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Newton County School District

Audited Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC
Certified Public Accountants

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FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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

Superintendent and School Board
Newton 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 Newton 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 Newton 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 Newton 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, budgetary comparison information, and the Schedules of the District’s Proportionate Share of the Net Position Liability and of the District Contributions on pages 8 to 19 and 54 to 56 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 Newton County School District's 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 February 18, 2016, on our consideration of the Newton 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 Newton County School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC
February 18, 2016

Certified Public Accountants

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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

The following discussion and analysis of Newton 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 \$19,403,528, including a prior period adjustment of (\$19,461,561), which represents a 120% decrease from fiscal year 2014. Total net position for 2014 decreased \$930,554, which represents a 5% decrease from fiscal year 2013.
- General revenues amounted to \$11,954,976 and \$11,225,575, or 74% and 73% 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 \$4,295,215, or 26% of total revenues for 2015, and \$4,237,462, or 27% of total revenues for 2014.
- The District had \$16,192,158 and \$16,393,591 in expenses for fiscal years 2015 and 2014; only \$4,295,215 for 2015 and \$4,237,462 for 2014 of these expenses was offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions. General revenues of \$11,954,976 for 2015 were adequate to provide for these programs. However, \$11,225,575 for 2014 were not adequate to provide for these programs.
- Among the major funds, the General Fund had \$13,349,992 in revenues and \$12,908,638 in expenditures for 2015, and \$12,396,133 in revenues and \$13,099,504 in expenditures for 2014. The General Fund's fund balance increased by \$1,477,045, including the fund reclass of Sixteenth Section Funds from Special Revenue Fund to General Fund in the amount of \$1,604,163, from 2014 to 2015, and decreased by \$232,171 from 2013 to 2014.
- Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, decreased by \$299,189, including a prior period adjustment of for 2015 and decreased by \$139,177 for 2014. The decrease for 2015 was due primarily to the recording of depreciation expense.
- Long-term debt decreased by \$69,447 for 2015 and increased by \$212,657 for 2014. This decrease for 2015 was due primarily to principal payments on outstanding long-term debt. The liability for compensated absences decreased by \$5,404 for 2015 and increased by \$6,595 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,

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supplementary information, and other information.

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 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. Liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded assets and deferred outflows of resources by \$3,226,092 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.

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

Table 1
Condensed Statement of Net Position

	<u>June 30, 2015</u>	<u>June 30, 2014</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Current assets	\$ 4,990,258	5,005,111	0%
Restricted assets	24,330	24,329	0%
Capital assets, net	11,458,000	11,757,189	(3)%
Total assets	<u>16,472,588</u>	<u>16,786,629</u>	(2)%
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>1,771,650</u>		
Current liabilities	179,584	97,865	84%
Long-term debt outstanding	436,477	511,328	(15)%
Net pension liability	18,040,111		
Total liabilities	<u>18,656,172</u>	<u>609,193</u>	2,962%
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>2,814,158</u>		
Net position:			
Net investment in capital assets	11,189,790	11,419,532	(2)%
Restricted	537,902	521,858	3%
Unrestricted	(14,953,784)	4,236,046	(453)%
Total net position (deficit)	<u>\$ (3,226,092)</u>	<u>16,177,436</u>	(120)%

Additional information on unrestricted net position:

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

Total unrestricted net position (deficit)	\$ (14,953,784)
Less unrestricted deficit in net position resulting from implementation of GASB Statements No. 68 and 71	<u>19,082,619</u>
Unrestricted net position, exclusive of the net pension liability effect	<u>\$ 4,128,835</u>

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

- Decrease in net capital assets in the amount of \$299,189.
- The principal retirement of \$69,447 of long-term debt.
- The recognition of Net Pension Liability in the amount of \$18,040,111 as a result of GASB Statement No. 68 and 71 implementation.

Changes in net position

The District's total revenues for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014 were \$16,250,191 and \$15,463,037, respectively. The total cost of all programs and services was \$16,192,158 for 2015 and \$16,393,591 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.

