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HICKSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DEFIANCE COUNTY  
JUNE 30, 2019

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Hicksville Exempted Village School District  
Defiance County  
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To the Board of Education:

### ***Report on the Financial Statements***

We have audited the accompanying cash-basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Hicksville Exempted Village School District, Defiance County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the cash accounting basis Note 2 describes. This responsibility includes determining that the cash accounting basis is acceptable for the circumstances. Management is also responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

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

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

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

**Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Hicksville Exempted Village School District, Defiance County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2019, and the respective changes in cash financial position and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting basis described in Note 2.

**Accounting Basis**

Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(B) requires the District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis applied to these statements. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis other than generally accepted accounting principles. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 9, 2020, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Keith Faber  
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

March 9, 2020

HICKSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DEFIANCE COUNTY

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - CASH BASIS  
JUNE 30, 2019

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>Assets:</b>	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$7,882,493</u>
<b>Net Position:</b>	
Restricted for Debt Service	\$337,403
Restricted for Capital Outlay	904,167
Restricted for Other Purposes	221,287
Unrestricted	<u>6,419,636</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$7,882,493</u>

See Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

**HICKSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DEFIANCE COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

	<u>Cash Disbursements</u>	<u>Program Cash Receipts</u>		<u>Net (Disbursements)</u>
		<u>Charges for Services and Sales</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Receipts and Changes in Net Position</u>
				<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$5,284,734	\$514,274	\$39,909	(\$4,730,551)
Special	1,629,224	47,378	914,870	(666,976)
Vocational	113,363		16,918	(96,445)
Student Intervention Services	135,429		130,103	(5,326)
Other	2,300			(2,300)
Support Services:				
Pupils	684,106			(684,106)
Instructional Staff	457,089		8,228	(448,861)
Board of Education	53,534			(53,534)
Administration	780,394			(780,394)
Fiscal	289,323			(289,323)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	932,468		24,499	(907,969)
Pupil Transportation	440,815			(440,815)
Central	91,389			(91,389)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	448,628	233,882	200,399	(14,347)
Extracurricular Activities	566,763	174,558	19,928	(372,277)
Debt Service:				
Principal	400,000			(400,000)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	222,667			(222,667)
Refund of Prior Year Receipts	6,675			(6,675)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$12,538,901</u>	<u>\$970,092</u>	<u>\$1,354,854</u>	<u>(10,213,955)</u>
<b>General Receipts:</b>				
Taxes:				
Property Taxes, Levied for General Purposes				1,963,804
Property Taxes, Levied for Capital Outlay				153,309
Property Taxes, Levied for Debt Service				548,793
Property Taxes, Levied for Other				38,327
Income Taxes				903,588
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs				6,430,427
Gifts and Donations				5,132
Interest				138,775
Miscellaneous				3,580
Refund of Prior Years Expenditures				120,655
Total General Receipts				<u>10,306,390</u>
Change in Net Position				92,435
Net Position Beginning of Year				<u>7,790,058</u>
Net Position End of Year				<u>\$7,882,493</u>

See Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements



HICKSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DEFIANCE COUNTY

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES - CASH BASIS  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2019

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Assets:</b>				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$3,419,636</u>	<u>\$3,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,462,857</u>	<u>\$7,882,493</u>
<b>Fund Balances:</b>				
Restricted			\$1,484,964	\$1,484,964
Committed		\$3,000,000		3,000,000
Assigned	\$185,200			185,200
Unassigned (Deficit)	<u>3,234,436</u>		<u>(22,107)</u>	<u>3,212,329</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$3,419,636</u>	<u>\$3,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,462,857</u>	<u>\$7,882,493</u>

See Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

**HICKSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DEFIANCE COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - CASH BASIS  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Receipts:</b>				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$1,963,804		\$740,429	\$2,704,233
Income Tax	903,588			903,588
Intergovernmental	6,959,476		805,777	7,765,253
Interest	126,685		12,090	138,775
Tuition and Fees	561,652			561,652
Extracurricular Activities	15,344		159,214	174,558
Gifts and Donations	5,132		19,822	24,954
Customer Sales and Services			233,882	233,882
Miscellaneous	3,190		596	3,786
Total Receipts	<u>10,538,871</u>		<u>1,971,810</u>	<u>12,510,681</u>
<b>Disbursements:</b>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	5,124,128		160,606	5,284,734
Special	1,377,975		251,249	1,629,224
Vocational	113,363			113,363
Student Intervention Services			135,429	135,429
Other	2,300			2,300
Support Services:				
Pupils	682,866		1,240	684,106
Instructional Staff	450,219		6,870	457,089
Board of Education	53,534			53,534
Administration	780,394			780,394
Fiscal	272,659		16,664	289,323
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	850,634		81,834	932,468
Pupil Transportation	390,815		50,000	440,815
Central	91,389			91,389
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	269		448,359	448,628
Extracurricular Activities	423,112		143,651	566,763
Debt Service:				
Principal			400,000	400,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges			222,667	222,667
Total Disbursements	<u>10,613,657</u>		<u>1,918,569</u>	<u>12,532,226</u>
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	<u>(74,786)</u>		<u>53,241</u>	<u>(21,545)</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>				
Transfers In			18,961	18,961
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures	117,659		2,996	120,655
Transfers Out	(18,961)			(18,961)
Refund of Prior Year Receipts	(6,675)			(6,675)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>92,023</u>		<u>21,957</u>	<u>113,980</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	17,237		75,198	92,435
Fund Balances Beginning of Year	3,402,399	\$3,000,000	1,387,659	7,790,058
Fund Balances End of Year	<u>\$3,419,636</u>	<u>\$3,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,462,857</u>	<u>\$7,882,493</u>

See Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

**HICKSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DEFIANCE COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGET BASIS  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<b>Receipts:</b>				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$1,951,322	\$1,951,322	\$1,963,804	\$12,482
Income Tax	848,119	848,119	903,588	55,469
Intergovernmental	6,513,732	6,991,172	6,959,476	(31,696)
Interest	80,528	80,528	126,685	46,157
Tuition and Fees	551,799	551,799	540,560	(11,239)
Rent	1,090	1,090		(1,090)
Miscellaneous	4,783	4,783	1,820	(2,963)
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>9,951,373</u>	<u>10,428,813</u>	<u>10,495,933</u>	<u>67,120</u>
<b>Disbursements:</b>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	5,111,913	5,108,436	5,089,870	18,566
Special	1,364,758	1,383,652	1,378,654	4,998
Vocational	113,080	114,027	113,841	186
Student Intervention Services	1,275	1,275		1,275
Other	5,138	7,125	2,300	4,825
Support Services:				
Pupils	721,791	690,452	675,302	15,150
Instructional Staff	464,236	457,414	454,286	3,128
Board of Education	59,830	67,280	63,237	4,043
Administration	734,181	773,238	773,079	159
Fiscal	304,888	301,999	273,046	28,953
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	917,298	896,346	882,399	13,947
Pupil Transportation	497,774	422,693	393,991	28,702
Central	88,873	93,074	91,829	1,245
Non-Instructional/Shared Services	500	500	269	231
Extracurricular Activities	361,881	432,016	423,112	8,904
Capital Outlay	15	15		15
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<u>10,747,431</u>	<u>10,749,542</u>	<u>10,615,215</u>	<u>134,327</u>
Excess of Disbursements Over Receipts	(796,058)	(320,729)	(119,282)	201,447
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>				
Transfers In			50,000	50,000
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	63,000	63,000		(63,000)
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures	119,952	119,952	117,659	(2,293)
Transfers Out		(70,000)	(68,961)	1,039
Refund of Prior Year Receipts	(28,200)	(28,200)	(6,675)	21,525
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<u>154,752</u>	<u>84,752</u>	<u>92,023</u>	<u>7,271</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(641,306)	(235,977)	(27,259)	208,718
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	3,223,310	3,223,310	3,223,310	
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	97,846	97,846	97,846	
<b>Fund Balance at End of Year</b>	<u>\$2,679,850</u>	<u>\$3,085,179</u>	<u>\$3,293,897</u>	<u>\$208,718</u>

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HICKSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DEFIANCE COUNTY

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - CASH BASIS  
FIDUCIARY FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2019

	<u>Private Purpose Trust</u>	<u>Agency</u>
<b>Assets:</b>		
Current Assets:		
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$1,812</u>	<u>\$114,251</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Current Liabilities:		
Undistributed Monies		<u>\$114,251</u>
<b>Net Position:</b>		
Held in Trust for Scholarships	<u>\$1,812</u>	

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HICKSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DEFIANCE COUNTY

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - CASH BASIS  
FIDUCIARY FUND  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

	<u>Private Purpose Trust</u>
<b>Additions:</b>	
Donations and Gifts	<u>\$3,400</u>
<b>Deductions:</b>	
Payments in Accordance with Trust Agreements	<u>3,200</u>
Change in Net Position	200
Net Position Beginning of Year	<u>1,612</u>
Net Position End of Year	<u><u>\$1,812</u></u>

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**HICKSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DEFIANCE COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

**1. REPORTING ENTITY**

Hicksville Exempted Village School District (the District) is organized under Article VI, Sections 2 and 3 of the Constitution of the State of Ohio. Hicksville Exempted Village School District is an exempted village school district as defined by §3311.04 of the Ohio Revised Code. The District operates under a locally-elected Board form of government consisting of five members elected at-large for staggered four year terms. The District provides educational services as authorized by state statute and federal guidelines. The Board oversees the operations of the District's instructional/support facilities staffed by 38 non-certified and 78 certified teaching personnel who provide services to 910 students and other community members.

A reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units, and other organizations that are included to insure the financial statements are not misleading.

**A. Primary Government**

The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the District. For the District, this includes general operations, food service, and student related activities of the District.

**B. Component Units**

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the District is financially accountable. The District is financially accountable for an organization if the District appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board; and (1) the District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the District is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations for which the District authorizes the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes or determines the budget if there is also the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the District. The District does not have any component units. The basic financial statements of the reporting entity include only those of the District (the primary government).

**C. Jointly Governed Organizations and Purchasing Pools**

The District participates in four jointly governed organizations and three group purchasing pools. These organizations include the Northwest Ohio Computer Association (NWOCA); the Northern Buckeye Education Council; the Four County Career Center; the State Support Team Region 1 (SSTR1); the Northern Buckeye Health Plan (NBHP), Northwest Division of Optimal Health Initiative Consortium (OHI) Insurance Benefits Program; the Better Business Bureau Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan; and the Ohio School Plan. These organizations are presented in Notes 13 and 14 to the basic financial statements.

The District's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the District is financially accountable.

**HICKSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DEFIANCE COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019  
(Continued)**

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

As discussed further in the Basis of Accounting section of this note, these financial statements are presented on a cash basis of accounting. This cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the cash basis of accounting. Following are the more significant of the District's accounting policies.

**A. Basis of Presentation**

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

**1. Government-Wide Financial Statements**

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

The statement of net position presents the cash balance of the governmental activities of the District at fiscal year-end. The statement of activities compares disbursements with program receipts for each function or program of the District's governmental activities. Disbursements are reported by function. A function is a group of related activities designed to accomplish a major service or regulatory program for which the government is responsible. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's good or services, grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program, and receipts of interest earned on grants that are required to be used to support a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing on a cash basis or draws from the District's general receipts.

**2. Fund Financial Statements**

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

**B. Fund Accounting**

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Funds are divided into three categories, governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. The District has no proprietary funds.

**HICKSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019  
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**1. Governmental Funds**

The District classifies funds financed primarily from taxes, intergovernmental receipts (e.g. grants), and other nonexchange transactions as governmental funds. The following are the District's major funds:

General Fund – The General Fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The General Fund is available to the District for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Capital Projects Fund – The Capital Projects Fund accounts for and reports the revenues and disbursements related to capital outlay and various capital improvement projects.

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

**2. Fiduciary Funds**

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private purpose trust funds, and agency funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the District under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are not available to support the District's own programs. The District's private purpose trust fund accounts for college scholarships for students. Agency funds are custodial in nature. The District's agency funds account for various student-managed activities and Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) tournament monies.

**C. Basis of Accounting**

Although Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(B) requires the District's financial report to follow generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the District chooses to prepare its financial statements and notes on the cash basis of accounting. The cash basis of accounting is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than GAAP. Receipts are recorded in the District's financial records and reported in the financial statements when cash is received rather than when earned, and disbursements are recorded when cash is paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

As a result of the use of this cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements.

