
Miscellaneous Federal Grants	0	39,031
Total Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds	0	465,857
Total All Funds	\$465,857	\$465,857

The governmental balance sheet reflects interfund receivables and payables in the amount of \$465,857. Of the amounts above, all of these amounts represents the amount due to the General Fund from Special Revenue Funds for cash deficits. These were covered by a cash advance from the General Fund. The above interfund balances are anticipated to be repaid within one fiscal year.

Note 16 - Jointly Governed Organizations

Licking Area Computer Association (LACA)

The School District is a participant in LACA, which is a computer consortium. LACA is an association which serves 26 entities within the boundaries of Licking, Muskingum, Fairfield, Perry, Knox, and Medina Counties. These entities consist of public school districts, private schools, community schools, and educational service centers. The 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 school districts. The governing board of LACA consists of the superintendents from all participating districts. The board exercised total control over the operations of LACA including budgeting, appropriating, contracting, and designating management. Each participant's control is limited to its representation on the board. The continued existence of LACA is not dependent on the School District's continued participation and the School District has no equity interest in the Association. The LACA constitution states that any school district withdrawing from the Association prior to the dissolution forfeits their claim to the Association's capital assets. The School District's total payments to LACA for computer and internet services during fiscal year 2021 were \$117,088. Financial information may be obtained from LACA at 150 South Quentin Road, Newark, Ohio 43055.

Mid-East Career and Technology Centers

The Mid-East Career and Technology Centers is a jointly governed organization providing vocational education services to its thirteen member school districts. The Center is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a board consisting of one representative from each of the participating school district's elected boards. The board possesses its own taxing authority. The board also exercised total control over the operations of Mid-East Career and Technology Centers including budgeting, appropriating, contracting, and designating management. Each participant's control is limited to its

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representation on the board. The continued existence of the Center is not dependent on the School District's continued participation and no equity interest exists. During fiscal year 2021, the School District made no contributions to the Center. Financial information may be obtained from Mid-East Career and Technology Centers at 400 Richards Road, Zanesville, Ohio 43701.

Metropolitan Educational Technology Association (META)

The School District participates in the Metropolitan Educational Technology Association (META), which is a jointly governed organization, created as a regional council of governments pursuant to Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code. META is also known as META Solutions. META operates as, and has all the powers of, a data acquisition site/information technology center pursuant to applicable provisions of the Ohio Revised Code. The organization was formed for the purpose of identifying, developing, and providing to members and nonmembers innovative educational and technological services and products, as well as expanded opportunities for cooperative purchasing. The School District uses the META purchasing cooperative. The General Assembly of META consists of one delegate from every member school district. The delegate is the superintendent of the school district or the superintendent's designee. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the General Assembly. The General Assembly exercises total control over the operation of META including budgeting, appropriating, contracting, and designating management. During fiscal year 2021, the School District's membership payment for the purchasing cooperative was waived by META. Financial information can be obtained from Metropolitan Educational Technology Association at 100 Executive Drive, Marion, Ohio 43302.

Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools (CORAS)

The Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools (CORAS) is a jointly governed organization composed of over 130 school districts and other educational institutions in the 35 county region of Ohio designated as Appalachia. The Coalition is operated by a board which is composed of nineteen members. One elected and one appointed from each of the eight regions into which the 35 Appalachian counties are divided; and three from Ohio University College of Education. The board exercised total control over the operations of CORAS including budgeting, appropriating, contracting, and designating management. Each participant's control is limited to its representation on the board. The Coalition provides various in-service training programs for school district administrative personnel; gathers data regarding the level of education provided to children in the region; cooperates with other professional groups to assess and develop programs designed to meet the needs of member districts; and provides staff development programs for school district personnel. The Coalition is not dependent on the continued participation of the School District and the School District does not maintain an equity interest in or financial responsibility for the Coalition. During fiscal year 2021, the School District made a membership payment in the amount of \$325 to CORAS. Financial information may be obtained from the Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools at 322 McCracken Hall, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio 45701.

Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Educational Service Agency (OME-RESA)

The Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Educational Service Agency (OME-RESA) was created as a regional council of governments pursuant to State statutes. OME-RESA has twelve participating counties consisting of Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Muskingum, Monroe, Noble, and Tuscarawas Counties. OME-RESA operates under the direction of a board, which possesses its own taxing authority, consisting of one representative from each of the participating school district's elected boards. The board also exercised total control over the operations of OME-RESA including budgeting, appropriating, contracting, and designating management. Each participant's control is limited to its representation on the board. OME-RESA provides educational management information and cooperative purchasing services to member districts. The School District participates in the sales service

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programs to purchase food, office, and classroom supplies. These programs allow schools to purchase supplies at reduced rates. During fiscal year 2021, the School District's fee was waived. The Jefferson County Educational Service Center serves as the fiscal agent and receives funding from the State Department of Education. Financial information may be obtained from OME-RESA at 2230 Sunset Boulevard, Suite 2, Steubenville, Ohio 43952.

Ohio Coalition of Equity and Adequacy of School Funding

The Ohio Coalition of Equity and Adequacy of School Funding is organized as a council of governments pursuant to Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Coalition was organized to challenge the constitutionality of the Ohio school funding system. The purpose of the Coalition is to bring about greater equity and adequacy of public school funding in Ohio. The Coalition is governed by a Steering Committee of 90 school district representatives. Though most of the members are superintendents, some treasurers, board members, and administrators also serve. Several persons serve as ex officio members. The Committee exercised total control over the operations of the Coalition including budgeting, appropriating, contracting, and designating management. Each participant's control is limited to its representation on the board. The membership of the coalition includes over 500 school districts throughout the State of Ohio. Member school districts, joint vocational schools, and educational service centers pay annual dues and supplemental dues based on their pupil enrollment. The Coalition is not dependent on the continued participation of the School District and the School District does not maintain an equity interest or financial responsibility for the Coalition. During fiscal year 2021, the School District paid \$1,100 to the Coalition. The fiscal agent for the Coalition is the Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center. Financial information may be obtained from the Ohio Coalition of Equity and Adequacy of School Funding at 100 South Third Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Note 17 - Insurance Purchasing Pools

Ohio SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program

The Ohio SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (Program) is a shared risk pool among school districts in Ohio. Section 4123.29, Ohio Revised Code, permits the establishment of employer group rating plans for workers' compensation rating purposes. The Program is governed by the Ohio School Board Association (OSBA) Executive Committee that consists of seven members as follows: the president of OSBA, Immediate Past President of OSBA, and five representatives elected from the participating school districts.

The Program, a Bureau of Workers' Compensation certified sponsor, established the program based upon guidelines set forth by the Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC). The Program created a group of school districts that will practice effective workplace safety and claims management to achieve lower premiums for workers compensation coverage than they would individually. The participating school districts continue to pay their own premiums and have the opportunity to receive premium adjustments based upon the combined performance of the group. Depending upon that performance, the participating school districts can receive either a premium refund or assessment. The Program's third party administrator (TPA), Comp Management, Inc., a Sedgwick Company, provides administrative, cost control, and actuarial services to the Program. The cost of the TPA will be paid by each school district in proportion to its payroll to the total payroll of the group. The School District paid \$495 in enrollment fees to the Program as of June 30, 2021.

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Ohio School Benefits Cooperative

The School District participates in the Ohio School Benefits Cooperative, a claims servicing and group purchasing pool comprised of 39 members. The Ohio School Benefits Cooperative (OSBC) is created and organized pursuant to and as authorized by Section 9.833 of the Ohio Revised Code. OSBC is governed by a nine member Board of Directors, all of whom must be school district and/or educational service center administrators. The Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center serves as the fiscal agent for OSBC. OSBC is an unincorporated, non-profit association of its members which was created for the purpose of enabling members of the Plan to maximize benefits and/or reduce costs of medical, prescription drug, vision, dental, life and/or other group insurance coverage for their employees, and the eligible dependents and designated beneficiaries of such employees.