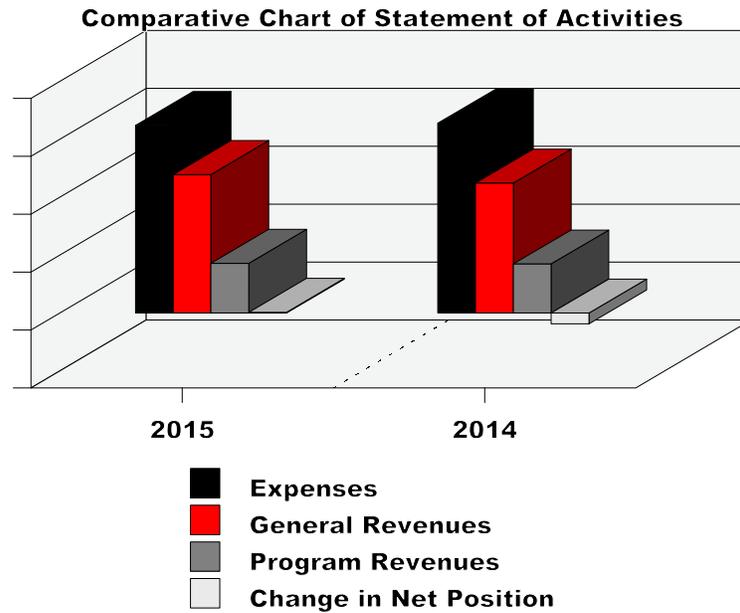
GASB 68 was implemented in fiscal year 2015. Prior year amounts were not restated to reflect the implementation of GASB 68.

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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	\$ 1,660,333	1,955,207	(15)%
Operating grants and contributions	2,634,882	2,123,318	24%
Capital grants and contributions		158,937	(100)%
General revenues:			
Property taxes	2,304,097	2,238,364	3%
Grants and contributions not restricted	9,343,314	8,894,074	5%
Unrestricted investment earnings	17,352	11,614	49%
Sixteenth section sources	229,670	81,523	182%
Other	60,543		
Total revenues	<u>16,250,191</u>	<u>15,463,037</u>	5%
Expenses:			
Instruction	9,009,984	9,708,412	(7)%
Support services	4,901,130	5,455,388	(10)%
Non-instructional	1,070,576	1,170,060	(9)%
Sixteenth section	47,827	56,668	(16)%
Pension expense	1,150,164		
Interest on long-term liabilities	12,477	3,063	307%
Total expenses	<u>16,192,158</u>	<u>16,393,591</u>	(1)%
Increase (Decrease) in net position	<u>58,033</u>	<u>(930,554)</u>	106%
Net Position, July 1, as previously reported	16,177,436	17,107,990	(5)%
Prior period adjustment	<u>(19,461,561)</u>		
Net Position (Deficit), July 1, as restated	<u>(3,284,125)</u>	<u>17,107,990</u>	(119)%
Net Position (Deficit), June 30	<u>\$ (3,226,092)</u>	<u>16,177,436</u>	(120)%

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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 were not restated to reflect the implementation of GASB 68.

Table 3
Net Cost of Governmental Activities

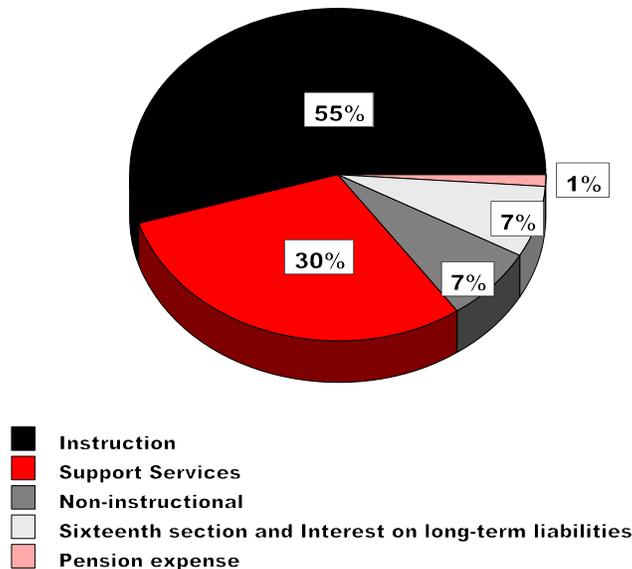
	Total Expenses		
	2015	2014	Percentage Change
Instruction	\$ 9,009,984	9,708,412	(7)%
Support services	4,901,130	5,455,388	(10)%
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Total expenses	\$ 16,192,158	16,393,591	(1)%

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Net (Expense) Revenue

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Instruction	\$ (6,449,303)	(7,024,537)	(8)%
Support services	(4,155,929)	(4,995,637)	(17)%
Non-instructional	(110,015)	(119,811)	(8)%
Sixteenth section	(19,055)	(13,081)	46%
Pension expense	(1,150,164)		
Interest on long-term liabilities	(12,477)	(3,063)	307%
Total net (expense) revenue	\$ (11,896,943)	(12,156,129)	(2)%