Budgetary presentations report budgetary cash disbursements when a commitment is made (i.e. when an encumbrance is approved). The difference between disbursements reported in the fund and entity-wide statements and disbursements reported in the budgetary statements are due to current year encumbrances being added to disbursements reported on the budgetary statements.



**HICKSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019  
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These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, in accordance with the cash basis of accounting.

**D. Budgetary Process**

All funds, except agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriations resolution, all of 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 amount the Board of Education may appropriate.

The appropriations resolution is the Board's authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by the Board. The legal level of budgetary control selected by the Board is at the fund level for all funds. Any budgetary modifications at this level may only be made by resolution of the Board of Education.

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

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

Encumbrances – The District is required to use the encumbrance method of accounting by virtue of Ohio law. As part of formal budgetary control, purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of funds are recorded in order to reserve the portion of the applicable appropriation. Expenditures plus encumbrances may not legally exceed appropriations. Encumbrances at year end are reported as a reservation of fund balance for subsequent-year expenditures for governmental funds.

Lapsing of Appropriations – At the close of each fiscal year, the unencumbered balance of each appropriation reverts to the respective fund from which it was appropriated and becomes subject to future appropriations. The encumbered appropriation balance is carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and need not be reappropriated.

**E. Cash and Investments**

To improve cash management, cash received by the District is pooled and invested. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through District records. Interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents" on the financial statements.

**HICKSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019  
(Continued)**

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

Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or negative receipts (contra revenue), respectively.

During fiscal year 2019, the District invested in negotiable certificates of deposit, federal agency securities, U.S. Treasury Obligations, commercial paper, a U.S. Treasury money market mutual fund, and STAR Ohio. All investments were reported at cost, except for STAR Ohio and the money market mutual fund. The District's money market mutual fund investment is recorded at the amount reported by U.S. Bank at June 30, 2019.

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

There were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates. However, 24 hours advance notice is appreciated for deposits and withdrawals of \$25 million or more. STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit the transaction to \$100 million per day, requiring the excess amount to be transacted the following business day(s), but only to the \$100 million limit. All accounts of the participant will be combined for these purposes.

As authorized by Ohio statutes, all investment earnings are assigned to the General Fund unless statutorily required to be credited to a specific fund. The Board of Education has specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest receipts credited to the General Fund during fiscal year 2019 amounted to \$126,685, which included \$68,766 assigned from other District funds.

**F. Restricted Assets**

Assets are reported as restricted when limitations on their use change the nature or normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either imposed by creditors, contributors, or laws of other governments, or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The District reported no restricted assets.

**G. Inventory**

The District reports disbursements for inventory and prepaid items when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

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**H. Capital Assets**

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

**I. Accumulated Leave**

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the District's cash basis of accounting.

**J. Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans**

The District recognizes the disbursements for employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 8 and 9, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

**K. Long-Term Obligations**

The District's cash basis financial statements do not report liabilities for bonds and other long-term obligations. Proceeds of debt are reported when cash is received and principal and interest payments are reported when paid. Since recording a capital asset when entering into a capital lease is not the result of a cash transaction, neither an other financing source nor a capital outlay expenditure are reported at inception. Lease payments are reported when paid.

**L. Net Pension**

Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. Net position restricted for other purposes include resources restricted for food service operations, music and athletic programs, and Federal and State grants restricted to cash disbursement for specified purposes.

The District's policy is to first apply restricted resources when a cash disbursement is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available. There are no amounts restricted by enabling legislation.

**M. Fund Balance**

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to observe constraints imposed upon 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 also includes long-term amount of interfund loans.

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

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

Assigned – Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted 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 policies of the District Board of Education or a District official delegated by that authority by resolution or by State statute. State statute authorizes the District's Treasurer to assign fund balance for purchases on order provided such amounts have been lawfully appropriated.

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

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

**N. Internal Activity**

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as receipts in the seller funds and as disbursements in the purchaser funds. Subsidies 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 cash disbursements to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented in the financial statements.

**O. Pensions/Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)**

For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB liability, 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.

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**P. Fair Value**

The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by GASB Statement No. 72. 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.

**3. BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on the basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – Budget Basis presented for the General Fund is prepared on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget.

The difference between the budgetary basis and the cash basis is outstanding year-end encumbrances are treated as cash disbursements (budgetary basis) rather than as assigned fund balance (cash basis) and certain funds included in the General Fund (cash basis) but have legally separate adopted budgets (budgetary basis).

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the cash basis statement to the budgetary basis statement for the General Fund:

<u>Net Change in Fund Balance</u>	
	<u>General Fund</u>
Cash Basis	\$17,237
Funds Budgeted Elsewhere **	33,856
Adjustment for Encumbrances	<u>(78,352)</u>
Budget Basis	<u>(\$27,259)</u>

\*\* As part of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, "Fund Balance Reporting", certain funds that are legally budgeted in separate special revenue funds are considered part of the General Fund on a cash basis. These include the Uniform School Supplies Fund, Elementary School Incentives Fund, Laptop Service Fund, and Public School Support Fund.

**4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

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

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

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Board 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.

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

Interim monies held by the 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 through eligible institutions;
7. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio);
8. Certain bankers' acceptances (for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days) and commercial paper notes (for a period not to exceed two hundred seventy days) in an amount not to exceed 40 percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time if training requirements have been met.

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

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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.

At year end, the District had \$225 in undeposited cash on hand which is included as part of "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents".

Deposits

At June 30, 2019, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$2,367,603 and the bank balance was \$2,548,517. Of the bank balance, \$1,311,652 was covered by the FDIC and \$1,236,865 was covered by pledged collateral. Although all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with Federal requirements could potentially subject the District to a successful claim by the FDIC.

Investments

As of June 30, 2019, the District had the following investments and maturities:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Balance at Cost</u>	<u>Less Than One Year</u>	<u>13 to 24 Months</u>	<u>Greater than 24 Months</u>
Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) Notes	\$444,969	\$124,969	\$320,000	
Federal Farm Credit Bank (FFCB) Note	99,900			\$99,900
U.S. Treasury Notes	732,538	732,538		
Commercial Paper	1,254,937	1,254,937		
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	1,303,881	150,000	279,836	874,045
U.S. Treasury Money Market Mutual Fund	13,386	13,386		
STAR Ohio	1,781,117	1,781,117		
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$5,630,728</u>	<u>\$4,056,947</u>	<u>\$599,836</u>	<u>\$973,945</u>

Except for STAR Ohio, which is measured at net asset value (NAV), the District's investment in a money market mutual fund is valued using quoted market prices in active markets (Level 1 inputs) while the District's remaining investments are valued using quoted market prices in markets that are not considered to be active, dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources for similar assets or liabilities for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly (Level 2 inputs).

