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Lowndes County School District

Audited Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

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FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE BASIC FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Superintendent and School Board
Lowndes County School District

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Lowndes County School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Lowndes County School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Lowndes County School District, as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the school district adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27* and GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date—an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68*. As a result, net position as of July 1, 2014, has been restated. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management’s discussion and analysis and the budgetary comparison information and the Schedules of the District’s Proportionate Share of the Net Position Liability and of the District’s Contributions on pages 8 to 19 and 64 to 70 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management’s responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Lowndes County School District's basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations (Circular A-133), the Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures for Governmental Funds, and the other information section, which includes the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - General Fund, Last Four Years and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - All

Governmental Funds, Last Four Years are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations (Circular A-133) and the Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures for Governmental Funds are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying supplementary information mentioned above is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The other information section, which includes the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - General Fund, Last Four Years and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - All Governmental Funds, Last Four Years has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 1, 2015, on our consideration of the Lowndes County School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion 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 Lowndes County School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC

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December 1, 2015

Certified Public Accountants

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Lowndes County School District
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

The following discussion and analysis of Lowndes County School District's financial performance provides an overview of the School District's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2015. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School District's performance as a whole. Readers are encouraged to review the financial statements and the notes to the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School District's financial performance.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Total net position for 2015 decreased \$52,673,358, including a prior period adjustment of (\$55,337,413) primarily to record prior year net pension liability, which represents a 84% decrease from fiscal year 2014. Total net position for 2014 increased \$3,819,826, which represents a 6.47% increase from fiscal year 2013.
- General revenues amounted to \$44,306,253 and \$43,669,388, or 87% and 86% of all revenues for fiscal years 2015 and 2014, respectively. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and grants and contributions accounted for \$6,848,533, or 13% of total revenues for 2015, and \$6,969,626, or 14% of total revenues for 2014.
- The District had \$48,490,731 and \$46,819,188 in expenses for fiscal years 2015 and 2014; only \$6,848,533 for 2015 and \$6,969,626 for 2014 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions. General revenues of \$44,306,253 for 2015 and \$43,669,388 for 2014 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- Among the major funds, the General Fund had \$44,935,028 in revenues and \$41,984,552 in expenditures for 2015, and \$42,754,772 in revenues and \$38,459,524 in expenditures for 2014. The General Fund's fund balance increased by \$7,185,497, including the fund reclass of Sixteenth Section Funds from Special Revenue Fund to General Fund, from 2014 to 2015, and decreased by \$5,839,086 from 2013 to 2014.
- Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, increased by \$4,729,912 for 2015 and increased by \$1,537,727 for 2014. The increase for 2015 was due to the additions to construction in progress, mobile equipment and furniture and equipment.
- Long-term debt increased by \$7,617,971 for 2015 and increased by \$5,540,000 for 2014. This increase was due primarily to issuance of trust certificates and capital leases totaling \$8,941,685. In addition, the liability for compensated absences increased by \$46,539 for 2015 and increased by \$2,640 for 2014.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis serves as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements, which include government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and notes to the financial statements. This report also contains required supplementary information, supplementary information, and other information.

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Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide the reader with a broad overview of the District's finances. These statements consist of the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, which are prepared using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all the District's nonfiduciary assets and liabilities, with the differences between the two reported as "net position." Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the District's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

The government-wide financial statements outline functions of the District that are principally supported by property taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities). The governmental activities of the District include instruction, support services, non-instructional, sixteenth section, pension expense and interest on long-term liabilities.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the District can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds - Most of the District's general activities are reported in its governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting and the flow of current financial resources measurement focus. The approach focuses on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as balances of spendable resources available at year end. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed view of the District's near term financing requirements.

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Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, the reader may gain a better understanding of the long-term impact of the District's near term financing decisions. The governmental funds Balance Sheet is reconciled to the Statement of Net Position, and the governmental funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances is reconciled to the Statement of Activities to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The District maintains individual governmental funds in accordance with the *Financial Accounting Manual for Mississippi Public School Districts*. Information is presented separately in the governmental funds Balance Sheet and in the governmental funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances for all major funds. All non-major funds are combined and presented in these reports as other governmental funds.

Fiduciary funds - Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the District. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because resources of those funds are not available to support the District's own programs. These funds are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. The school district is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purpose.

Reconciliation of Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The financial statements include two schedules that reconcile the amounts reported on the governmental funds financial statements (modified accrual basis of accounting) with government-wide financial statements (accrual basis of accounting). The following summarizes the major differences between the two statements:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not reported on governmental funds financial statements.

Capital outlay spending results in capital assets on government-wide financial statements, but is reported as expenditures on the governmental funds financial statements.

Bond and note proceeds result in liabilities on government-wide financial statements, but are recorded as other financing sources on the governmental funds financial statements.

Certain other outflows represent either increases or decreases in liabilities on the government-wide financial statements, but are reported as expenditures on the governmental funds financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found immediately following the basic financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents budgetary comparison schedules as required supplementary information. The District adopts an annual operating budget for all governmental funds. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for the General Fund and each additional major special revenue fund as required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Additionally, the Schedules of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Position Liability and of the District's Contributions are included in this section.

Supplementary Information

Additionally, a Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards as required by OMB Circular A-133 and a Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures for governmental funds can be found in this report.

Other Information

Although not a required part of the basic financial statements, the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - General Fund, Last Four Years and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - All Governmental Funds, Last Four Years, is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Mississippi Department of Education.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net position

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position. Assets and Deferred Outflow of Resources exceeded liabilities by \$10,162,134 as of June 30, 2015.

The District's financial position is a product of several financial transactions including the net result of activities, the acquisition and payment of debt, the acquisition and disposal of capital assets and the depreciation of capital assets.

Table 1 presents a summary of the District's net position at June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014.

GASB 68 was implemented in fiscal year 2015. Prior year amounts were not restated to reflect the implementation of GASB 68.

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Table 1
Condensed Statement of Net Position

	<u>June 30, 2015</u>	<u>June 30, 2014</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Current assets	\$ 38,023,282	34,012,288	12%
Restricted assets	1,576,979	1,759,032	-10%
Capital assets, net	<u>48,626,751</u>	<u>43,896,839</u>	11%
Total assets	<u>88,227,012</u>	<u>79,668,159</u>	11%
Deferred outflows of resources			
Pension related	<u>4,985,618</u>		
Current liabilities	889,216	1,092,410	-19%
Long-term debt outstanding	23,425,952	15,650,257	50%
Net pension liability	<u>49,366,176</u>		
Total liabilities	<u>73,681,344</u>	<u>16,742,667</u>	340%
Deferred inflows of resources			
Pension related	9,309,152		
Mineral Lease	<u>60,000</u>	<u>90,000</u>	-33%
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>9,369,152</u>	<u>90,000</u>	10310%
Net position:			
Net investment in capital assets	25,593,330	28,601,839	-11%
Restricted	22,906,295	26,029,657	-12%
Unrestricted	<u>(38,337,491)</u>	<u>8,203,996</u>	-567%
Total net position	<u>\$ 10,162,134</u>	<u>62,835,492</u>	-84%

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Additional information on unrestricted net position:

In connection with the implantation of new standards on accounting and financial reporting for pensions, management presents the following additional information:

Total unrestricted net position (deficit)	\$ (38,337,491)
Less unrestricted deficit in net position resulting from implementation of GASB Statements No. 68 and 71	<u>53,689,710</u>
Unrestricted net position, exclusive of the net pension liability effect	<u><u>\$ 15,352,219</u></u>

The following are significant current year transactions that have had an impact on the Statement of Net Position:

- Increase in net capital assets in the amount of \$4,729,912.
- The principal retirement of \$1,323,714 of long-term debt.
- The recognition of Net Pension Liability in the amount of \$49,366,176 as a result of GASB Statement No. 68 implementation.

Changes in net position

The District's total revenues for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014 were \$51,154,786 and \$50,639,014, respectively. The total cost of all programs and services was \$48,490,731 for 2015 and \$46,819,188 for 2014.

Table 2 presents a summary of the changes in net position for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014.

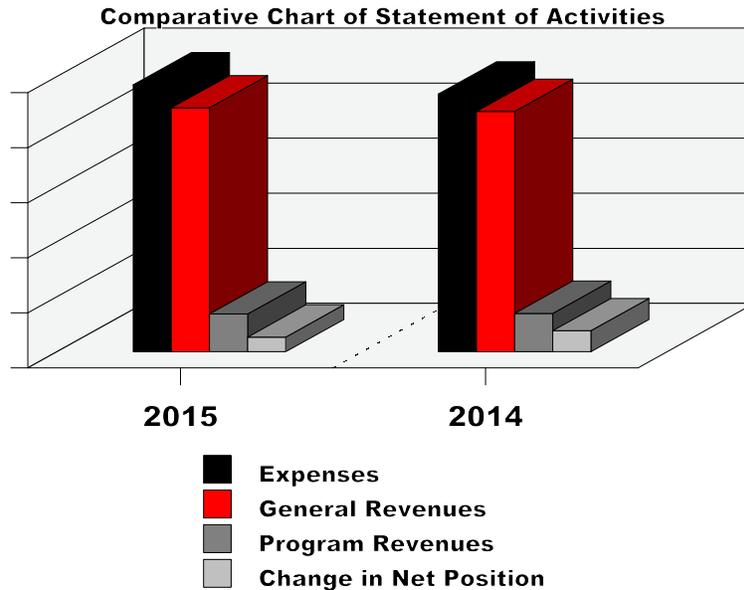
GASB 68 was implemented in fiscal year 2015. Prior year amounts were not restated to reflect the implementation of GASB 68.

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Table 2
Changes in Net Position

	<u>Year Ended June 30, 2015</u>	<u>Year Ended June 30, 2014</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Revenues:			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 1,454,478	1,359,675	7%
Operating grants and contributions	<u>5,394,055</u>	<u>5,609,951</u>	-4%
Total program revenues	<u>6,848,533</u>	<u>6,969,626</u>	-2%
General revenues:			
Property taxes	21,383,179	21,858,554	-2%
Grants and contributions not restricted	22,391,531	21,171,534	6%
Unrestricted investment earnings	97,990	89,515	9%
Sixteenth section sources	153,580	248,835	-38%
Other	<u>279,973</u>	<u>300,950</u>	-7%
Total general revenues	<u>44,306,253</u>	<u>43,669,388</u>	1%
Total revenues	<u>51,154,786</u>	<u>50,639,014</u>	1%
Expenses:			
Instruction	26,163,631	26,861,208	-3%
Support services	17,213,803	17,075,437	1%
Non-instructional	2,068,525	2,275,880	-9%
Sixteenth section	21,227	77,090	-72%
Pension expense	2,568,860		
Interest on long-term liabilities	<u>454,685</u>	<u>529,573</u>	-14%
Total expenses	<u>48,490,731</u>	<u>46,819,188</u>	4%
Increase (Decrease) in net position	<u>2,664,055</u>	<u>3,819,826</u>	-30%
Net Position, July 1, as previously reported	62,835,492	59,015,666	6%
Prior period adjustment	<u>(55,337,413)</u>		
Net Position, July 1, as restated	<u>7,498,079</u>	<u>59,015,666</u>	-87%
Net Position, June 30	<u>\$ 10,162,134</u>	<u>62,835,492</u>	-84%

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Governmental activities

The following table presents the cost of six major District functional activities: instruction, support services, non-instructional, sixteenth section, pension expense, and interest on long-term liabilities. The table also shows each functional activity's net cost (total cost less charges for services generated by the activities and intergovernmental aid provided for specific programs). The net cost presents the financial burden that was placed on the State and District's taxpayers by each of these functions.