Chart of Expenses as per Statement of Activities



- Net cost of governmental activities (\$11,896,943 for 2015 and \$12,156,129 for 2014) was financed by general revenue, which is primarily made up of property taxes (\$2,304,097 for 2015 and \$2,238,364 for 2014) and state and federal revenues of (\$9,343,314 for 2015 and \$8,894,074 for 2014). In addition, there was \$229,670 and \$81,523 in Sixteenth Section sources for 2015 and 2014, respectively.
- Investment earnings amounted to \$17,352 for 2015 and \$11,614 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 \$4,835,089, a decrease of \$96,486, which includes a decrease in inventory of \$765 and a period period adjustment of (\$102). \$3,948,134, or 82% 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 \$886,955 or 18% 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 \$1,477,045, including a fund reclassification for the Sixteenth Section Interest Funds in the amount of \$1,604,163. The fund balance of Other Governmental Funds showed a decrease in the amount of \$1,573,531, which includes a decrease in inventory of \$765, a prior period adjustment in the amount of (\$102) and a fund reclassification for the Sixteenth Section Interest Funds in the amount of (\$1,604,163).

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 Newton County 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 is provided in this report as required supplementary information.

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CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets. As of June 30, 2015, the District's total capital assets were \$19,889,669, including land, school buildings, building improvements, mobile equipment, buses, other school vehicles, furniture and equipment, and any intangible assets. This amount represents an increase of \$102,403 from 2014. Total accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2015, was \$8,431,669, and total depreciation expense for the year was \$544,739, resulting in total net capital assets of \$11,458,000.

Table 4
Capital Assets, Net Accumulated Depreciation

	<u>June 30, 2015</u>	<u>June 30, 2014</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Land	\$ 212,862	212,862	0%
Construction in progress	225,128	27,070	732%
Buildings	9,248,918	9,579,741	(3)%
Building improvements	151,500	161,600	(6)%
Improvements other than buildings	595,520	656,048	(9)%
Mobile equipment	620,353	730,817	(15)%
Furniture and equipment	129,155	83,019	56%
Leased property under capital leases	274,564	306,032	(10)%
Total	\$ <u>11,458,000</u>	<u>11,757,189</u>	(3)%

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 \$436,477 in outstanding long-term debt, of which \$79,500 is due within one year. The liability for compensated absences decreased \$5,404 from the prior year.

Table 5
Outstanding Long-Term Debt

	<u>June 30, 2015</u>	<u>June 30, 2014</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Obligations under capital leases	\$ 268,210	337,657	(21)%
Compensated absences payable	168,267	173,671	(3)%
Total	\$ <u>436,477</u>	<u>511,328</u>	(15)%

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

CURRENT ISSUES

The Newton County School District is financially stable. The District is proud of its community support of the public schools.

The District has committed itself to financial excellence for many years. The District's system of financial planning, budgeting and internal financial controls is well regarded. The District plans to continue its sound fiscal management to meet the challenges of the future.

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

Enrollment for the 2014-2015 year decreased by 6% to 1,751 students.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

If you have questions about this report, contact the Superintendent's Office of the Newton County School District, PO Box 97, Decatur, MS 39327

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NEWTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2015

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,427,063
Due from other governments	471,544
Other receivables, net	69,683
Inventories and prepaid items	21,968
Restricted assets	24,330
Capital assets, non-depreciable:	
Land	212,862
Construction in progress	225,128
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:	
Buildings	9,248,918
Building improvements	151,500
Improvements other than buildings	595,520
Mobile equipment	620,353
Furniture and equipment	129,155
Leased property under capital leases	274,564
Total Assets	<u>16,472,588</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Pension related	1,771,650
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>1,771,650</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	179,499
Interest payable on long-term liabilities	85
Long-term liabilities (due within one year):	
Capital related liabilities	70,298
Non-capital related liabilities	8,413
Long-term liabilities (due beyond one year):	
Capital related liabilities	197,912
Non-capital related liabilities	159,854
Net pension liability	18,040,111
Total Liabilities	<u>18,656,172</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Pension related	2,814,158
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>2,814,158</u>
Net Position:	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	11,189,790
Restricted For:	
Expendable:	
School-based activities	393,852
Debt service	6,234
Forestry improvements	67,844
Unemployment benefits	45,775
Nonexpendable:	
Sixteenth section	24,197
Unrestricted	(14,953,784)
Total Net Position (Deficit)	<u>\$ (3,226,092)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