**Interest Rate Risk** – Interest rate risk arises because potential purchasers of debt securities will not agree to pay face value for those securities if interest rates subsequently increase. The District has no investment policy that addressed interest rate risk. As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses from rising interest rates and according to State law, the District's investment policy restricts the Treasurer from investing in any securities other than those identified in the Ohio Revised Code and that all investments must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless they are matched to a specific obligation or debt of the District and that an investment must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. State statute limits investments in commercial paper to a maximum maturity of 270 days from the date of purchase.

**Credit Risk** – The following investments carry one of the highest ratings by Moody's and Standard and Poor's:

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<b>Investment Type</b>	<b>Moody's</b>	<b>Standard &amp; Poor's</b>
Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) Notes	Aaa	AA+
Federal Farm Credit Bank (FFCB) Note	Aaa	AA+
U.S. Treasury Notes	Aaa	AA+
Commercial Paper	P-1	A-1+ or A-1
U.S. Treasury Money Market Fund	Aaa	AAAm
STAR Ohio		AAAm

The District's investment policy authorizes the Treasurer to invest a maximum of forty percent of the District's interim funds in commercial paper notes issued by a for profit corporation, business trust or association, real estate investment trust, common law trust, unincorporated business or general or limited partnerships which has assets exceeding \$500,000,000. Such notes must be rated at the time of purchase in the highest classification established by at least two rating services, have an aggregate value that does not exceed ten percent of the outstanding commercial paper of the issuing entity and mature within 270 days after purchase. Ohio law requires STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service and that the money market mutual fund be rated in the highest category at the time of purchase by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service. The District's negotiable certificates of deposits were not rated but are fully covered by FDIC.

**Custodial Credit Risk** – For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The negotiable certificates of deposit are covered by FDIC. The federal agency securities and commercial paper are exposed to custodial credit risk as they are uninsured, unregistered, and held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the District's name. The District has no investment policy dealing with custodial credit risk beyond the requirements in ORC 135.14(M)(2) which states, "Payment for investments shall be made only upon the delivery of securities representing such investments to the treasurer, investing authority, or qualified trustee. If the securities transferred are not represented by a certificate, payment shall be made only upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian by the treasurer, governing board, or qualified trustee."

**Concentration of Credit Risk** – The District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer, however state statute limits investments in commercial paper and bankers' acceptances to 40 percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time. The District's investment in FNMA notes, FFCB note, U.S. Treasury notes, commercial paper, negotiable certificates of deposit, money market mutual fund, and STAR Ohio represent 8 percent, 2 percent, 13 percent, 22 percent, 23 percent, less than 1 percent, and 32 percent, respectively, of the District's total investments.

**5. PROPERTY TAXES**

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



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

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

The District receives property taxes from Defiance County. The County Auditor periodically advances to the District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the County by June 30, 2019, are available to finance fiscal year 2020 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

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

	<b>2018 Second- Half Collections</b>		<b>2019 First- Half Collections</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Commercial/Industrial	\$11,101,680	10%	\$11,079,450	10%
Residential/Agricultural	91,092,540	85%	90,038,260	85%
Public Utility	5,703,800	5%	5,831,110	5%
Total Assessed Value	<u>\$107,898,020</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$106,948,820</u>	<u>100%</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$34.70		\$34.70	

**6. INCOME TAX**

The District levies a voted tax of .75 percent for general operations on the income of residents and of estates. The tax was effective on January 1, 1992 and is a continuing tax. Employers of residents are required to withhold income tax on compensation and remit the tax to the State. Taxpayers are required to file an annual return. The State makes quarterly distributions to the District after withholding amounts for administrative fees and estimated refunds. Income tax receipts in the amount of \$903,588 were credited to the General Fund.

**7. RISK MANAGEMENT**

**A. Comprehensive**

The District maintains comprehensive insurance coverage with private carriers for liability, real property, building contents, and liability. Vehicle policies include liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage. In addition, real property contents are fully insured.

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For fiscal year 2019, the District participated in the Ohio School Plan (the Plan), an insurance purchasing pool (see Note 14.C). The District maintains fleet insurance with the Plan. Each participant enters into an individual agreement with the Plan for insurance coverage and pays annual premiums to the Plan based on the types and limits of coverage and deductibles selected by the participant.

Settled claims have not exceeded the amount of commercial coverage in any of the past three years, and there has been no significant reduction in the amount of insurance coverage from last year.

**B. Employee Insurance Benefits Program**

The District participates in the Northern Buckeye Health Plan (NBHP), Northwest Division of Optimal Health Initiative Consortium (OHI) Insurance Benefits Program (the Program), a public entity shared risk self-insurance pool, for insurance benefits to employees (see Note 14.A). The District pays monthly premiums to NBHP for the benefits offered to its employees, which include health, dental, vision, and life insurance. NBHP is responsible for the management and operations of the Program. The agreement for the Program provides for additional assessment to participants if the premiums are insufficient to pay the program costs for the fiscal year. Upon withdrawal from the Program, a participant is responsible for any claims not processed and paid and any related administrative costs.

**C. Workers' Compensation Group Program**

The District participates in the Better Business Bureau Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (the Plan), an insurance purchasing pool (see Note 14.B). The Plan is intended to reduce premiums for the participants. The workers' compensation experience of the participating districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all participants in the Plan. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the Plan rather than its individual rate. The Plan is governed by the Better Business Bureau and the participating members of the Plan. The Director of the Better Business Bureau coordinates the management and administration of the program.

**8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

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

***Net Pension Liability/Net OPEB Liability***

Pensions and 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 net pension/OPEB liability (asset) represent the 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 this estimate annually.

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

GASB 68/75 assume 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 liabilities within 30 years. If the pension amortization period exceeds 30 years, each retirement system's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension/OPEB 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 plans.