GASB 68 was implemented in fiscal year 2015. Prior year amounts do not reflect the implementation of GASB 68.

Table 3
Net Cost of Governmental Activities

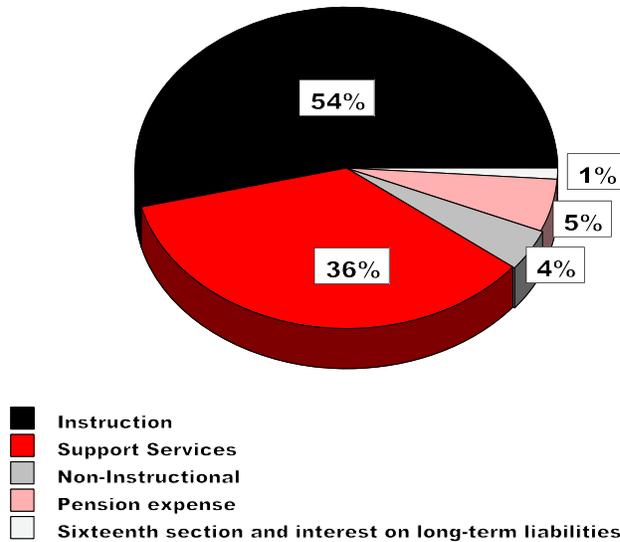
	Total Expenses		Percentage Change
	2015	2014	
Instruction	\$ 26,163,631	26,861,208	-3%
Support services	17,213,803	17,075,437	1%
Non-instructional	2,068,525	2,275,880	-9%
Sixteenth section	21,227	77,090	-72%
Pension expense	2,568,860		
Interest on long-term liabilities	454,685	529,573	-14%
Total expenses	\$ 48,490,731	46,819,188	4%

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Net (Expense) Revenue

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Instruction	\$ (23,009,707)	(23,916,210)	-4%
Support services	(15,526,752)	(15,311,178)	1%
Non-instructional	(60,967)	(22,789)	168%
Sixteenth section	(21,227)	(69,812)	-70%
Pension expense	(2,568,860)		
Interest on long-term liabilities	(454,685)	(529,573)	-14%
Total net (expense) revenue	<u>\$ (41,642,198)</u>	<u>(39,849,562)</u>	4%

Expenses per Statement of Activities



- Net cost of governmental activities (\$41,642,198 for 2015 and \$39,849,562 for 2014) was financed by general revenue, which is made up of primarily property taxes (\$21,383,179 for 2015 and \$21,858,554 for 2014) and state and federal revenues (\$22,391,531 for 2015 and \$21,171,534 for 2014). In addition, there was \$153,580 and \$248,835 in Sixteenth Section sources for 2015 and 2014 respectively.
- Investment earnings amounted to \$97,990 for 2015 and \$89,515 for 2014.

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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

As noted earlier, the District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds. The focus of the District's governmental funds is to provide information on current inflows, outflows and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the District's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the District's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

The financial performance of the District as a whole is reflected in its governmental funds. As the District completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$38,740,604, an increase of \$3,999,621, which includes a decrease in inventory of \$24,674. \$15,164,528, or 39% of the fund balance is unassigned, which represents the residual classification for the general fund's fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. The remaining fund balance of \$23,576,076, or 61% is either nonspendable, restricted or assigned to indicate that it is not available for spending except only for the purposes to which it is restricted or assigned.

The General Fund is the principal operating fund of the District. The increase in fund balance in the General Fund for the fiscal year was \$7,185,497, including a fund reclassification for the Sixteenth Section Interest Funds in the amount of \$4,242,729. The fund balance of Other Governmental Funds showed a decrease in the amount of \$6,295,315, which includes a decrease in inventory of \$24,674 and fund reclassification for the Sixteenth Section Interest Funds in the amount of (\$4,242,729). The increase (decrease) in the fund balances for the other major funds were as follows:

Major Fund	Increase (Decrease)
Title I Basic Fund	no increase or decrease
IDEA Part B Fund	no increase or decrease
Local Construction Fund	\$ (2,139,175)
Lease Purchase 2014 Fund	\$ 5,248,614

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

During the year, the District revised the annual operating budget. Budget revisions were made to address and correct the original budgets to reflect more accurately the sources and uses of funding for the School District.

A schedule showing the original and final budget amounts compared to the District's actual financial activity for the General Fund and major special revenue funds are provided in this report as required supplementary information.

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Schedules showing the original and final budget amounts compared to the District's actual financial activity for all other funds is provided in this report as other supplementary information.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets. As of June 30, 2015, the District's total capital assets were \$86,709,410, including land, construction in progress, school buildings, building improvements, improvements other than buildings, buses, other school vehicles, furniture and equipment and leased property under capital leases. This amount represents an increase of \$6,754,402 from 2014. Total accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2015, was \$38,082,659, and total depreciation expense for the year was \$2,031,021, resulting in total net capital assets of \$48,626,751.

Table 4
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation

	<u>June 30, 2015</u>	<u>June 30, 2014</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Land	\$ 1,549,988	1,549,988	0%
Construction in progress	6,604,324	2,834,007	133%
Buildings	30,426,916	31,143,169	-2%
Building improvements	3,024,650	1,050,767	188%
Improvements other than buildings	3,288,076	3,493,273	-6%
Mobile equipment	3,329,978	3,372,757	-1%
Furniture and equipment	402,819	452,878	-11%
Total	<u>\$ 48,626,751</u>	<u>43,896,839</u>	11%

Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in Note 5 included in this report.

Debt Administration. At June 30, 2015, the District had \$23,425,952 in outstanding long-term debt, of which \$1,237,357 is due within one year. The liability for compensated absences increased \$46,539 from the prior year.

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Table 5
Outstanding Long-Term Debt

	<u>June 30, 2015</u>	<u>June 30, 2014</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Limited obligation bonds payable	\$ 0	795,000	-100%
Certificates of participation payable	7,995,000		
Premiums	111,185		
Limited tax notes payable	11,185,000	11,500,000	-3%
Obligations under capital leases	732,971		
Qualified school construction bonds payable	3,000,000	3,000,000	0%
Compensated absences payable	401,796	355,257	13%
Total	<u>\$ 23,425,952</u>	<u>15,650,257</u>	50%

Additional information on the District's long-term debt can be found in Note 6 included in this report.

CURRENT ISSUES

The Lowndes County School District actively pursues grant funding to supplement the local, state and federal revenues.

Enrollment for the 2014-2015 year decreased by 6% to 4,750 students.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Superintendent's Office of the Lowndes County School District, 1053 Highway 45 South, Columbus, MS 39701.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2015

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 31,326,816
Cash with fiscal agents	5,402,808
Due from other governments	1,221,843
Inventories	71,815
Restricted assets	1,576,979
Capital assets, non-depreciable:	
Land	1,549,988
Construction in progress	6,604,324
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:	
Buildings	30,426,916
Building improvements	3,024,650
Improvements other than buildings	3,288,076
Mobile equipment	3,329,978
Furniture and equipment	402,819
Total Assets	<u>88,227,012</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Pension related	4,985,618
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>4,985,618</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	753,579
Interest payable on long-term liabilities	89,559
Other payables	46,078
Long-term liabilities (due within one year):	
Capital related liabilities	1,228,092
Premium, capital	9,265
Long-term liabilities (due beyond one year):	
Capital related liabilities	21,684,879
Premium, capital	101,920
Non-capital related liabilities	401,796
Net pension liability	49,366,176
Total Liabilities	<u>73,681,344</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Pension related	9,309,152
Deferred mineral lease	60,000
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>9,369,152</u>
Net Position	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	25,593,330
Restricted For:	
Expendable:	
School based activities	1,125,707
Debt service	1,826,338
Capital Projects	19,329,802
Forestry improvements	48,495
Unemployment benefits	107,065
Nonexpendable:	
Sixteenth section	468,888
Unrestricted	(38,337,491)
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 10,162,134</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense)
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Revenue and Changes in Net Position
				Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities:				
<i>Instruction</i>	26,163,631	1,056,563	2,097,361	(23,009,707)
<i>Support services</i>	17,213,803	--	1,687,051	(15,526,752)
<i>Noninstructional services</i>	2,068,525	397,915	1,609,643	(60,967)
<i>Sixteenth section</i>	21,227	--	--	(21,227)
<i>Pension expense</i>	2,568,860	--	--	(2,568,860)
<i>Interest on long-term liabilities</i>	454,685	--	--	(454,685)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 48,490,731</u>	<u>\$ 1,454,478</u>	<u>\$ 5,394,055</u>	<u>(41,642,198)</u>
General Revenues:				
Taxes:				
<i>General purpose levies</i>				20,763,814
<i>Debt purpose levies</i>				619,365
Unrestricted grants and contributions:				
<i>State</i>				21,558,547
<i>Federal</i>				832,984
<i>Unrestricted investment earnings</i>				97,990
<i>Sixteenth section sources</i>				153,580
<i>Other</i>				279,973
Total General Revenues				<u>44,306,253</u>
Change in Net Position				<u>2,664,055</u>
Net Position - Beginning, as previously reported				62,835,492
Prior Period Adjustment				<u>(55,337,413)</u>
Net Position - Beginning, as restated				7,498,079
Net Position - Ending				<u>\$ 10,162,134</u>

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LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