Participants paid an initial \$500 membership fee to OSBC. OSBC offers two options to participants. Participants may enroll in the joint insurance purchasing program for medical, prescription drug, vision dental and/or life insurance. A second option is available for self-insured participants that provides for the purchase of stop-loss insurance coverage through OSBC's third party administrator. Medical Mutual/Antares is the Administrator of the OSBC. On November 1, 2005, the School District elected to participate in the self-insured purchasing program for medical, prescription drug, and dental.

Note 18 - Accountability

The following special revenue funds had deficit fund balances as of June 30, 2021:

	<u>Amount</u>
Title I Grant	\$9,188
Straight A Grant	1,882
Title II-A Grant	2,633
Miscellaneous Federal Grants	391
	<u>\$14,094</u>

These deficits are the result of the recognition of payables in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as well as short-term interfund loans from the General Fund needed for operations until the receipt of grant monies. The General Fund provides transfers to cover deficit balances; however, this is done when cash is needed rather than when accruals occur.

Note 19 - 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 fiscal year end or offset by similarly restricted resources received during the fiscal year must be held in cash at fiscal year end and carried forward to be used for the same purposes in future fiscal years.

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

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	<u>Capital Acquisition</u>
Set-aside Reserve Balance June 30, 2020	\$0
Current Year Set-aside Requirement	395,774
Current Year Offsets	(1,374,494)
Current Year Qualifying Disbursements	<u>(295,108)</u>
Total	<u><u>(\$1,273,828)</u></u>
Balance Carried Forward to Future Fiscal Years	<u><u>\$0</u></u>

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

Note 20 - Significant Commitments

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

<u>Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Encumbrances</u>
General Fund	\$139,636
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	<u>318,973</u>
Total Governmental Funds	<u><u>\$458,609</u></u>

Note 21 - Contingencies

Grants

The School District received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the School District at June 30, 2021.

Litigation

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

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Note 22 - COVID-19

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio's state of emergency ended in June of 2021 while the national state of emergency continues. During fiscal year 2021, the School District received Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding. The School District's investment portfolio and the investments of the pension and other employee benefit plans in which the School District participates fluctuate with market conditions, and due to market volatility, the amount of losses that will be recognized in subsequent periods, if any, cannot be determined. In addition, the impact on the School District's future operating costs, revenues, and any recovery from emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated. Additional funding has been made available through the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, passed by Congress on December 21, 2020, and/or the American Rescue Plan Act, passed by Congress on March 11, 2021.

Note 23 - Subsequent Events

For fiscal year 2022, School District foundation funding received from the state of Ohio will be funded using a direct funding model. Under this new model, community school, STEM school and scholarship funding will be directly funded by the State of Ohio to the respective schools. For fiscal year 2021 and prior, the amounts related to students who were residents of the School District were funded to the School District who, in turn, made the payment to the respective school. For fiscal year 2021, the School District reported \$530,956 on a cash basis, in revenue and expenditures/expense related to these programs. This new funding system calculates a unique base cost and a unique "per-pupil local capacity amount" for each School District. The School District's state core foundation funding is then calculated. Any change in funding will be subject to a phase in percentage of 16.67 percent for fiscal year 2022 and 33.33 percent for fiscal year 2023.

On June 10, 2021, the Board of Education approved a bond resolution to refund the remaining portion of bonds issued in September 2011. The transmittal letter is dated July 28, 2021. No monies were exchanged until fiscal year 2022. The September 2011 bonds were issued for the purpose of refunding the remaining portion of bonds issued in April 2001. The original bonds were for the purpose of paying the local share of school construction under the State of Ohio Classroom Facilities Assistance Program.

On August 11, 2021, the Board of Education approved a 3 percent base salary increase for certified and classified employees, as well as the Treasurer and Superintendent, to be effective August 9, 2021. The Board of Education also approved new medical/surgical insurance rates on all three plans offered to employees, which reflects a premium increase, effective October 1, 2021. Based upon information provided by the third party administrator, the Board of Education increased the employer share by 5 percent and the employee share by 5 percent, with the exception of one plan reflecting no increase for the employee share.