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

Plan Description – District non-teaching employees participate in SERS, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by SERS. SERS provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3309. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about SERS' fiduciary net position. That report can be obtained by visiting the SERS website at [www.ohsers.org](http://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 year of service; 2.2 percent for the first thirty years of service and 2.5 percent for years of service credit over 30. Final average salary is the average of the highest three years of salary.

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

Funding Policy – Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to statutory maximum amounts of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the System's funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 13.5 percent. The remaining 0.5 percent was allocated to the Health Care Fund.

The District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$169,237 for fiscal year 2019.

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

Plan Description – District licensed teachers and other faculty members participate in STRS Ohio, a cost-sharing multiple employer public employee 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 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS website at [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org).

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

The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service. Effective August 1, 2015, the calculation is 2.2 percent of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. In April 2017, the Retirement Board made the decision to reduce COLA granted on or after July 1, 2017, to 0 percent to preserve the fiscal integrity of the retirement system. Benefit recipients' base benefit and past cost-of-living increases are not affected by this change. Members are eligible to retire at age 60 with five years of qualifying service credit, or age 55 with 27 years of service, or 30 years of service regardless of age. Eligibility changes will be phased in until August 1, 2026, when retirement eligibility for unreduced benefits will be five years of service credit and age 65, or 35 years of service credit and at least age 60.

The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and 9.53 percent of the 14 percent employer contributions into an investment account. Investment allocation decisions are determined by the member. The remaining 4.47 percent of the 14 percent employer rate is allocated to the defined benefit unfunded liability. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal.

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The Combined Plan offers features of both the DB Plan and the DC Plan. In the Combined Plan, 12 percent of the 14 percent member rate goes to the DC Plan and the remaining 2 percent goes to the DB Plan. Member contributions to the DC Plan are allocated among investment choices by the member, and contributions to the DB Plan from the employer and the member are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The defined benefit portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60 with five years of service. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum payment or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity after termination of employment at age 50 or later.

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

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

Funding Policy – Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, the employer rate was 14 percent and the plan members were also required to contribute 14 percent of covered salary. For fiscal year 2019, the contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates and the full employer contribution was allocated to pension.

The District's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$721,960 for fiscal year 2019.

***Net Pension Liability***

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2018, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability Prior Measurement Date	0.03744750%	0.04506338%	
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability Current Measurement Date	<u>0.03911390%</u>	<u>0.04413088%</u>	
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>0.00166640%</u>	<u>-0.00093250%</u>	
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$2,240,125	\$9,703,390	\$11,943,515

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***Actuarial Assumptions – SERS***

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

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

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

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation, prepared as of June 30, 2018, are presented below:

Inflation	3.00 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.50 percent to 18.20 percent
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	2.50 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.50 percent net of investments 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 averaged of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate, and adding the expected return from rebalanced uncorrelated asset classes.

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

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

**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 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%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$3,155,386	\$2,240,125	\$1,472,741

**Actuarial Assumptions – STRS**

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

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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 investments expense, including inflation
Discount Rate of Return	7.45 percent
Payroll Increases	3 percent
Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA)	0.00 percent, effective July 1, 2017

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

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

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

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long Term Expected Real 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 and 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.



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**Discount Rate** The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.45 percent as of June 30, 2018. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that member and employer contributions will be made at the statutory contribution rates in accordance with rate increases described 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, 2018. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.45 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payment to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2018.

**Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate** The following table presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.45 percent, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.45 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%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$14,170,523	\$9,703,390	\$5,922,567

**9. DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS**

See Note 8 for a description of the net OPEB liability.

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

Health Care Plan Description – The District contributes to the SERS Health Care Fund, administered by SERS for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries. For GASB 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 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be obtained on SERS' website at [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

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Access to health care for retirees and beneficiaries is permitted in accordance with Section 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 105(e). SERS' Retirement Board reserves the right to change or discontinue any health plan or program. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. The SERS Retirement Board established the rules for the premiums paid by the retirees for health care coverage for themselves and their dependents or for their surviving beneficiaries. Premiums vary depending on the plan selected, qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

Funding Policy – State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required pensions and benefits, the Retirement Board may allocate the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund in accordance with the funding policy. For fiscal year 2019, .5 percent of covered payroll was made to health care. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated if less than a full year of service credit was earned. For fiscal year 2019, this amount was \$21,600. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2019, the District's surcharge obligation was \$20,817.

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 District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$27,085 for fiscal year 2019.

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

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

Funding Policy – Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307 authorizes STRS to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. Nearly all health care plan enrollees, for the most recent year, pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care.

***Net OPEB Liability (Asset)***

The net OPEB liability (asset) was measured as of June 30, 2018, and the total OPEB liability (asset) used to calculate the net OPEB liability (asset) was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset) was based on the 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:

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	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability Prior Measurement Date	0.03808370%	0.04506338%	
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability Current Measurement Date	<u>0.03955650%</u>	<u>0.04413088%</u>	
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>0.00147280%</u>	<u>-0.00093250%</u>	
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$1,097,404	(\$709,138)	\$388,266

**Actuarial Assumptions – SERS**

The total OPEB liability is determined by SERS' actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 74, as part of their annual actuarial valuation for each retirement plan. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts (e.g., salaries, credited service) and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future (e.g., mortality, disabilities, retirements, employment terminations). Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review and potential modifications, as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

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

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

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total OPEB liability in the latest actuarial valuation date of June 30, 2018, are presented below:

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

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

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

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

The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class, as used in the June 30, 2015 five-year experience study, are summarized as follows:

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

**Discount Rate** The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2018 was 3.70 percent. The discount rate used to measure total OPEB liability prior to June 30, 2017 was 3.63 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions will be made from members and the System at the state statute contribution rate of 2.00 percent of projected covered employee payroll each year, which includes a 1.50 percent payroll surcharge and 0.50 percent of contributions from the basic benefits plan. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to become insufficient to make future benefit payments during the fiscal year ending June 30, 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 3.62 percent, as of June 30, 2018 (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 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 (2.70%) and higher (4.70%) than the current discount rate (3.70%). Also shown is what SERS' net OPEB liability would be based on health care cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower (6.25% decreasing to 3.75%) and higher (8.25% decreasing to 5.75%) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (2.70%)	Current Discount Rate (3.70%)	1% Increase (4.70%)
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$1,331,614	\$1,097,404	\$911,954
	1% Decrease (6.25% decreasing to 3.75%)	Current Trend Rate (7.25% decreasing to 4.75%)	1% Increase (8.25% decreasing to 5.75%)
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$885,404	\$1,097,404	\$1,378,131

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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, 2018, 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	6 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
Medicare	5 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
Prescription Drug	
Pre-Medicare	8 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
Medicare	-5.23 percent 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, 2018, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016.