JUNE 30, 2015

	General Fund	Title I Basic Fund	IDEA Part B Fund
Assets			
<i>Cash and cash equivalents</i>	\$ 14,803,971	\$ --	\$ --
<i>Cash with fiscal agents</i>	10,829	--	--
<i>Investments</i>	--	--	--
<i>Due from other governments</i>	757,517	208,411	181,827
<i>Due from other funds</i>	420,644	--	--
<i>Inventories</i>	--	--	--
Total Assets	<u>\$ 15,992,961</u>	<u>\$ 208,411</u>	<u>\$ 181,827</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances			
Liabilities:			
<i>Accounts payable and accrued liabilities</i>	\$ 188,211	\$ 14	\$ 11,337
<i>Due to other funds</i>	--	208,397	170,490
<i>Unearned revenue</i>	60,000	--	--
<i>Other payables</i>	--	--	--
Total Liabilities	<u>248,211</u>	<u>208,411</u>	<u>181,827</u>
Fund Balances:			
Nonspendable:			
<i>Permanent fund principal</i>	--	--	--
<i>Inventory</i>	--	--	--
Restricted:			
<i>Unemployment benefits</i>	--	--	--
<i>Forestry improvement purposes</i>	--	--	--
<i>Capital projects</i>	--	--	--
<i>Debt service</i>	--	--	--
<i>Grant activities</i>	--	--	--
<i>Food services</i>	--	--	--
Assigned:			
<i>Activity funds</i>	532,575	--	--
<i>Flexible account</i>	47,647	--	--
Unassigned	15,164,528	--	--
Total Fund Balances	<u>15,744,750</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 15,992,961</u>	<u>\$ 208,411</u>	<u>\$ 181,827</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Local Construction Fund	Lease Purchase 2014 Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ 11,504,738	\$ --	\$ 5,735,086	\$ 32,043,795
--	5,391,979	--	5,402,808
--	--	860,000	860,000
--	--	74,088	1,221,843
--	--	--	420,644
--	--	71,815	71,815
<u>\$ 11,504,738</u>	<u>\$ 5,391,979</u>	<u>\$ 6,740,989</u>	<u>\$ 40,020,905</u>
\$ 391,476	\$ 143,365	\$ 19,176	\$ 753,579
--	--	41,757	420,644
--	--	--	60,000
--	--	46,078	46,078
<u>391,476</u>	<u>143,365</u>	<u>107,011</u>	<u>1,280,301</u>
--	--	468,888	468,888
--	--	71,815	71,815
--	--	107,065	107,065
--	--	48,495	48,495
11,113,262	5,248,614	2,967,926	19,329,802
--	--	1,915,897	1,915,897
--	--	40,465	40,465
--	--	1,013,427	1,013,427
--	--	--	532,575
--	--	--	47,647
--	--	--	15,164,528
<u>11,113,262</u>	<u>5,248,614</u>	<u>6,633,978</u>	<u>38,740,604</u>
<u>\$ 11,504,738</u>	<u>\$ 5,391,979</u>	<u>\$ 6,740,989</u>	<u>\$ 40,020,905</u>

LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT*RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION*

JUNE 30, 2015

Total fund balances for governmental funds	\$ 38,740,604
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not reported in the funds.	48,626,751
Liabilities due in one year are not recognized in the funds.	(1,237,357)
Payables for bond principal which are not due in the current period are not reported in the funds.	(3,000,000)
Payables for capital leases which are not due in the current period are not reported in the funds.	(484,879)
Payables for bond interest which are not due in the current period are not reported in the funds.	(89,559)
Payables for notes which are not due in the current period are not reported in the funds.	(10,745,000)
Payables for compensated absences not due in the current period are not reported in the funds.	(401,796)
Other long-term liabilities which are not due and payable in the current period are not reported in the funds.	(7,455,000)
Net pension liability is not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, not reported in funds.	(49,366,176)
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods.	(9,309,152)
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods.	4,985,618
Premiums are reported in the SNP but not in the funds.	<u>(101,920)</u>
Net position of governmental activities - Statement of Net Position	<u>\$ 10,162,134</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	General Fund	Title I Basic Fund	IDEA Part B Fund
Revenues:			
Local sources	\$ 22,010,457	\$ --	\$ --
State sources	21,938,057	--	--
Federal sources	832,984	1,256,096	1,045,610
Sixteenth section sources	153,530	--	--
Total Revenues	<u>44,935,028</u>	<u>1,256,096</u>	<u>1,045,610</u>
Expenditures:			
Instruction	24,721,632	360,191	464,591
Support services	16,936,353	855,549	544,408
Noninstructional services	--	5,868	--
Sixteenth section	--	--	--
Facilities acquisition and construction	--	--	--
Debt service:			
Principal	213,714	--	--
Interest	112,853	--	--
Other	--	--	--
Total Expenditures	<u>41,984,552</u>	<u>1,221,608</u>	<u>1,008,999</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>2,950,476</u>	<u>34,488</u>	<u>36,611</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Other long-term debt issued	--	--	--
Capital leases issued	946,685	--	--
Premium on debt issuance	--	--	--
Insurance recovery	3,306	--	--
Transfers in	254,893	--	--
Payment to QSCB escrow agent	--	--	--
Transfers out	(1,212,592)	(34,488)	(36,611)
Payment to QSCB debt escrow agent	--	--	--
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(7,708)</u>	<u>(34,488)</u>	<u>(36,611)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>2,942,768</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
Fund Balances:			
July 1, 2014, as previously reported	8,559,253	--	--
Fund reclassification	4,242,729	--	--
July 1, 2014, as restated	<u>12,801,982</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
Increase (decrease) in inventory	--	--	--
June 30, 2015	<u>\$ 15,744,750</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ --</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Local Construction Fund	Lease Purchase 2014 Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ --	\$ 460	\$ 1,276,091	\$ 23,287,008
--	--	638,915	22,576,972
--	--	2,002,536	5,137,226
--	--	50	153,580
<u>--</u>	<u>460</u>	<u>3,917,592</u>	<u>51,154,786</u>
22,173	--	2,104,481	27,673,068
--	--	267,002	18,603,312
--	--	1,937,900	1,943,768
--	--	21,227	21,227
2,117,002	2,867,296	1,120,081	6,104,379
--	--	1,110,000	1,323,714
--	--	405,836	518,689
--	--	7,775	7,775
<u>2,139,175</u>	<u>2,867,296</u>	<u>6,974,302</u>	<u>56,195,932</u>
<u>(2,139,175)</u>	<u>(2,866,836)</u>	<u>(3,056,710)</u>	<u>(5,041,146)</u>
--	7,995,000	--	7,995,000
--	--	--	946,685
--	120,450	--	120,450
--	--	--	3,306
--	--	1,424,467	1,679,360
--	--	215,000	215,000
--	--	(395,669)	(1,679,360)
--	--	(215,000)	(215,000)
<u>--</u>	<u>8,115,450</u>	<u>1,028,798</u>	<u>9,065,441</u>
<u>(2,139,175)</u>	<u>5,248,614</u>	<u>(2,027,912)</u>	<u>4,024,295</u>
13,252,437	--	12,929,293	34,740,983
--	--	(4,242,729)	--
<u>13,252,437</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>8,686,564</u>	<u>34,740,983</u>
--	--	(24,674)	(24,674)
<u>\$ 11,113,262</u>	<u>\$ 5,248,614</u>	<u>\$ 6,633,978</u>	<u>\$ 38,740,604</u>

LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 4,024,295
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities ("SOA") are different because:	
Capital outlays are not reported as expenses in the SOA.	6,762,052
The depreciation of capital assets used in governmental activities is not reported in the funds.	(2,031,021)
Trade-in or disposal of capital assets decrease net position in the SOA but not in the funds.	(76)
Expenses not requiring the use of current financial resources are not reported as expenditures in the funds.	(2,568,860)
Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the funds but is not an expense in the SOA.	795,000
Repayment of capital leases principal is an expenditure in the funds but is not an expense in the SOA.	213,714
Repayment of notes principal is an expenditure in the funds but is not an expense in the SOA.	315,000
(Increase) decrease in accrued interest from beginning of period to end of period.	62,514
Change in inventory is an adjustment to fund ballance in the funds but affects expense in SOA.	(24,674)
Compensated absences are reported as the amount earned in the SOA but as the amount paid in the funds.	(46,539)
Bond premiums are reported in the funds but not in the SOA.	(111,185)
Proceeds of other long-term debt do not provide revenue in the SOA, but are reported as current resources in the funds.	(8,941,685)
Contributions made subsequent to measurement date are not recorded in the funds.	<u>4,215,520</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities - Statement of Activities	<u>\$ 2,664,055</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

JUNE 30, 2015

	Private-Purpose Trust Funds	Agency Funds
Assets		
<i>Cash and cash equivalents</i>	\$ 10,700	\$ 2,014,026
Total Assets	<u>10,700</u>	<u>2,014,026</u>
Liabilities		
<i>Accounts payable & accrued liabilities</i>		\$ 1,995,206
<i>Due to student clubs</i>		18,820
Total Liabilities		<u>2,014,026</u>
Net Position		
<i>Reserved for endowments</i>	10,700	
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 10,700</u>	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	<u>Private- Purpose Trust Funds</u>
Additions:	
Investment Income	\$ 532
Total Additions	<u>532</u>
Deductions:	
Scholarship Awards	150
Total Deductions	<u>150</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>382</u>
July 1, 2014	10,318
June 30, 2015	<u>\$ 10,700</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Lowndes County School District

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

Lowndes County School District

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying financial statements of the school district have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The most significant of the school district's accounting policies are described below.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

As defined by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the school district is considered a "primary government." The school district is governed by a five member board, to which each member board is elected by the citizens of each defined county district.

For financial reporting purposes, Lowndes County School District has included all funds and organizations. The District has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the District are such that exclusion would cause the District's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the District to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the District.

B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-wide Financial Statements - The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the District. For the most part, the effect of inter-fund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by tax and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The Statement of Net Position presents the District's non-fiduciary assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net position. Net position is reported in three categories:

1. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and reduced by outstanding balances of bonds, notes and other debt attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

Lowndes County School District

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

2. Restricted net position results when constraints placed on net position use are either externally imposed or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
3. Unrestricted net position consists of net position not meeting the definition of the two preceding categories. Unrestricted net position often has constraints on resources imposed by management which can be removed or modified.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function, or segment, are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function and 2) grants, contributions and interest restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Property taxes and other items not included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements - Separate financial statements are provided for governmental and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported in separate columns in the fund financial statements. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as other governmental funds.

The school district reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - This is the school district's primary operating fund. The general fund is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

Title I Basic Fund - This is a special revenue fund that accounts for the federal revenue received and expenditures incurred related to the Title I grants to local educational agencies program.

IDEA Part B Fund - This fund accounts for resources from the grants to states to assist them in providing a free appropriate public education to all children with disabilities.

Local Construction Fund - This capital project fund is used to account for the expenditures associated with the construction projects and is financed with local sources.

Lowndes County School District

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

Lease Purchase 2014 Fund - This capital project fund is used to account for the proceeds received from the issuance of the 2014 trust certificates.

All other governmental funds not meeting the criteria established for major funds are presented in the other governmental column of the fund financial statements. The school district also reports fiduciary funds which focus on net position and changes in net position.

The District's fiduciary funds include the following:

Payroll Clearing Fund - This fund serves as a clearing fund for payroll type transactions.

Student Club Funds - These various funds account for the monies raised through school club activities and fund raisers and club related expenditures approved by the individual clubs.

Endowment Funds - This funds are used to fund scholarships for award winners.

Additionally, the school district reports the following fund types:

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Special Revenue Funds - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects.

Capital Project Funds - Capital Project Funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.

Debt Service Funds - Debt Service Funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest.

Permanent Funds - Permanent Funds are used to account for and report resources that are restricted to the extent that only earnings, and not the principal, may be used for purposes that support the district's programs.