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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 Eight Fiscal Years (1) **

	2021	2020	2019	2018
School District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.07471780%	0.07209120%	0.07235620%	0.07272830%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$4,941,993	\$4,313,343	\$4,143,974	\$4,345,355
School District's Covered Payroll	\$2,630,671	\$2,480,067	\$2,400,807	\$2,374,514
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	187.86%	173.92%	172.61%	183.00%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	68.55%	70.85%	71.36%	69.50%

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

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

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

2017	2016	2015	2014
0.07585630%	0.07605330%	0.07734700%	0.07734700%
\$5,551,980	\$4,339,675	\$3,914,488	\$4,599,578
\$2,204,307	\$2,244,550	\$2,256,335	\$2,275,313
251.87%	193.34%	173.49%	202.15%
62.98%	69.16%	71.70%	65.52%

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

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
School District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.07487739%	0.07433947%	0.07550470%	0.07646400%	0.07755320%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$18,117,665	\$16,439,727	\$16,601,788	\$18,164,189	\$25,959,394
School District's Covered Payroll	\$9,078,464	\$8,745,014	\$8,669,571	\$8,373,600	\$7,836,329
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	199.57%	187.99%	191.49%	216.92%	331.27%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	75.50%	77.40%	77.30%	75.30%	66.80%

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2016	2015	2014
0.08005128%	0.08290091%	0.08290091%
\$22,123,833	\$20,164,370	\$24,019,666
\$8,713,943	\$8,472,100	\$8,778,800
253.89%	238.01%	273.61%
72.10%	74.70%	69.30%

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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 Five Fiscal Years (1) **

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
School District's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	0.07754870%	0.07374140%	0.07349080%	0.07395480%	0.07695200%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$1,685,388	\$1,854,441	\$2,038,833	\$1,984,752	\$2,193,417
School District's Covered Payroll	\$2,630,671	\$2,480,067	\$2,400,807	\$2,374,514	\$2,204,307
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	64.07%	74.77%	84.92%	83.59%	99.51%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	18.17%	15.57%	13.57%	12.46%	11.49%

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*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

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

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
School District's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	0.07487739%	0.07433947%	0.07550470%	0.07646400%	0.07755320%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	(\$1,315,968)	(\$1,231,239)	(\$1,213,283)	\$2,983,344	\$4,147,565
School District's Covered Payroll	\$9,078,464	\$8,745,014	\$8,669,571	\$8,373,600	\$7,836,329
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	-14.50%	-14.08%	-13.99%	35.63%	52.93%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB	182.10%	174.70%	176.00%	47.10%	37.30%

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

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Net Pension Liability					
Contractually Required Contribution	\$369,250	\$368,294	\$334,809	\$324,109	\$332,432
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(369,250)</u>	<u>(368,294)</u>	<u>(334,809)</u>	<u>(324,109)</u>	<u>(332,432)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
School District Covered Payroll (1)	\$2,637,500	\$2,630,671	\$2,480,067	\$2,400,807	\$2,374,514
Pension Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>13.50%</u>	<u>13.50%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>
Net OPEB Liability					
Contractually Required Contribution (2)	\$49,647	\$49,886	\$56,763	\$52,086	\$41,012
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(49,647)</u>	<u>(49,886)</u>	<u>(56,763)</u>	<u>(52,086)</u>	<u>(41,012)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
OPEB Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u>1.88%</u>	<u>1.90%</u>	<u>2.29%</u>	<u>2.17%</u>	<u>1.73%</u>
Total Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (2)	<u>15.88%</u>	<u>15.90%</u>	<u>15.79%</u>	<u>15.67%</u>	<u>15.73%</u>