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

Also since the prior measurement date, the subsidy multiplier for non-Medicare benefit recipients was reduced 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 the remaining Medicare Part B premium reimbursements were scheduled to be discontinued beginning January 1, 2020. However, in June of 2019, the STRS Board voted to extend the current Medicare Part B partial reimbursement for one year.

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

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

\*10 year geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.25 percent and 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 OPEB liability was 7.45 percent as of June 30, 2018. The blended discount rate was used to measure the total OPEB liability was 4.13 percent as of June 30, 2017. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes STRS Ohio continues to allocate no employer contributions to the health care fund. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was not projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on health care plan investments of 7.45 percent was used to measure the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2018. The blended discount rate of 4.13 percent, which represents the long-term expected rate of return of 7.45 percent for the funded benefit payments and the Bond Buyer 20-year municipal bond rate of 3.58 percent for the unfunded benefit payments, was used to measure the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2017.

**Sensitivity of the 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, 2018, 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.

	1% Decrease (6.45%)	Current Discount Rate (7.45%)	1% Increase (8.45%)
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	(\$607,798)	(\$709,138)	(\$794,310)
	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	(\$789,502)	(\$709,138)	(\$627,523)

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**10. COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

Employees earn vacation at rates specified under State of Ohio law and based on credited service. Clerical, Technical, and Maintenance and Operation employees with one or more years of service are entitled to vacation ranging from 10 to 20 days. Employees with less than one year of service earn .38-vacation day per month worked, not to exceed five days. Employees are permitted to carry over vacation leave earned in the current year into the next year.

All employees are entitled to a sick leave credit equal to one and one-quarter days for each month of service (earned on a pro rate basis for less than full-time employees). This sick leave will either be absorbed by time off due to illness or injury or, within certain limitations, be paid to the employee upon retirement. The amount paid to an employee upon retirement is limited to .27 of the accumulated sick leave to a maximum of 60 days.

Effective July 1, 2006 the total vacation time that an employee can accumulate at any given time can be no greater than one year plus the current year. Carryover of vacation time will be limited to no more than one year's accumulation of vacation time.

**11. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

During the year ended June 30, 2019, the following changes occurred in long-term obligations:

	<u>Balance at 6/30/2018</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance at 6/30/2019</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
General Obligation					
Refunding Bonds Series 2014	\$5,520,000		\$400,000	\$5,120,000	\$80,000
Capital Appreciation Bonds	140,000			140,000	
Accretion Interest	322,083	\$161,529		483,612	
General Obligation Bonds					
Term - Series 2006	1,205,000			1,205,000	
Total Long-Term Obligations	<u>\$7,187,083</u>	<u>\$161,529</u>	<u>\$400,000</u>	<u>\$6,948,612</u>	<u>\$80,000</u>

Debt outstanding at June 30, 2019 consisted of the following:

**General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2014**

On October 2, 2014, the District issued \$6,610,000 in School Improvement Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds Series 2014. The bonds were issued to pay off a portion of the general obligation serial and term bonds, series 2006.

The bonds consisted of \$6,470,000 in current interest bonds and \$140,000 in capital appreciation bonds. The serial bonds will mature on December 1, 2031. The capital appreciation bonds will mature on December 1, 2020. The bonds are being retired through the Bond Retirement Debt Service Fund.

The serial bonds shall bear interest at the rates per year and will mature in the principal amounts and on the following dates:



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<u>Maturity Date (December 1)</u>	<u>Principal Amount Maturing</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2021	\$405,000	2.125%
2022	415,000	2.500%
2023	420,000	2.500%
2024	430,000	3.000%
2025	445,000	3.250%
2026	460,000	3.250%
2027	475,000	3.250%
2028	490,000	3.500%
2029	510,000	3.500%
2030	525,000	4.000%
2031	545,000	4.000%

**The Capital Appreciation Bonds**

The Capital Appreciation Bonds will be dated their date of issuance. The Capital Appreciation Bonds do not bear current interest but will accrete in value from their date of issuance. The accreted value so accrued and compounded shall be the Compound Accreted Amount. Payment of the Compound Accreted Amount shall be made upon presentation and surrender thereof at the principal office of the Paying Agent and Registrar. The Compound Accreted Amount of the Capital Appreciation Bonds as of each Compound Date is set forth in the Accretion Table provided below:

<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Original Principal Amount</u>	<u>Accreted Value at Maturity</u>
2019	\$80,000	\$405,000
2020	60,000	405,000

**School Improvement Bonds – 2006**

The District issued \$9,930,000 in voted general obligation bonds for the purpose of constructing, renovating, and improving existing school facilities and related site development. The bonds were issued on April 4, 2006 and will mature in December 2033. The bond issued included \$5,240,000 in serial bonds and \$4,690,000 in term bonds. The bonds will be retired with a voted property tax levy from the Debt Service fund. Several of the bonds were retired with the proceeds from the general obligation refunding bonds series 2014. This current refunding was undertaken to reduce total debt service payments over 18 years by \$362,474 and resulted in an economic gain of \$285,287.

The term bonds maturing on December 1, 2029, December 1, 2031, and December 1, 2033, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption in part by lot and are redeemed pursuant to mandatory sinking fund requirements at a redemption price of 100 percent of the principal amount redeemed, plus interest accrued to the redemption date, on the applicable mandatory redemption dates and in the principal amounts payable on those dates set forth in the Certificate of Award. The remaining term bonds are as follows:

<u>Redemption Date (December 1)</u>	<u>Principal Amount To Be Redeemed</u>
2032	\$590,000
2033	615,000

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The scheduled payments of principal and interest on debt outstanding at June 30, 2019 are as follows:

<b>Year Ending June 30,</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>
2020	\$80,000	\$542,750	\$622,750
2021	60,000	562,750	622,750
2022	405,000	213,447	618,447
2023	415,000	203,956	618,956
2024	420,000	193,519	613,519
2025 - 2029	2,300,000	763,569	3,063,569
2030 - 2034	2,785,000	306,347	3,091,347
Total	<u>\$6,465,000</u>	<u>\$2,786,338</u>	<u>\$9,251,338</u>

At June 30, 2019, the District's overall legal debt margin was \$2,815,471 with an un-voted debt margin of \$106,865.