NEWTON 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>	9,009,984	1,358,487	1,202,194	(6,449,303)
<i>Support services</i>	4,901,130	--	745,201	(4,155,929)
<i>Noninstructional services</i>	1,070,576	273,074	687,487	(110,015)
<i>Sixteenth section</i>	47,827	28,772	--	(19,055)
<i>Pension expense</i>	1,150,164	--	--	(1,150,164)
<i>Interest on long-term liabilities</i>	12,477	--	--	(12,477)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 16,192,158</u>	<u>\$ 1,660,333</u>	<u>\$ 2,634,882</u>	<u>(11,896,943)</u>
General Revenues:				
Taxes:				
				2,304,097
<i>General purpose levies</i>				
Unrestricted grants and contributions:				
				9,288,847
<i>State</i>				
				54,467
<i>Federal</i>				
				17,352
<i>Unrestricted investment earnings</i>				
				229,670
<i>Sixteenth section sources</i>				
				60,543
<i>Other</i>				
Total General Revenues				<u>11,954,976</u>
Change in Net Position				<u>58,033</u>
Net Position - Beginning, as previously reported				16,177,436
Prior Period Adjustment				<u>(19,461,561)</u>
Net Position (Deficit) - Beginning, as restated				<u>(3,284,125)</u>
Net Position (Deficit) - Ending				<u>\$ (3,226,092)</u>

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NEWTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT*BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS*

JUNE 30, 2015

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets			
<i>Cash and cash equivalents</i>	\$ 4,190,155	\$ 261,238	\$ 4,451,393
<i>Due from other governments</i>	163,761	304,156	467,917
<i>Other receivables, net</i>	69,678	5	69,683
<i>Due from other funds</i>	15,626	3,218	18,844
<i>Inventories</i>	--	21,968	21,968
Total Assets	<u>\$ 4,439,220</u>	<u>\$ 590,585</u>	<u>\$ 5,029,805</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances:			
Liabilities:			
<i>Accounts payable and accrued liabilities</i>	\$ 141,143	\$ 38,356	\$ 179,499
<i>Due to other funds</i>	975	14,242	15,217
Total Liabilities	<u>142,118</u>	<u>52,598</u>	<u>194,716</u>
Fund Balances:			
Nonspendable:			
Permanent fund principal	--	24,197	24,197
Inventory	--	21,968	21,968
Restricted:			
Unemployment benefits	--	45,775	45,775
Forestry improvements	--	67,844	67,844
Debt service	--	6,319	6,319
Grant activities	21,503	45,971	67,474
Food service	--	325,913	325,913
Assigned:			
Special education	129	--	129
Alternative school	207,449	--	207,449
Activity funds	104,440	--	104,440
Other purposes	15,447	--	15,447
Unassigned	<u>3,948,134</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>3,948,134</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>4,297,102</u>	<u>537,987</u>	<u>4,835,089</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 4,439,220</u>	<u>\$ 590,585</u>	<u>\$ 5,029,805</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

NEWTON 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 balance sheet	\$ 4,835,089
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.	11,458,000
Liabilities due in one year are not recognized in the funds.	(78,711)
Payables for capital leases not due in the current period are not reported in the funds.	(197,912)
Payables for bond interest which are not due in the current period are not reported in the funds.	(85)
Payables for compensated absences not due in the current period are not reported in the funds.	(159,854)
Recognition of the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability is not reported in the funds.	(18,040,111)
Deferred Inflow of Resources related to PERS are not reported in the funds.	(2,814,158)
Deferred Outflow of Resources related to PERS are not reported in the funds.	<u>1,771,650</u>
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ (3,226,092)</u>