(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

2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
\$308,603	\$295,832	\$312,728	\$314,903	\$296,071
<u>(308,603)</u>	<u>(295,832)</u>	<u>(312,728)</u>	<u>(314,903)</u>	<u>(296,071)</u>
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
\$2,204,307	\$2,244,550	\$2,256,335	\$2,275,313	\$2,201,268
<u>14.00%</u>	<u>13.18%</u>	<u>13.86%</u>	<u>13.84%</u>	<u>13.45%</u>
\$39,281	\$59,207	\$43,004	\$42,753	\$45,782
<u>(39,281)</u>	<u>(59,207)</u>	<u>(43,004)</u>	<u>(42,753)</u>	<u>(45,782)</u>
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>1.78%</u>	<u>2.64%</u>	<u>1.91%</u>	<u>1.88%</u>	<u>2.08%</u>
<u>15.78%</u>	<u>15.82%</u>	<u>15.77%</u>	<u>15.72%</u>	<u>15.53%</u>

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

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Net Pension Liability					
Contractually Required Contribution	\$1,300,531	\$1,270,985	\$1,224,302	\$1,213,740	\$1,172,304
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(1,300,531)</u>	<u>(1,270,985)</u>	<u>(1,224,302)</u>	<u>(1,213,740)</u>	<u>(1,172,304)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
School District Covered Payroll (1)	\$9,289,507	\$9,078,464	\$8,745,014	\$8,669,571	\$8,373,600
Pension Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>
Net OPEB Liability (Asset)					
Contractually Required Contribution	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
OPEB Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Total Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>

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

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<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
\$1,097,086	\$1,219,952	\$1,101,373	\$1,141,244	\$1,152,489
<u>(1,097,086)</u>	<u>(1,219,952)</u>	<u>(1,101,373)</u>	<u>(1,141,244)</u>	<u>(1,152,489)</u>
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
\$7,836,329	\$8,713,943	\$8,472,100	\$8,778,800	\$8,865,300
<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>13.00%</u>	<u>13.00%</u>	<u>13.00%</u>
\$0	\$0	\$84,721	\$87,788	\$88,653
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(84,721)</u>	<u>(87,788)</u>	<u>(88,653)</u>
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>1.00%</u>	<u>1.00%</u>	<u>1.00%</u>
<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>

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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 below:

	<u>Fiscal Year 2017</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2016 and Prior</u>
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 expense, including inflation	7.75 percent net of investments 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 set-back for both males and females. Amounts reported for fiscal year 2016 and prior, use mortality assumptions that are based on the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table set back one year for both men and women. Special mortality tables were used for the period after disability retirement.

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 below:

	<u>Fiscal Year 2018</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2017 and Prior</u>
Inflation	2.50 percent	2.75 percent
Projected salary increases	12.50 percent at age 20 to 2.50 percent at age 65	12.25 percent at age 20 to 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

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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.

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 set-back for age 90 and above. Females younger than age 80 are set back four years, one year set back from age 80 through 89, and no set back from age 90 and above.

Net OPEB Liability

Changes in Assumptions – SERS

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

Municipal Bond Index Rate:	
Fiscal year 2021	2.45 percent
Fiscal year 2020	3.13 percent
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 2021	2.63 percent
Fiscal year 2020	3.22 percent
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 coverage were decreased. The assumed mortality, disability, retirement, withdrawal and future 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.

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Changes in Benefit Terms – STRS OPEB

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.

For fiscal year 2020, there was no change to the claims costs process. Claim curves were trended to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 to reflect the current price renewals. The non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2020 from 1.944 percent to 1.984 percent per year of service. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2020. The Medicare subsidy percentages were adjusted effective January 1, 2021 to 2.1 percent for the Medicare plan. The Medicare Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed to January 1, 2021.

For fiscal year 2021, there was no change to the claims costs process. Claim curves were updated to reflect the projected fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 premium based on June 30, 2020 enrollment distribution. The non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2021 from 1.984 percent to 2.055 percent per year of service. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2021. The Medicare subsidy percentages were adjusted effective January 1, 2021 to 2.1 percent for the AMA Medicare plan. The Medicare Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed indefinitely.