**12. SET-ASIDE REQUIREMENTS**

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

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

	<b><u>Capital Improvements</u></b>
Set-aside Balance as of June 30, 2018	
Current Year Set-aside Requirement	\$174,543
Current Year Offsets	<u>(\$174,543)</u>
Set-aside Balance as of June 30, 2019	<u><u>                    </u></u>

**13. JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS**

**A. Northwest Ohio Computer Association**

The District is a participant in the Northwest Ohio Computer Association (NWOCA). NWOCA is an association of educational entities within the boundaries of Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Williams, and Wood Counties. 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 educational entities. NWOCA is governed by the Northern Buckeye Education Council and its participating members.

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The NWOCA Assembly consists of a superintendent from each participating educational entity and a representative from the fiscal agent. The Assembly elects the Council. NWOCA is governed by a Council chosen from two representatives from each of the six counties in which the member educational entities are located and the representative from the member educational entity serving as fiscal agent for NWOCA. The degree of control exercised by any participating educational entity is limited to its representation on the Board. All payments made by the District for services received are made to the Northern Buckeye Education Council. Total disbursements made by the District to NWOCA during this fiscal year were \$66,180 for various services. Financial information can be obtained from Tammy Butler, who serves as Treasurer, at 209 Nolan Parkway, Archbold, Ohio 43502.

**B. Northern Buckeye Education Council**

The Northern Buckeye Education Council (NBEC) was established in 1979 to foster cooperation among various educational entities located in Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Williams, and Wood Counties. NBEC is organized under Ohio laws as a regional council of governments pursuant to a written agreement entered into by its member educational entities and bylaws adopted by the representatives of the member educational entities. NBEC is governed by an elected Board consisting of two representatives from each of the six counties in which the member educational entities are located. The Board is elected from an Assembly consisting of a representative from each participating educational entity. The District paid \$250 to NBEC during the fiscal year for a membership fee. To obtain financial information write to the Northern Buckeye Education Council, Tammy Butler, who serves as Treasurer, at 209 Nolan Parkway, Archbold, Ohio 43502.

**C. Four County Career Center**

The Four County Career Center is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a Board consisting of five representatives from the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center and one representative from the participating school districts elected boards. The Four County Career Center possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. The District did not make any disbursements to Four County Career Center during this fiscal year. To obtain financial information, write to the Four County Career Center, Connie Nicely, who serves as Treasurer, at 22-900 State Route 34, Archbold, Ohio 43502.

**D. State Support Team Region 1**

The State Support Team Region 1 (SSTR1) provides specialized core work related to building regional capacity for district, building, and community school implementation of the Ohio Improvement Process (OIP) at a high level. The service region of the SSTR1 includes Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, and Wood Counties. The fiscal agent for the SSTR1 is the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West. Executive Director and Single Point of Contact is Lynn McKahan. Contact information is available at [www.sstr1.org](http://www.sstr1.org).

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**14. GROUP PURCHASING POOLS**

**A. Employee Insurance Benefits Program**

The District participates in a group health insurance pool through the Northern Buckeye Health Plan (NBHP), Northwest Division of Optimal Health Initiative Consortium (OHI) Insurance Benefits Program (the Program). The Program is a joint self-insurance arrangement created pursuant to the authority vested in Ohio Rev. Code Section 9.833. The Program is a public entity shared risk pool consisting of educational entities located throughout the State. The Program is governed by OHI and its participating members. The District contributed a total of \$1,390,426 to Northern Buckeye Health Plan, Northwest Division of OHI during fiscal year 2019 for all employee insurance plans. Financial information for the period can be obtained from Charlie LeBoeuf, Treasurer, at 201 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2100, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

**B. Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan**

The District participates in a group-rating plan for workers' compensation as established under Section 4123.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Better Business Bureau Worker's Compensation Group Rating Plan was established through the Better Business Bureau (the BBB) as a group purchasing pool. The group was formed to create a workers' compensation group rating plan which would allow employers to group together to achieve a potentially lower premium rate than they may otherwise be able to acquire as individual employers. The Better Business Bureau has created a workers' compensation group rating and risk management program which will potentially reduce the workers' compensation premiums for the District.

The Better Business Bureau has retained Sheakley Uniservice as the servicing agent to perform administrative, actuarial, cost control, claims, and safety consulting services and unemployment claims services for program participants. During fiscal year 2019, the District paid an enrollment fee of \$185 to cover the costs of administering the program.

**C. Ohio School Plan**

The District belongs to the Ohio School Plan (the "Plan"), an unincorporated non-profit association providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services to approximately 281 Ohio schools ("Members").

Pursuant to Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Plan is deemed a separate legal entity. The Plan provides property, general liability, educator's legal liability, automobile, and violence coverages, modified for each member's needs. The Plan pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the member's specific deductible.

The Plan issues its own policies and reinsures the Plan with reinsurance carriers. Only if the Plan's paid liability loss ratio exceeds 65 percent and is less than 80 percent does the Plan contribute to paid claims. (See the Plan's audited financial statements on the website for more details.) The individual members are responsible for their self-retention (deductible) amounts, which vary from member to member.

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The Plan's audited financial statements conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31, 2018 and 2017 (the latest information available):

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Assets	\$12,764,109	\$11,441,994
Liabilities	4,451,197	4,503,476
Members' Equity	8,312,912	6,938,518

You can read the complete audited financial statements for The Ohio School Plan at the Plan's website, [www.ohioschoolplan.org](http://www.ohioschoolplan.org).

**15. CONTINGENCIES**

**A. Grants**

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the District are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. Grantors may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

**B. Litigation**

There are currently no matters in litigation with the District as defendant.

**C. School Foundation**

District Foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of each student. The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is legislatively required to adjust/reconcile funding as enrollment information is updated by schools throughout the State, which can extend past the fiscal year end. As of the date of this report, FTE Statement No. 2 was made on December 13, 2019 and resulted in the District owing \$3,592 to ODE. This amount is not recorded in the financial statements.