Lowndes County School District

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

Private-purpose Trust Funds - Private-purpose trust funds are used to report all trust arrangements, other than those properly reported elsewhere, in which the principal and income benefit individuals, private organizations or other governments.

Agency Funds - Agency Funds are used to report resources held by the district in a purely custodial capacity (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the Fiduciary Fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned, and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred or economic asset used, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Measurable means knowing or being able to reasonably estimate the amount. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days after year end. Expenditures (including capital outlay) are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Federal grants and assistance awards made on the basis of entitlement periods are recorded as receivables and revenues when entitlement occurs. Federal reimbursement type grants are recorded as revenues when the related expenditures are recognized. Use of grant resources is conditioned upon compliance with terms of the grant agreements and applicable federal regulations, which include subjecting grants to financial and compliance audits.

Lowndes County School District

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

Property taxes, intergovernmental revenues (shared revenues, grants and reimbursements from other governments) and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual.

Ad valorem property taxes are levied by the governing authority of the county on behalf of the school district based upon an order adopted by the school board of the school district requesting an ad valorem tax effort in dollars. Since the taxes are not levied and collected by the school district, the revenues to be generated by the annual levies are not recognized until the taxes are actually collected by the tax levying authority.

Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the District funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there is both restricted and unrestricted net position available to finance the program. It is the District's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs and then general revenues.

The effect of inter-fund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide statements.

Revenues from the Mississippi Adequate Education Program are appropriated on a fiscal year basis and are recorded at the time the revenues are received from the State of Mississippi.

The account classifications used in the financial statements conform to the broad classifications recommended in *Governmental Accounting, Auditing, and Financial Reporting*, issued in 2012 by the Government Finance Officers Association and are consistent with the broad classifications recommended in *Financial Accounting for Local and State School Systems*, 2003, issued by the U.S. Department of Education.

D. Encumbrances

An encumbrance system is maintained to account for commitments or assignments resulting from approved purchase orders, work orders and contracts. However, the school district attempts to liquidate all encumbrances at year-end. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end are not reported within committed or assigned fund balances.

Lowndes County School District

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

E. Assets, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources/deferred outflows of resources and net position/fund balances

1. Cash, Cash equivalents and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents

The district's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. The school district deposits excess funds in the financial institutions selected by the school board. State statutes specify how these depositories are to be selected.

Investments

The school district can invest its excess funds, as permitted by Section 29-3-113, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), in interest-bearing deposits or other obligations of the types described in Section 27-105-33, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), or in any other type investment in which any other agency, instrumentality or subdivision of the State of Mississippi may invest, except that 100% of said funds are authorized to be so invested.

For accounting purposes, certificates of deposit are classified as investments if they have an original maturity greater than three months when acquired.

Investments for the district are reported at fair market value.

2. Receivables and payables

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of inter-fund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the non-current portion of inter-fund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds."

Advances between funds, as reported in the fund financial statements, are offset by a fund balance reserve account in applicable governmental funds to indicate that they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources.

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3. Due from Other Governments

Due from other governments represents amounts due from the State of Mississippi and various grants and reimbursements from other governments.

4. Inventories and Prepaid Items

Donated commodities are received from the USDA and are valued at USDA cost. Other inventories are valued at cost (calculated on the first-in, first-out basis). The costs of governmental fund type inventories are reported as expenditures when purchased.

Prepaid items, such as prepaid insurance, are not reported for governmental fund types since the costs of such items are accounted for as expenditures in the period of acquisition.

5. Restricted Assets

Certain resources set aside for repayment of debt are classified as restricted assets on the Statement of Net Position because their use is limited by applicable debt statutes, e.g. Qualified School Construction Bonds. Also, the nonexpendable portion of the Permanent Fund, if applicable, is classified as restricted assets because the 16th Section Principal fund is not available for use by the district except as provided for under state statute for loans from this fund.

6. Capital Assets

Capital assets include land, improvements to land, easements, water rights, timber rights, buildings, building improvements, vehicles, machinery, equipment, works of art and historical treasures, infrastructure, and all other tangible or intangible assets that are used in operations and that have initial useful lives extending beyond a single reporting period. Capital assets are reported in the applicable governmental or business type activities columns in the government-wide Statement of Net Position. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost based on appraisals or deflated current replacement cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repair that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost in excess of the thresholds in the table below.

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Capital acquisition and construction are reflected as expenditures in the Governmental Fund statements and the related assets are reported as capital assets in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements.

Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line basis for all assets, except land.

The following schedule details the capitalization thresholds:

	Capitalization Policy	Estimated Useful Life
Land	\$ 0	0
Buildings	50,000	40 years
Building improvements	25,000	20 years
Improvements other than buildings	25,000	20 years
Mobile equipment	5,000	5-10 years
Furniture and equipment	5,000	3-7 years
Leased property under capital leases	*	*

(*) The threshold amount will correspond with the amounts for the asset classifications, as listed. See Note 5 for details.

7. Deferred outflows/inflows of resources

In addition to assets, the statement financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The school district has a deferred outflow which is presented as a deferred outflow for pension.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until then. The school district has a deferred inflow which is presented as a deferred inflow for a mineral lease and pension.

See Note 14 for further details.

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8. Compensated Absences

Employees of the school district accumulate sick leave at a minimum amount as required by state law. A greater amount may be provided by school district policy provided that it does not exceed the provisions for leave as provided in Sections 25-3-93 and 25-3-95. Some employees are allowed personal leave and/or vacation leave in accordance with school district policy. The district pays for unused leave for employees as required by Section 37-7-307(5), Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

The liability for these compensated absences is recorded as a long-term liability in the government-wide statements. The current portion of this liability is estimated based on historical trends. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report the liability for compensated absences from expendable available financial resources only if the payable has matured, for example, an employee retires.

9. Long-term Liabilities and Bond Discounts/Premiums

In the government-wide financial statements, outstanding debt is reported as liabilities. Bond discounts or premiums and the difference between reacquisition price and the net carrying value of refunded debt are capitalized and amortized over the terms of the respective bonds using a method that approximates the effective interest method.

The governmental fund financial statements recognize the proceeds of debt and premiums as other financing sources of the current period. Issuance costs are reported as expenditures. See Note 6 for details.

10. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and additions to/deductions from PERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERS. For this purpose, the benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

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11. Fund Balances

Fund balance for governmental funds is reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

Governmental fund balance is classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned. Following are descriptions of fund classifications used by the district:

Nonspendable fund balance includes items that cannot be spent. This includes activity that is not in a spendable form (inventories, prepaid amounts, long-term portion of loans/notes receivable, or property held for resale unless the proceeds are restricted, committed, or assigned) and activity that is legally or contractually required to remain intact, such as a principal balance in a permanent fund.

Restricted fund balance includes amounts that have constraints placed upon the use of the resources either by an external party or imposed by law through a constitutional provision or enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by a formal action of the School Board, the District's highest level of decision-making authority. Currently there is no committed fund balance for this school district.

Assigned fund balance includes amounts that are constrained by the District's intent to be used for a specific purpose, but are neither restricted nor committed. For governmental funds, other than the general fund, this is the residual amount within the fund that is not restricted or committed. Assignments of fund balance are created by the Superintendent and Business Manager pursuant to authorization established by the policy adopted by the school district.

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. The general fund should be the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance amount. In other governmental funds, it may be necessary to report a negative unassigned fund balance.

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When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned, or unassigned) resources are available, it is the District's general policy to use restricted resources first. When expenditures/expense are incurred for purposes for which unrestricted (committed, assigned and unassigned) resources are available, and amounts in any of these unrestricted classifications could be used, it is the District's general policy to spend committed resources first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts.

It is the goal of the District to achieve and maintain an unassigned fund balance in the general fund at fiscal year end of not less than 15% of the current year's General Fund's revenues. If the unassigned fund balance at fiscal year end falls below the goal, the District shall develop a restoration plan to achieve and maintain the minimum fund balance.

F. New Pronouncements

In June 2012, the GASB issued GASB Statement No. 68 *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - and Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27* and Statement No. 71 *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date* - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68. These statements establish standards for measuring and recognizing liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources, and expense/expenditures. For defined benefit pensions, note disclosure and required supplementary information requirements about pensions also are addressed. These Statements are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014.

Note 2 - Cash and Cash Equivalents, Cash with Fiscal Agents and Investments

The district follows the practice of aggregating the cash assets of various funds to maximize cash management efficiency and returns. Restrictions on deposits and investments are imposed by statutes as follows:

Deposits. The school board must advertise and accept bids for depositories no less than once every three years as required by Section 37-7-333, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The collateral pledged for the school district's deposits in financial institutions is held in the name of the State Treasurer under a program established by the Mississippi State Legislature and is governed by Section 27-105-5, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Under this program, the entity's funds are protected through a collateral pool administered by the State Treasurer. Financial institutions holding deposits of public funds must pledge securities as collateral against those deposits. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

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Investments. Section 29-3-113 and 37-59-43, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), authorizes the school board to invest excess funds in the types of investments authorized by Section 27-105-33 (d) and (e), Miss. Code Ann. (1972). This section permits the following types of investments: (a) certificates of deposit or interest bearing accounts with qualified state depositories; (b) direct United States Treasury obligations; (c) United States Government agency, United States Government instrumentality or United States Government sponsored enterprise obligations, not to exceed fifty percent of all monies invested with maturities of thirty days or longer; (d) direct security repurchase agreements and reverse direct security repurchase agreements of any federal book entry of only those securities enumerated in (b) and (c) above; (e) direct obligations issued by the United States of America that are deemed to include securities of, or other interests in, any open-end or closed-end management type investment company or investment trust approved by the State Treasurer and the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, not to exceed twenty percent of invested excess funds. Investment income on bond funds (Capital Projects), bond sinking funds (Debt Service Funds) and sixteenth section principal funds (Permanent Funds) must be credited to those funds. Investment income of \$100 or more of any fund must be credited to that fund. Investment income of less than \$100 can be credited to the General Fund.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The carrying amount of the school district's deposits with financial institutions reported in the governmental funds and fiduciary funds was \$32,043,795 and \$2,024,726, respectively. The bank balance was \$35,994,210.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits. Custodial credit risk is defined as the risk that, in the event of the failure of a financial institution, the district will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The district does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. However, the Mississippi State Treasurer manages that risk on behalf of the district. Deposits above FDIC coverage are collateralized by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the name of the Mississippi State Treasurer on behalf of the district. As of June 30, 2015, none of the district's bank balance of \$35,994,210 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

Cash with Fiscal Agents

The carrying amount of school district's cash with fiscal agents held by financial institutions was \$5,402,808.

Investments

As of June 30, 2015 the district had the following investments in a sinking fund restricted for the payment of its QSCB described in Note 13.

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<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Maturities in (years)</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Trustmark Performance U.S. Treasury	A	Less than 1 year	\$ <u><u>860,000</u></u>

These investments are held by fiscal agents.

Interest Rate Risk. The district does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk. State law limits investments to those prescribed in Sections 27-105-33(d) and 27-105-33(e), Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The district does not have a formal investment policy that would further limit its investment choices or one that addresses credit risk.