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**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
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FEDERAL GRANTOR Pass Through Grantor Program / Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass Through Entity Identifying Number	Provided Through to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education</i>				
Child Nutrition Cluster:				
Non-Cash Assistance:				
National School Lunch Program (Food Donation)	10.555	N/A	\$0	\$65,099
Cash Assistance:				
School Breakfast Program	10.553	N/A	0	17,840
COVID - 19 School Breakfast Program	10.553	N/A	0	116,712
National School Lunch Program	10.555	N/A	0	520,409
COVID - 19 National School Lunch Program	10.555	N/A	0	68,059
Cash Assistance Subtotal			<u>0</u>	<u>723,020</u>
Total Child Nutrition Cluster/U.S. Department of Agriculture			0	788,119
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education</i>				
CRF Grants to Local Educational Agencies	21.019	2021	0	137,027
Broadband Grants to Local Educational Agencies	21.019	2021	0	17,593
Total U.S. Department of Treasury			0	154,620
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education</i>				
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	2021	0	272,486
		2020	0	43,159
Title I Pre-School Restoration		2020	0	4,868
Expanded Opportunities for each Child		2021	0	6,453
Title I Program for Neglected and Delinquent Children		2021	41,963	41,963
Total Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies			<u>41,963</u>	<u>368,929</u>
Special Education Cluster (IDEA):				
Special Education, Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	84.027	2020	0	57,694
		2021	0	436,547
Special Education_Grants to States_Restoration		2021	0	7,985
Total Special Education-Grants to States			<u>0</u>	<u>502,226</u>
Special Education_Preschool Grants (IDEA Preschool)	84.173	2021	12,551	12,551
Total Special Education_Preschool Grants			<u>12,551</u>	<u>12,551</u>
Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA)			12,551	514,777
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	2021	0	58,224
		2020	0	7,571
Total Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants			<u>0</u>	<u>65,795</u>
Student Support & Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	2021	0	23,510
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425D	2021	0	222,504
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund II		2021	0	394,867
Total Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund			<u>0</u>	<u>617,371</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>54,514</u>	<u>1,590,382</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$54,514</u>	<u>\$2,533,121</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this Schedule.

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**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
2 CFR 200.510(b)(6)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of East Muskingum Local School District (the School District) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2021. 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 School District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the School 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 School District has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE D - SUBRECIPIENTS

The School District passes certain federal awards received from U.S. Department of Education to other governments or not-for-profit agencies (subrecipients). As Note B describes, the School District reports expenditures of Federal awards to subrecipients when paid in cash.

As a subrecipient, the School District has certain compliance responsibilities, such as monitoring its subrecipients to help assure they use these subawards as authorized by laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements, and that subrecipients achieve the award's performance goals.

NOTE E - CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER

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

NOTE F – FOOD DONATION PROGRAM

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

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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

East Muskingum Local School District
Muskingum County
13505 John Glenn School Road
New Concord, Ohio 43762

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, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the East Muskingum Local School District, Muskingum County, Ohio (the School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated May 5, 2022, wherein we noted the financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures which may impact subsequent periods of the School District.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the School District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the financial statements. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

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



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

May 5, 2022

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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

East Muskingum Local School District
Muskingum County
13505 John Glenn School Road
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To the Board of Education:

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

We have audited East Muskingum Local School District's, Muskingum County, Ohio (the School 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 East Muskingum Local School District's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2021. The *Summary of Auditor's Results* in the accompanying Schedule of Findings identifies the School District's major federal program.

Management's Responsibility

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

In our opinion, East Muskingum Local School District complied, in all material respects with the compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2021.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

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

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

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



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

May 5, 2022

**EAST MUSKINGUM LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MUSKINGUM COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
2 CFR § 200.515
JUNE 30, 2021**

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 Program (list): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child 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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**EAST MUSKINGUM LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MUSKINGUM COUNTY**

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

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



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