**16. FUND BALANCE**

Fund balance is classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and/or unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to observe constraints imposed on the use of the resources in governmental funds.

The constraints placed on fund balance for the major governmental funds and all other governmental funds are presented below:

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<u>Fund Balance</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Restricted for:				
Regular Instruction			\$57,922	\$57,922
Extracurricular Activities			141,867	141,867
Facilities Maintenance			43,605	43,605
Permanent Improvements			157,284	157,284
Debt Retirement			337,403	337,403
Building Construction			746,883	746,883
Total Restricted			1,484,964	1,484,964
Committed for:				
Permanent Improvements		\$3,000,000		3,000,000
Assigned for:				
Educational Activities	\$13,943			13,943
Subsequent Year Appropriations	92,905			92,905
Unpaid Obligations (encumbrances)	78,352			78,352
Total Assigned	185,200			185,200
Unassigned (Deficit)	3,234,436		(22,107)	3,212,329
Total Fund Balance	\$3,419,636	\$3,000,000	\$1,462,857	\$7,882,493

**17. ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE**

**A. Deficit Fund Balances**

At June 30, 2019, the Special Revenue High Schools that Work, Title I, Title II-A, and Miscellaneous Federal Grant Funds had deficit fund balances of \$3,211, \$11,676, \$2,706, and \$4,514, respectively, resulting from the funds being reimbursement grants. The General Fund provides transfers to cover deficit balances when cash is needed.

**B. Compliance**

Ohio Administrative Code, Section 117-2-03(B), requires the District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. However, the District prepared its financial statements on a cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The accompanying financial statements omit assets, liabilities, net position/fund balances, and disclosures that, while material, cannot be determined at this time. The District can be fined and various other administrative remedies may be taken against the District.

**C. Changes in Accounting Principles**

For fiscal year 2019, the District implemented GASB Statement No. 83, "Certain Asset Retirement Obligations" and GASB Statement No. 88, "Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, Including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements".

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GASB Statement No. 83 addresses accounting and financial reporting for certain asset retirement obligations (AROs). An ARO is a legally enforceable liability associated with the retirement of a tangible capital asset. A government that has legal obligations to perform future asset retirement activities related to its tangible capital assets should recognize a liability. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 83 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

GASB Statement No. 88 improves the information that is disclosed in notes to the basic financial statements related to debt, including direct borrowings and direct placements. It also clarifies which liabilities governments should include when disclosing information related to debt. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 88 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

**18. CAPITAL LEASE – LESSEE DISCLOSURE**

In fiscal year 2017, the District acquired computers by lease agreement. Lease payments of \$117,317 were made during fiscal year 2019.

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

<b>General Long-Term Obligations</b>	
Year Ending June 30:	Computers
2020	\$117,317
2021	117,316
Total Future Minimum Lease Payments	234,633
Less: Amount Representing Interest	(3,130)
Present Value of Future Minimum Lease Payments	\$231,503

**19. OTHER COMMITMENTS**

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

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Year-End Encumbrances</b>
General Fund	\$81,633
Other Governmental Funds	57,185
Total	\$138,818

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20. INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Interfund transfers for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, consisted of the following, as reported on the fund statements:

<u>Transfers Out</u>	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	<u>\$18,961</u>

Transfers are used to move receipts from the fund that statute or budget required to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, and to use unrestricted receipts collected in the General Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations. Interfund transfers between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements.

21. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On January 13, 2020, the Board authorized the District to issue tax-exempt lease-purchase obligations in a principal amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 and to enter into a ground lease and a lease-purchase agreement for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, and equipping a new building for academic and athletic purposes as well as providing for road improvements. The execution of the lease agreements is anticipated to be on March 10, 2020.





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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**

Hicksville Exempted Village School District  
Defiance County  
958 East High Street  
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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 cash-basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Hicksville Exempted Village School District, Defiance County, Ohio (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 9, 2020, wherein we noted the District uses a special purpose framework other than generally accepted accounting principles.

***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

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

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

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

***Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of reasonably assuring whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2019-001.

***District's Response to Finding***

The District's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings. We did not subject the District's response to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

***Purpose of this Report***

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



Keith Faber  
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

March 9, 2020

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
JUNE 30, 2019

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

FINDING NUMBER 2019-001

**Noncompliance Citation**

**Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38(A)** provides that each public office “shall file a financial report for each fiscal year. The Auditor of State may prescribe forms by rule or may issue guidelines, or both, for such reports. If the Auditor of State has not prescribed a rule regarding the form for the report, the public office shall submit its report on the form utilized by the public office.”

**Ohio Admin. Code § 117-2-03(B)**, which further clarifies the requirements of Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38, requires the District to file annual financial reports which are prepared using generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

As a cost savings measure, the District prepared financial statements that, although formatted similar to financial statements prescribed by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, report on the basis of cash receipts and cash disbursements, rather than GAAP. The accompanying financial statements and notes omit certain assets, liabilities, deferred inflows/outflows of resources, fund equities/net position, and disclosures that, while presumed material, cannot be determined at this time.

Pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 the District may be fined and subject to various other administrative remedies for its failure to file the required financial report. Failure to report on a GAAP basis compromises the District’s ability to evaluate and monitor the overall financial condition of the District. To help provide the users with more meaningful financial statements, the District should prepare its annual financial statements according to generally accepted accounting principles.

**Officials’ Response:**

Management believes reporting on a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) is more cost efficient.

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## SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS JUNE 30, 2019

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Status	Additional Information
2018-001	This finding was first reported in 2007. Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 and Ohio Admin. Code § 117-2-03(B) for reporting on a basis other than generally accepted accounting principles.	Not corrected and reissued as Finding 2019-001 in this report.	This finding reoccurred since management believes reporting on a basis other than generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) is more cost efficient.
2018-002	This finding was first reported in 2018. Material weakness for lack of monitoring of financial transactions resulting in errors in the financial statements.	Partially corrected and reissued in the Management Letter.	The District Treasurer doesn't have an explanation as to why the finding reoccurred as this non-compliance issue occurred prior to his arrival to the District. However, moving forward, the Treasurer will take a pro-active approach regarding the review of the budgetary activities of the District.



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# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



HICKSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

DEFIANCE COUNTY

## CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

*Susan Babbitt*

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED  
MARCH 26, 2020