Custodial Credit Risk - Investments. Custodial credit risk is defined as the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the district will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The district does not have a formal investment policy that addresses custodial credit risk.

Concentration of Credit Risk. Disclosure of investments by amount and issuer for any issuer that represents five percent or more of total investments is required. This requirement does not apply to investments issued or explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government, investments in mutual funds and external investment pools, and other pooled investments.

Note 3 - Inter-fund Transfers

The following is a summary of inter-fund transactions and balances:

A. Due From/To Other funds

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	Title I Basic Fund	\$ 208,397
	IDEA Part B Fund	170,490
	Other Governmental Funds	<u>41,757</u>
Total		\$ <u><u>420,644</u></u>

The purpose of the payables in Title I, IDEA and other governmental funds was to eliminate fund balance. Therefore, the General Fund makes a year end loan to these funds.

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B. Inter-fund Transfers

<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	Title I Basic Fund	\$ 34,488
	IDEA Part B Fund	36,611
	Other Governmental Funds	183,794
Other Governmental Funds	General Fund	1,212,592
	Other Governmental Funds	211,875
Total		<u>\$ 1,679,360</u>

The purpose of the transfers was to provide funds for general operating activities. All transfers were routine and consistent with the fund making the transfer.

Note 4 - Restricted Assets

The restricted assets represent the cash balance, totaling \$468,888, of the Sixteenth Section Principal fund (Permanent Fund) which is legally restricted and may not be used for purposes that support the districts's programs. In addition, the restricted assets represents the cash and investment balance totaling \$248,091 and \$860,000, respectively, of the Qualified School Construction Bond Sinking Fund.

Note 5 - Capital Assets

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for governmental activities:

	<u>Balance 7-1-2014</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>Completed Construction</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Balance 6-30-2015</u>
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets:</u>						
Land	\$ 1,549,988					1,549,988
Construction in progress	2,834,007	6,104,379		(2,334,062)		6,604,324
Total non-depreciable capital assets	<u>4,383,995</u>	<u>6,104,379</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(2,334,062)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,154,312</u>
<u>Depreciable capital assets:</u>						
Buildings	59,393,147			213,548		59,606,695
Building improvements	1,545,247			2,120,514		3,665,761
Improvements other than buildings	5,259,581					5,259,581
Mobile equipment	7,019,677	489,361				7,509,038
Furniture and equipment	2,353,361	168,312	7,650			2,514,023
Total depreciable capital assets	<u>75,571,013</u>	<u>657,673</u>	<u>7,650</u>	<u>2,334,062</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>78,555,098</u>
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>						
Buildings	28,249,978	929,801				29,179,779
Building improvements	494,480	146,631				641,111
Improvements other than buildings	1,766,308	205,197				1,971,505
Mobile equipment	3,646,920	532,140				4,179,060
Furniture and equipment	1,900,483	217,252	7,574		1,043	2,111,204
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>36,058,169</u>	<u>2,031,021</u>	<u>7,574</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,043</u>	<u>38,082,659</u>

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	Balance 7-1-2014	Additions	Retirements	Completed Construction	Adjustments	Balance 6-30-2015
Total depreciable capital assets, net	39,512,844	(1,373,348)	76	2,334,062	(1,043)	40,472,439
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 43,896,839	4,731,031	76	0	(1,043)	48,626,751

Adjustments were made to properly present accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation expense was charged to the following governmental functions:

	Amount
Instruction	\$ 1,421,715
Support services	406,204
Non-instructional	203,102
Total depreciation expense	\$ 2,031,021

Construction in progress is composed of:

	Spent to June 30, 2015	Remaining Commitment
Career Center	\$ 36,936	10,963,064
Caledonia HS Football Fieldhouse	4,584	1,895,416
New Hope Elementary School & Caledonia Campus Master	4,399,338	22,703,651
New Hope High Sewer	165,088	
West Lowndes Elementary /West Lowndes High Project	9,340	2,090,660
New Hope High New Football Field House	1,989,038	164,172
Total	\$ 6,604,324	37,816,963

Construction projects included in governmental activities are funded with NHHS Building Project Fund, CHS Football Fieldhouse Fund, CES Building Project Fund, WLES Paving Project Fund, WLHS Fund, and LCSD Career Tech Building Project Fund.

Note 6 - Long-Term Liabilities

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities and other obligations for governmental activities:

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	Balance 7-1-2014	Additions	Reductions	Balance 6-30-2015	Amounts due within one year
A. Limited obligation bonds payable	\$ 795,000		795,000	0	
B. Certificates of participation payable	0	7,995,000		7,995,000	540,000
C. Limited tax notes payable	11,500,000		315,000	11,185,000	440,000
D. Obligations under capital leases		946,685	213,714	732,971	248,092
E. Qualified school construction bonds payable	3,000,000			3,000,000	
F. Compensated absences payable	355,257	46,539		401,796	
Total	\$ 15,650,257	8,988,224	1,323,714	23,314,767	1,228,092

	Balance 7-1-2014	Additions	Reductions	Balance 6-30-2015	Amounts due within one year
Premiums	\$ 0	120,450	9,265	111,185	9,265

A. Limited obligation bonds payable

This debt was paid off during the year and retired from the MAEP Retirement Fund.

B. Certificates of participation payable

As more fully explained in Note 16, certificates of participation have been issued by the school district. Certificates of participation currently outstanding are as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Trust certificates	2.65-4.0%	10-20-14	10-01-27	\$ 7,995,000	7,995,000

The following is a schedule by years of the total payments due on this debt:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2016	\$ 540,000	244,243	784,243
2017	540,000	228,043	768,043
2018	560,000	211,543	771,543
2019	575,000	191,642	766,642
2020	595,000	168,242	763,242
2021 - 2025	3,320,000	512,346	3,832,346
2026 - 2028	1,865,000	71,065	1,936,065
Total	\$ 7,995,000	1,627,124	9,622,124

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This debt will be retired from the District Maintenance Fund.

C. Limited tax notes payable

Notes currently outstanding are as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Limited tax notes					
Series 2013	2.0-4.0%	12-20-13	10-01-31	\$ 9,870,000	9,555,000
Limited tax notes,					
Series 2014	2-3.63%	04-15-14	10-01-31	<u>1,630,000</u>	<u>1,630,000</u>
Total				<u>\$ 11,500,000</u>	<u>11,185,000</u>

The following is a schedule by years of the total payments due on this debt:

1. Series 2013:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2016	\$ 365,000	311,720	676,720
2017	370,000	304,370	674,370
2018	375,000	296,920	671,920
2019	385,000	289,320	674,320
2020	395,000	281,520	676,520
2021 - 2025	2,130,000	1,231,400	3,361,400
2026 - 2030	3,800,000	729,670	4,529,670
2031 - 2032	<u>1,735,000</u>	<u>70,100</u>	<u>1,805,100</u>
Total	<u>\$ 9,555,000</u>	<u>3,515,020</u>	<u>13,070,020</u>

This debt will be retired from the Series Notes (3-Mill) Fund.

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2. Series 2014:

<u>Year Ending June 30</u>		<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2016	\$	75,000	44,662	119,662
2017		100,000	42,912	142,912
2018		100,000	40,912	140,912
2019		100,000	38,912	138,912
2020		100,000	36,913	136,913
2021 - 2025		520,000	145,813	665,813
2026 - 2030		435,000	73,506	508,506
2031 - 2032		200,000	7,246	207,246
Total	\$	<u>1,630,000</u>	<u>430,876</u>	<u>2,060,876</u>

This debt will be retired from the Series Notes (3-Mill) Fund.

Total limited tax notes payments for all issues:

<u>Year Ending June 30</u>		<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2016	\$	440,000	356,382	796,382
2017		470,000	347,282	817,282
2018		475,000	337,832	812,832
2019		485,000	328,232	813,232
2020		495,000	318,433	813,433
2021 - 2025		2,650,000	1,377,213	4,027,213
2026 - 2030		4,235,000	803,176	5,038,176
2031 - 2032		1,935,000	77,346	2,012,346
Total	\$	<u>11,185,000</u>	<u>3,945,896</u>	<u>15,130,896</u>

D. Obligations Under Capital Leases

The school district has entered into a lease agreement as lessee for financing the acquisition of various Apple MacBook Air, Apple Care & Third Party Equipment totaling \$946,685. These leases qualify as capital leases for accounting purposes.

The options available to the lessee for these leases is as follows:

1. Option to purchase the equipment or replace the product at the end of the lease term

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Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Capital leases	12%	07-15-14	07-15-17	\$ <u>946,685</u>	<u>732,971</u>

The following is a schedule by years of the total payments due on this debt:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2016	\$ 248,092	29,771	277,863
2017	248,092	29,771	277,863
2018	236,787	28,414	265,201
Total	\$ <u>732,971</u>	<u>87,956</u>	<u>820,927</u>

This debt will be retired from the District Maintenance Fund.

The school district uses the straight-line method of amortization for the lease payments which is not in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. However, the difference between the effective interest method and the straight-line method is not considered material.

E. Qualified School Construction Bonds Payable

As more fully explained in Note 13, debt has been issued by the School District that qualifies as Qualified School Construction Bonds. Debt currently outstanding is as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Qualified School Construction Bonds	.96%	12-17-09	09-15-24	\$ <u>3,000,000</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>

F. Compensated absences payable

As more fully explained in Note 1(E)(8), compensated absences payable is adjusted on an annual basis as required by Section 37-7-307(5), Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employees' salaries were paid.

Note 7 - Other Commitments

Commitments under construction contracts are described in Note 5.

Operating Leases:

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The school district has several operating leases for the following:

1. Copying equipment
2. Postage machines
3. Trailers
4. Apple MacBook Air computers

Lease expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2015, amounted to \$342,225.

Future lease payments for these leases are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Amount
2016	\$ 330,999
2017	309,175
2018	270,040
2019	10,630
2020	3,513
Total	\$ <u>924,357</u>

Note 8 - Prior Year Defeasance of Debt

In prior years, the Lowndes County School District defeased certain general obligation and other bonds by placing the proceeds of new bonds in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the old bonds. Accordingly, the trust accounts assets and liabilities for the defeased bonds are not included in the district's financial statements. On June 30, 2015, \$0 of bonds outstanding are defeased.

Note 9 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan Description. The school district contributes to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. PERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Plan provisions and the Board of Trustees' authority to determine contribution rates are established by Miss. Code Ann. Section 25-11-1 et seq., (1972, as amended) and may be amended only by the Mississippi Legislature. PERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi, PERS Building, 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39201 or by calling (601) 359-3589 or 1-800-444-PERS.

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Benefits provided. Membership in PERS is a condition of employment granted upon hiring for qualifying employees and officials of the State of Mississippi, state universities, community and junior colleges, and teachers and employees of the public school districts. For those persons employed by political subdivisions and instrumentalities of the State of Mississippi, membership is contingent upon approval of the entity's participation in PERS by the PERS' Board of Trustees. If approved, membership for the entity's employees is a condition of employment and eligibility is granted to those who qualify upon hiring. Participating members who are vested and retire at or after age 60 or those who retire regardless of age with at least 30 years of creditable service (25 years of creditable service for employees who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011) are entitled, upon application, to an annual retirement allowance payable monthly for life in an amount equal to 2.0 percent of their average compensation for each year of creditable service up to and including 30 years (25 years for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), plus 2.5 percent for each additional year of creditable service with an actuarial reduction in the benefit for each year of creditable service below 30 years or the number of years in age that the member is below 65, whichever is less. Average compensation is the average of the employee's earnings during the four highest compensated years of creditable service. Benefits vest upon completion of eight years of membership service (four years of membership service for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2007). PERS also provides certain death and disability benefits. A Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) payment is made to eligible retirees and beneficiaries. The COLA is equal to 3.0 percent of the annual retirement allowance for each full fiscal year of retirement up to the year in which the retired member reaches age 60 (55 for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), with 3.0 percent compounded for each fiscal year thereafter. Plan provisions are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature.

Contributions. PERS members are required to contribute 9.00% of their annual covered salary, and the school district is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The employer's rate as of June 30, 2015 was 15.75% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of PERS members and employers are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. The school district's contributions to PERS for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013 were \$4,215,520, \$3,915,912, and \$3,727,065, respectively, which equaled the required contributions for each year.

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

At June 30, 2015, the school district reported a liability of \$49,366,176 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, 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 a projection of the school district's long-term share of contribution to the pension plan relative to projected contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2014, The school district's proportion was 0.406702 percent.

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For the year ended June 30, 2015, the District recognized pension expense of \$2,568,860. At June 30, 2015 the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 770,098	\$
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		7,155,990
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions		2,153,162
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	4,215,520	
Total	<u>\$ 4,985,618</u>	<u>\$ 9,309,152</u>

\$4,215,520 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from school district contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction to the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2016. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	
2016	\$ (2,286,503)
2017	(2,286,503)
2018	(2,177,051)
2019	(1,788,998)
Total	<u>\$ (8,539,055)</u>

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability in the June 30, 2014 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.5 percent
Salary increases	4.25 – 19.50 percent, including inflation
Investment rate of return	8.00 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table Projected with Scale AA to 2025, set forward two years for males.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2014 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2012. The experience report is dated June 12, 2013.

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The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected nominal returns, net of pension plan investment expense and the assumed rate of inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
U.S. Broad	34%	5.20%
International Equity	19	5.00
Emerging Markets Equity	8	5.45
Fixed Income	20	0.25
Real Assets	10	4.00
Private Equity	8	6.15
Cash	1	(0.50)
Total	<u>100%</u>	

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 8.00 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that Employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 8 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 1-percentage-point lower (7 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (9 percent) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (7.00%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (8.00%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (9.00%)</u>
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ <u>67,300,819</u>	\$ <u>49,366,176</u>	\$ <u>34,406,017</u>

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued PERS financial report.

Note 10 - Sixteenth Section Lands

Sixteenth section school lands, or lands granted in lieu thereof, constitute property held in trust for the benefit of the public schools. The school board, under the general supervision

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of the Office of the Secretary of State, has control and jurisdiction of said school trust lands and of all funds arising from any disposition thereof. It is the duty of the school board to manage the school trust lands and all funds arising therefrom as trust property. Accordingly, the board shall assure that adequate compensation is received for all uses of the trust lands, except for uses by the public schools. The following are the future rental payments to be made to the school district for the use of school trust lands. These future rental payments are from existing leases and do not anticipate renewals or new leases.

Year Ending June 30	Amount
2016	\$ 124,682
2017	123,531
2018	116,732
2019	112,988
2020	112,988
2021 - 2025	528,651
2026 - 2030	525,295
2031 - 2035	497,859
2036 - 2040	371,087
2041 - 2045	225,500
2046 - 2050	136,264
2051 - 2055	34,740
2056 - 2060	7,573
2061 - 2065	6,992
2066 - 2070	6,204
2071 - 2075	710
Total	<u>\$ 2,931,796</u>

Note 11 - Risk Management

The school district is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The district carries commercial insurance for these risks. Settled claims resulting from these insured risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Note 12 - Contingencies

Federal Grants - The school district has received federal grants for specific purposes that are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Entitlements to these resources are generally conditional upon compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant agreements and applicable federal regulations, including the expenditure of resources for allowable purposes. Any disallowance resulting from the grantor audit may become a liability of the school district.

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Litigation - The school district is party to legal proceedings, many of which occur in the normal course of governmental operations. It is not possible at the present time to estimate the outcome or liability, if any, of the school district with respect to the various proceedings. However, the school district's legal counsel believes that ultimate liability resulting from these lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the school district.

Note 13 - Qualified School Construction Bonds

Section 1521 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 provides for a source of capital at no or at nominal interest rates for costs incurred by certain public schools in connection with the construction, rehabilitation or repair of a public school facility or for the acquisition of land where a school will be built. Investors receive Federal income tax credits at prescribed tax credit rates in lieu of interest, which essentially allows state and local governments to borrow without incurring interest costs. While the Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCBs) are intended to be interest free to a borrower, the ARRA legislation allows a lender to charge supplemental interest, and such supplemental interest is the responsibility of the school district.

When the stated interest rate on the QSCB results in interest payments that exceed the supplemental interest payments discussed in the preceding paragraph, the school district may apply for a direct cash subsidy payment from the U.S. Treasury which is intended to reduce the stated interest rate to a nominal percentage. These subsidy payments do not include the amount of any supplemental interest paid on a QSCB. For the year ended June 30, 2015, the subsidy payments amounted to \$0.

The school district makes equal annual payments into a sinking fund which is used to payoff the bonds at termination. The current maturity limit of tax credit bonds is 17 years, per the U. S. Treasury Department. Under this program, ten percent of the proceeds must be subject to a binding commitment to be spent within six months of issuance and 100% must be spent within three years. Up to two percent of bond proceeds can be used to pay costs of issuance. The amount on deposit at June 30, 2015 was \$860,000. The amount accumulated in the sinking fund at the end of the seventeen-year period will be sufficient to retire the debt. The following schedule reports the annual deposits to be made to the sinking fund by the school district.

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Year Ending June 30	Amount
2016	\$ 215,000
2017	215,000
2018	215,000
2019	215,000
2020	215,000
2021 - 2025	<u>1,075,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,150,000</u>

Note 14 - Effect of Deferred Amounts of Net Position

The unrestricted net position amount of \$38,337,491 includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenses resulting from a deferred outflow from pensions. The \$4,985,618 balance of deferred outflow of resources, at June 30, 2015 will be recognized as an expense and will decrease the unrestricted net position over the next 3 years.

The unrestricted net position amount of \$38,337,491 includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue resulting from a deferred inflow from pensions. The \$9,309,152 balance of deferred inflow of resources, at June 30, 2016 will be recognized as a revenue and will increase the unrestricted net position over the next 4 years.

The unrestricted net position amount of \$38,337,491 includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue from a mineral lease. The District received \$150,000 up-front during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013 for a 5-year mineral lease. The \$60,000 balance of the deferred inflow of resources at June 30, 2015, will be recognized as revenue and increase unrestricted net position over the remaining 2 years of the agreement.

Note 15 - Alternative School Consortium

The school district entered into an Alternative School Agreement dated July 11, 2014 creating the Lowndes County School District Alternative School. This consortium was created pursuant to the provisions of Section 37-13-92 (6), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), and approved by the Mississippi Department of Education and includes the Noxubee County School District and Lowndes County School District.

Section 37-13-92 (6), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), allows two or more adjacent school districts to enter into a contract to operate an alternative school program. The school board of the school district designated by the agreement as the lead district will serve as the governing board of the alternative school program. Transportation for students attending the alternative school program will be the responsibility of the individual school district sending the students.

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The Lowndes County School District has been designated as the lead school district for the Lowndes County School District Alternative School, and the operations of the consortium are included in its financial statements.

The following Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances is presented to detail the financial activity of the Lowndes County School District Alternative School.

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

Revenues

Local sources:	
Tuition from other LEA's within the state	\$ 84,500
Total Revenues	<u>84,500</u>

Expenditures

Salaries	348,707
Employee benefits	131,869
Purchased property services	79,919
Other purchased services	2,333
Supplies	47,571
Property	<u>4,727</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>615,126</u>

Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>-530,626</u>
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Other Financing Sources/Uses:

Operating transfers in	<u>605,406</u>
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses	<u>605,406</u>

Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>74,780</u>
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Fund Balance:

July 1, 2014	<u>0</u>
June 30, 2015	<u>\$ 74,780</u>

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Note 16 - Trust Certificates

A trust agreement dated October 20, 2014, was executed by and between the Lowndes County School District and The Peoples Bank., as trustees.

The trust agreement authorized the issuance of trust certificates in the principal amount of \$7,995,000. Approximately \$7,832,000 was used to provide financing for the construction and renovation of school buildings and related facilities and equipment (the "project"); the remainder of approximately \$163,000 was used to pay the cost of issuance.

The project is leased to the school district in accordance with the provisions of the Emergency School Leasing Authority Act as described in Section 37-7-351, et seq., Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The lease represents a capital lease under which ownership of the project will transfer to the school district upon complete retirement of the trust certificates. The school district is obligated to make lease payments to the trustee in an amount equal to the debt service requirements for the trust certificates. The lease rental payments by the school district are used by the trustee to pay the principal and interest payments due on the trust certificates. It is not anticipated the project will have sufficient value to satisfy the certificates in the event the school district defaults under the lease; therefore, the source of payment of the certificates is the responsibility of the school district. See Note 6 for details regarding the debt service requirement on the trust certificates.

Note 17 - Insurance Loss Recoveries

The Lowndes County School District received \$3,306 in insurance loss recoveries related to a school bus accident during the 2014-2015 fiscal year. In the government-wide Statement of Activities, the insurance loss recoveries were reported as support services.

Note 18 - Prior Period Adjustments

A summary of significant Net Position adjustments is as follows:

Exhibit B - Statement of Activities

Explanation	Amount
1. Implementation of GASB 68 and 71:	\$
Net pension liability (06-30-14)	(59,252,282)
Deferred outflows - contributions made during fiscal year 2014	<u>3,915,912</u>
Total prior period adjustment related to GASB 68 and 71	(55,336,370)
2. Adjustments were made to properly present accumulated depreciation.	<u>(1,043)</u>
Total	\$ <u>(55,337,413)</u>

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Note 19 - Subsequent Events

Events that occur after the Statement of Net Position date but before the financial statements are available to be issued must be evaluated for recognition or disclosure. The effects of subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that existed at the Statement of Net Position date are recognized in the accompanying financial statements. Subsequent events which provide evidence about conditions that existed after the Statement of Net Position date require disclosure in the accompanying notes. Management of the Lowndes County School District evaluated the activity of the district through the date the financial statements were available to be issued and determined that subsequent events have occurred requiring disclosure in the notes to the financial statements:

On September 15, 2015, the school district was issued a General Obligation Bond in the amount of \$44,000,000.

On July 1, 2015, the district signed a capital lease agreement in the amount of \$3,958,157 with Apple to obtain computer equipment and hardware, with a 1.10% interest rate, payable over 4 years with the 1st payment due November 1, 2015.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Exhibit 1

Budgetary Comparison Schedule
 General Fund
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (GAAP Basis)	Variances Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
Revenues:					
Local sources	\$ 23,256,468	22,010,459	22,010,457	(1,246,009)	(2)
State sources	21,763,934	21,938,057	21,938,057	174,123	-
Federal sources	801,249	832,983	832,984	31,734	1
Sixteenth section sources		153,529	153,530	153,529	1
Total Revenues	45,821,651	44,935,028	44,935,028	(886,623)	-
Expenditures:					
Instruction	25,364,877	24,742,710	24,721,632	622,167	21,078
Support services	18,105,122	16,936,355	16,936,353	1,168,767	2
Sixteenth section		61,407		(61,407)	61,407
Debt service:					
Principal	214,000	213,714	213,714	286	-
Interest		112,853	112,853	(112,853)	-
Total Expenditures	43,683,999	42,067,039	41,984,552	1,616,960	82,487
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	2,137,652	2,867,989	2,950,476	730,337	82,487
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Capital leases issued	946,685	946,685	946,685	-	-
Insurance recovery		3,308	3,306	3,308	(2)
Transfers In	3,610,259	3,756,747	254,893	146,488	(3,501,854)
Transfers Out	(5,438,884)	(4,714,445)	(1,212,592)	724,439	3,501,853
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(881,940)	(7,705)	(7,708)	874,235	(3)
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,255,712	2,860,284	2,942,768	1,604,572	82,484
Fund Balances:					
July 1, 2014, as previously reported	7,866,350	12,884,466	8,559,253	5,018,116	(4,325,213)
Fund reclassification	-	-	4,242,729	-	4,242,729
July 1, 2014, as restated	7,866,350	12,884,466	12,801,982	5,018,116	(82,484)
June 30, 2015	\$ 9,122,062	15,744,750	15,744,750	6,622,688	-

The notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

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Exhibit 2

Budgetary Comparison Schedule
 Title I Basic Fund
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (GAAP Basis)	Variances Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
Revenues:					
Federal sources	\$ 1,083,411	1,083,411	1,256,096	-	172,685
Total Revenues	<u>1,083,411</u>	<u>1,083,411</u>	<u>1,256,096</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>172,685</u>
Expenditures:					
Instruction	155,934	365,474	360,191	(209,540)	5,283
Support services	816,941	668,850	855,549	148,091	(186,699)
Noninstructional services	4,882	10,834	5,868	(5,952)	4,966
Total Expenditures	<u>977,757</u>	<u>1,045,158</u>	<u>1,221,608</u>	<u>(67,401)</u>	<u>(176,450)</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>105,654</u>	<u>38,253</u>	<u>34,488</u>	<u>(67,401)</u>	<u>(3,765)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Transfers Out	<u>(38,253)</u>	<u>(38,253)</u>	<u>(34,488)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,765</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(38,253)</u>	<u>(38,253)</u>	<u>(34,488)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,765</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>67,401</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(67,401)</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balances:					
July 1, 2014, as previously reported	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
June 30, 2015	<u>\$ 67,401</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(67,401)</u>	<u>-</u>

The notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

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Exhibit 3

Budgetary Comparison Schedule
 IDEA Part B Fund
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (GAAP Basis)	Variances Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
Revenues:					
Federal sources	\$ 1,006,893	1,006,893	1,045,610	-	38,717
Total Revenues	<u>1,006,893</u>	<u>1,006,893</u>	<u>1,045,610</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,717</u>
Expenditures:					
Instruction	494,695	544,249	464,591	(49,554)	79,658
Support services	475,147	708,837	544,408	(233,690)	164,429
Noninstructional services	1,500	1,500		-	1,500
Total Expenditures	<u>971,342</u>	<u>1,254,586</u>	<u>1,008,999</u>	<u>(283,244)</u>	<u>245,587</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>35,551</u>	<u>(247,693)</u>	<u>36,611</u>	<u>(283,244)</u>	<u>284,304</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Transfers out	<u>(35,551)</u>	<u>(35,551)</u>	<u>(36,611)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,060)</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(35,551)</u>	<u>(35,551)</u>	<u>(36,611)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,060)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>-</u>	<u>(283,244)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(283,244)</u>	<u>283,244</u>
Fund Balances:					
July 1, 2014, as previously reported	-	-	-	-	-
June 30, 2015	\$ <u>-</u>	<u>(283,244)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(283,244)</u>	<u>283,244</u>

The notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

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Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability

PERS

Last 10 Fiscal Years*

	<u>2015</u>
District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 49,366,176
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	0.406702%
District's covered - employee payroll	24,862,933
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered - employee payroll	198.553306%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	67.207687%

The notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date of 6/30 of the year prior to the fiscal year presented.

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, GASB 68 was implemented in FYE 6/30/15, and, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the District has only presented information for the years in which information is available.

Lowndes County School District
 Schedule of District Contributions
 PERS
 Last 10 Fiscal Years*

	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ <u>4,215,520</u>
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	4,215,520
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ <u><u>-</u></u>
District's covered - employee payroll	26,765,206
Contributions as a percentage of covered - employee payroll	15.75%

The notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date of 6/30 of the year prior to the fiscal year presented.

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Budgetary Comparison Schedules

(1) Basis of Presentation

The Budgetary Comparison Schedules present the original legally adopted budget, the final legally adopted budget, the actual data on the GAAP basis, variances between the original budget and the final budget, and variances between the final budget and the actual data.

(2) Budget Amendments and Revisions

The budget is adopted by the school board and filed with the taxing authority. Amendments can be made on the approval of the school board. By statute, final budget revisions must be approved on or before October 15. A budgetary comparison is presented for the General Fund and each major Special Revenue Fund consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Pension Schedules

(1) Changes of benefit terms

None.

(2) Changes of assumptions

None.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Lowndes County School District
 Schedule of Expenditure of Federal Awards
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

Schedule 1

Federal Grantor/ Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.	Federal Expenditures
<u>U. S. Department of Agriculture</u>		
Passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education:		
Child Nutrition Cluster:		
School Breakfast Program	10.553	\$ 355,181
National School Lunch Program	10.555	1,220,680
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	13,545
Total Child Nutrition Cluster		<u>1,589,406</u>
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education		<u>1,589,406</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture		<u><u>1,589,406</u></u>
<u>U.S. Department of Defense</u>		
Direct Program:		
Reserve Officers' Training Corps	12.xxx	49,821
Total U.S. Department of Defense		<u>49,821</u>
<u>Federal Communications Commission</u>		
Administered through the Universal Service Administrative Company:		
The Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund	32.xxx	237,381
Total Federal Communications Commission		<u>237,381</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Education</u>		
Passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education:		
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	1,256,096
Impact Aid	84.041	68,257
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048	54,001
Education for Homeless Children and Youth	84.196	18,793
Rural Education	84.358	60,892
Improving Teacher Quality - State Grants	84.367	230,868
Subtotal		<u>1,688,907</u>
Special Education Cluster:		
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027	1,045,610
Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173	25,294
Total Special Education Cluster		<u>1,070,904</u>
Total passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education		<u>2,759,811</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education		<u><u>2,759,811</u></u>
Total for All Federal Awards		\$ <u><u>4,636,419</u></u>

NOTES TO SCHEDULE

1. This schedule was prepared using the same basis of accounting and the same significant accounting policies, as applicable, used for the financial statements.
2. The expenditure amounts include transfers out.
3. The pass-through entities did not assign identifying numbers to the school district.

Lowndes County School District

Schedule 2

Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures - Governmental Funds
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

Expenditures	Total	Instruction and Other Student Instructional Expenditures	General Administration	School Administration	Other
Salaries and fringe benefits	\$ 36,721,351	25,451,056	3,359,864	6,959,040	951,391
Other	19,474,581	2,160,602	5,141,709	3,142,702	9,029,568
Total	\$ <u>56,195,932</u>	<u>27,611,658</u>	<u>8,501,573</u>	<u>10,101,742</u>	<u>9,980,959</u>
Total number of students *	<u>4,750</u>				
Cost per student	\$ <u>11,831</u>	<u>5,813</u>	<u>1,790</u>	<u>2,127</u>	<u>2,101</u>

For purpose of this schedule, the following columnar descriptions are applicable:

Instruction and Other Student Instructional Expenditures - includes the activities dealing directly with the interaction between teachers and students. Included here are the activities of teachers, teachers aides or classroom assistants of any type.

General Administration - includes expenditures for the following functions: Support Services - General Administration and Support Services - Business.

School Administration - includes expenditures for the following function: Support Services - School Administration.

Other - includes all expenditures functions not included in Instruction or Administration Categories.

* includes the number of students reported on the ADA report submission for month 9, which is the final submission for the fiscal year

OTHER INFORMATION

LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

"UNAUDITED"

General Fund

Last Four Years

	2015	2014*	2013*	2012*
Revenues:				
Local sources	\$ 22,010,457	21,968,644	18,942,505	18,911,134
Intermediate sources	21,938,057	31,475	-	-
State sources	832,984	20,101,254	19,714,509	19,880,813
Federal sources	153,530	653,399	718,948	768,052
Total Revenues	<u>44,935,028</u>	<u>42,754,772</u>	<u>39,375,962</u>	<u>39,559,999</u>
Expenditures:				
Instruction	24,721,632	23,205,426	23,694,258	21,261,548
Support services	16,936,353	15,254,098	14,319,715	15,864,136
Debt service:				
Principal	213,714			
Interest	112,853	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>41,984,552</u>	<u>38,459,524</u>	<u>38,013,973</u>	<u>37,125,684</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>2,950,476</u>	<u>4,295,248</u>	<u>1,361,989</u>	<u>2,434,315</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Capital leases issued	946,685			
Insurance recovery	3,306	-	-	-
Sale of transportation equipment	-	-	40,443	85,500
Operating transfers in	254,893	73,316	91,415	5,092,408
Operating transfers out	(1,212,592)	(10,207,650)	(1,310,719)	(1,125,165)
Other financing uses	-	-	-	(135,000)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(7,708)</u>	<u>(10,134,334)</u>	<u>(1,178,861)</u>	<u>3,917,743</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>2,942,768</u>	<u>(5,839,086)</u>	<u>183,128</u>	<u>6,352,058</u>
Fund Balances:				
July 1, as previously reported	8,559,253	14,398,339	14,215,211	7,863,153
Fund reclassification	4,242,729	-	-	-
July 1, as restated	<u>12,801,982</u>	<u>14,398,339</u>	<u>14,215,211</u>	<u>7,863,153</u>
June 30,	<u>\$ 15,744,750</u>	<u>8,559,253</u>	<u>14,398,339</u>	<u>14,215,211</u>

*SOURCE - PRIOR YEAR AUDIT REPORTS

LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
 All Governmental Funds
 Last Four Years

"UNAUDITED"

	2015	2014*	2013*	2012*
Revenues:				
Local sources	\$ 23,287,008	23,585,980	21,128,159	20,810,586
Intermediate sources	-	31,475	-	-
State sources	22,576,972	21,545,489	21,098,256	21,375,056
Federal sources	5,137,226	5,219,957	5,792,719	6,811,849
Sixteenth section sources	153,580	256,113	152,810	100,529
Total Revenues	<u>51,154,786</u>	<u>50,639,014</u>	<u>48,171,944</u>	<u>49,098,020</u>
Expenditures:				
Instruction	27,673,068	25,837,500	26,740,245	24,717,616
Support services	18,603,312	16,993,314	16,503,265	18,869,904
Noninstructional services	1,943,768	2,106,804	2,034,714	2,003,786
Sixteenth section	21,227	77,090	73,679	63,909
Facilities acquisition and construction	6,104,379	2,834,007	-	-
Debt service:				26,194
Principal	1,323,714	5,960,000	1,662,597	1,542,582
Interest	518,689	490,089	328,541	381,443
Other	7,775	3,200	2,950	4,925
Total Expenditures	<u>56,195,932</u>	<u>54,302,004</u>	<u>47,345,991</u>	<u>47,610,359</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(5,041,146)</u>	<u>(3,662,990)</u>	<u>825,953</u>	<u>1,487,661</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Notes issued	-	11,500,000	-	-
Other long-term debt issued	7,995,000	-	-	-
Capital assets issued	946,685	-	-	-
Premium on debt issuance	120,450	-	-	-
Payments to escrow agent	-	-	(214,993)	(215,000)
Insurance recovery	3,306	-	-	-
Sale of transportation equipment	-	-	40,443	85,500
Operating transfers in	1,679,360	10,770,577	1,401,134	6,217,573
Payment to QSCB escrow agent	215,000	214,993	214,993	215,000
Operating transfers out	(1,679,360)	(10,770,577)	(1,401,134)	(6,217,573)
Payment to QSCB debt escrow agent	(215,000)	(214,993)	-	-
Other financing uses	-	-	(124)	(135,047)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>9,065,441</u>	<u>11,500,000</u>	<u>40,319</u>	<u>(49,547)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>4,024,295</u>	<u>7,837,010</u>	<u>866,272</u>	<u>1,438,114</u>
Fund Balances:				
July 1,	34,740,983	26,879,960	26,034,170	24,582,058
Increase (Decrease) in inventory	(24,674)	24,013	(20,482)	13,998
June 30,	<u>\$ 38,740,604</u>	<u>34,740,983</u>	<u>26,879,960</u>	<u>26,034,170</u>

*SOURCE - PRIOR YEAR AUDIT REPORTS

REPORTS ON INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE

FORTENBERRY & BALLARD, PC
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL
REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN
AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Superintendent and School Board
Lowndes County School District

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Lowndes County School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Lowndes County School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 1, 2015.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the school district's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the school district's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the school district's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *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 deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Lowndes County School District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC
December 1, 2015

Certified Public Accountants

FORTENBERRY & BALLARD, PC
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR
FEDERAL PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Superintendent and School Board
Lowndes County School District

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Lowndes County School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Lowndes County School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2015. The Lowndes County School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of the auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of Lowndes County School District's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the school district's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination on the school district's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Lowndes County School District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2015.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the Lowndes County School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered Lowndes County School District's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the school district's internal control over compliance.

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

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as Findings 2015-001, 2015-002 and 2015-003 that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Lowndes County School District's responses to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Auditee's Corrective Action Plan. Lowndes County School District's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

FORTENBERRY & BALLARD, PC

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC
December 1, 2015

Certified Public Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH
STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

FORTENBERRY & BALLARD, PC
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH
STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Superintendent and School Board
Lowndes County School District

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Lowndes County School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, which collectively comprise the Lowndes County School District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 1, 2015. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Section 37-9-18(3)(a), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), states in part, "the auditor shall test to ensure that the school district is complying with the requirements of Section 37-61-33(3)(a)(iii), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), relating to classroom supply funds." As required by the state legal compliance audit program prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor, we have also performed procedures to test compliance with certain other state laws and regulations. However, providing an opinion on compliance with all state laws and regulations was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of our procedures performed to test compliance with the requirements of Section 37-61-33(3)(a)(iii), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), disclosed no instances of noncompliance. The district reported \$0 of classroom supply funds carried over from previous years.

Section 37-9-18(3)(b), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), states in part, "the auditor shall test to ensure correct and appropriate coding at the function level. The audit must include a report showing the correct and appropriate functional level expenditure codes in expenditures by the school district."

The results of our procedures performed to test compliance with the requirements of Section 37-9-18(3)(b), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), disclosed no instances of noncompliance related to incorrect or inappropriate functional level expenditure coding.

As required by the state legal compliance audit program prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor, we have also performed procedures to test compliance with certain other state laws and regulations. However, providing an opinion on compliance with all state laws and regulations was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of procedures performed to test compliance with certain other state laws and regulations and our audit of the financial statements did not disclose any instances of noncompliance with other state laws and regulations.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of the school board and management, entities with accreditation overview, and federal awarding agencies, the Office of the State Auditor and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC
December 1, 2015

Certified Public Accountants

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Lowndes County School District

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

Section I: Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements:

1. Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified.
2. Internal control over financial reporting:
 - a. Material weakness(es) identified? No.
 - b. Significant deficiency(ies) identified? None reported.
3. Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? No.

Federal Awards:

4. Internal control over major programs:
 - a. Material weakness(es) identified? No.
 - b. Significant deficiency(ies) identified? Yes.
5. Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: Unmodified.
6. Any audit findings disclosed that are to be reported in accordance with Section 510(a) of OMB Circular A-133? Yes.
7. Identification of major programs:

<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
10.553, 10.555 & 10.559	Child Nutrition Cluster
84.010	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies

8. Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$300,000.
9. Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? No.

Section II: Financial Statements Findings

The results of our tests did not disclose any findings related to the financial statements that are required to be reported by *Government Auditing Standards*.

Section III: Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

The results of our tests disclosed the following findings and questioned costs related to the federal awards.

Significant Deficiencies

Finding 2015-001:

Program: CFDA# 10.553, 10.555 and 10.559

Program Name: Child Nutrition Cluster

Compliance requirement: Eligibility

Criteria:

The National School Nutrition Program requires that any child enrolled in a participating school or summer camp, or attending a SFSP meal service site who belongs to a household meeting nationwide income eligibility requirements may receive meals at no charge or at a reduced price. Children who have been determined ineligible for free or reduced price school meals pay the full price for their meals.

Condition:

The school district used 2013 tax return data instead of the most recent tax return for three individuals from our sample of eleven to determine free and reduced lunch eligibility. We also noted two individuals out of eleven verification calculation did not include pension income as required. Also, two individuals calculation resulted in them not qualifying for free meals. However, no evidence of followup notification was in their file.

Cause:

Lack of adequate controls were not in place to properly determine if students qualify for free and reduced lunch.

Effect:

The school district did not perform adequate tests to determine students eligibility for free and reduced resulting in students not qualifying for free meals.

Recommendation:

Controls should be implemented to ensure that information gathered for free and reduced eligibility should be accurate and in compliance with National School Nutrition Program verification process.

Finding 2015-002:

Program: CFDA# 10.553, 10.555 and 10.559

Program Name: Child Nutrition Cluster

Compliance requirement: Cash Management

Criteria:

7 CFR Part 210.8 states that in order for the school district to be entitled to reimbursement, they shall submit to the Office of Child Nutrition a monthly claim for reimbursement. The Policies and Procedures Manual for Child Nutrition Programs in Mississippi states that this claim is due at the Office of Child Nutrition on the 10th of the month following the reporting month.

Condition:

During the course of our audit, the auditor found that nine of the ten monthly cash requests tested were not submitted timely.

Cause:

Lack of adequate controls were not in place to ensure monthly cash requests were submitted timely.

Effect:

Lack of adequate controls concerning the timely submission of the “Monthly Claim for Reimbursement - School Lunch and School Breakfast” reports by the proper deadline could result in the district not receiving its federal reimbursement in a timely manner to cover the expenditures of the program.

Recommendation:

The school district should implement policies and procedures to ensure cash management requests are submitted within 10 days of the following month so funds are received in a timely manner.

Finding 2015-003:

Program: CFDA# 10.553, 10.555 and 10.559

Program Name: Child Nutrition Cluster

Compliance requirement: Reporting

Criteria:

7 CFR Part 210.8 states that in order for the school district to be entitled to reimbursement, they shall submit to the Office of Child Nutrition a monthly claim for reimbursement. The Policies and Procedures Manual for Child Nutrition Programs in Mississippi states that this claim is due at the Office of Child Nutrition on the 10th of the month following the reporting month.

Condition:

The enrollment data was incorrectly reported for the month of January 2015.

Cause:

Lack of controls to ensure data inputted on the claims for reimbursement form is accurate.

Effect:

Lack of adequate controls concerning the inaccurate submission of the “Monthly Claim for Reimbursement - School Lunch and School Breakfast” reports could result in the district not receiving the correct amount of federal reimbursement to cover the expenditures of the program.

Recommendation:

Controls should be implemented to ensure that information included on the claim for reimbursement document is accurate.

AUDITEE'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN



Lotis Johnson, Business Administrator, 1053 Hwy 45 South, Columbus, MS 39701, 662-244-5016

AUDITEE'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

As required by Section 315(c) of OMB Circular A-133, the Lowndes County School District has prepared and hereby submits the following corrective action plan for the findings included in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Cost for the year ended June 30, 2015:

<u>Finding</u>	<u>Corrective Action Plan Details</u>
2015-001	<p>a. Name of Contact Person Responsible for Corrective Action</p> <p>Name: Betty McClinton Phone Number: (662)-244-5000</p> <p>b. Corrective Action Planned: Free and reduced lunch applications will be completed on an annual basis.</p> <p>c. Anticipated Completion Date: August 2015</p>
2015-002	<p>a. Name of Contact Person Responsible for Corrective Action</p> <p>Name: Betty McClinton Phone Number: (662) 244-5000</p> <p>b. Corrective Action Planned: The "Monthly Claim for Reimbursement – School Lunch and School Breakfast" will be completed and submitted by the 10th of each month.</p> <p>c. Anticipated Completion Date: Beginning in December 2015.</p>



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- 2015-003
- a. Name of Contact Person Responsible for Corrective Action
Name: Betty McClinton
Phone Number: (662) 244-5000
 - b. Corrective Action Planned: The “Monthly Claim for Reimbursement – School Lunch and School Breakfast” will be completed and submitted by the 10th of each month with correct enrollment data.
 - c. Anticipated Completion Date: Beginning in December 2015.