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NEWTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenue:			
Local sources	\$ 3,614,022	\$ 386,986	\$ 4,001,008
State sources	9,444,984	423,743	9,868,727
Federal sources	54,467	2,055,002	2,109,469
Sixteenth section sources	236,519	29,173	265,692
Total Revenues	<u>13,349,992</u>	<u>2,894,904</u>	<u>16,244,896</u>
Expenditures:			
Instruction	8,093,378	1,585,889	9,679,267
Support services	4,372,005	907,730	5,279,735
Noninstructional services	162,975	906,660	1,069,635
Sixteenth section	13,383	34,444	47,827
Facilities acquisition and construction	185,058	13,000	198,058
Debt service:			
Principal	69,447	--	69,447
Interest	6,392	--	6,392
Other	6,000	--	6,000
Total Expenditures	<u>12,908,638</u>	<u>3,447,723</u>	<u>16,356,361</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>441,354</u>	<u>(552,819)</u>	<u>(111,465)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Insurance recovery	10,551	--	10,551
Sale of transportation equipment	5,295	--	5,295
Transfers in	67,066	651,384	718,450
Transfers out	(651,384)	(67,066)	(718,450)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(568,472)</u>	<u>584,318</u>	<u>15,846</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>(127,118)</u>	<u>31,499</u>	<u>(95,619)</u>
Fund Balances:			
July 1, 2014, as previously reported	2,820,057	2,111,518	4,931,575
Prior period adjustments	--	(102)	(102)
Fund reclassification	1,604,163	(1,604,163)	--
July 1, 2014, as restated	<u>4,424,220</u>	<u>507,253</u>	<u>4,931,473</u>
Increase (decrease) in inventory	--	(765)	(765)
June 30, 2015	<u>\$ 4,297,102</u>	<u>\$ 537,987</u>	<u>\$ 4,835,089</u>

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NEWTON 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	\$ (95,619)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities ("SOA") are different because:	
Capital outlays are not reported as expenses in the SOA.	296,707
The depreciation of capital assets used in governmental activities is not reported in the funds.	(544,739)
Trade-in or disposal of capital assets decrease net position in the SOA but not in the funds.	(12,383)
Pension expense relating to GASB 68 is recorded in the SOA but not in the funds.	(1,150,164)
Repayment of capital lease principal is an expenditure in the funds but is not an expense in the SOA.	69,447
(Increase) decrease in accrued interest from beginning of period to end of period.	(85)
Change in inventory affects fund balance in the funds but expense in SOA.	(765)
Compensated absences are reported as the amount earned in the SOA but as the amount paid in the funds.	5,404
Pension contributions made after the measurement date.	<u>1,490,230</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 58,033</u>

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NEWTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2015

	Agency Funds
Assets	
<i>Cash and cash equivalents</i>	\$ 444,609
<i>Other receivable</i>	528
<i>Due from other funds</i>	975
Total Assets	<u>\$ 446,112</u>
Liabilities	
<i>Accounts payable & accrued liabilities</i>	\$ 399,203
<i>Due to student clubs</i>	42,307
<i>Due to other funds</i>	4,602
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 446,112</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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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, Newton 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.

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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.

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 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.

Accounts Payable Clearing Fund - This fund is used to report the payroll resources held by the district in purely custodial capacity (assets and liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

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Additionally, the school district reports the following fund types:

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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.

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.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

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.

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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.

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.

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D. Encumbrances

An encumbrance system is not maintained to account for commitments or assignments resulting from approved purchase orders, work orders and contracts.

E. Assets, liabilities, deferred outflows/inflows, 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 Sections 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. 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 pension.

See Note 15 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.

11. Fund Balances

Fund balance for governmental funds is reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the

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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.

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

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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 7% of 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.

Note 2 - Cash and Cash Equivalents

The district follows the practice of aggregating the cash assets of various funds to maximize cash management efficiency and returns. Restrictions on deposits 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.

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 \$4,451,393 and \$444,609, respectively.

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 \$5,241,810 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

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Note 3 - Inter-fund Receivables, Payables, and 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	Fiduciary Funds	\$ 4,602
	Other Governmental Funds	11,024
Fiduciary Funds	General Fund	975
Other Governmental Funds	Other Governmental Funds	<u>3,218</u>
Total		\$ <u><u>19,819</u></u>

The purpose of the Due From/To Other Funds was to cover deficit cash balances at year end.

B. Inter-fund Transfers

<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	\$ 67,066
Other Governmental Funds	General Fund	<u>651,384</u>
Total		\$ <u><u>718,450</u></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 \$24,330, of the Sixteenth Section Principal Fund (Permanent Fund) which is legally restricted and may not be used for purposes that support the district's programs.

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Note 5 - Capital Assets

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

	Balance 7-1-2014	Additions	Retirements	Adjustments	Balance 6-30-2015
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets:</u>					
Land	\$ 212,862				212,862
Construction in progress	27,070	198,058			225,128
Total non-depreciable capital assets	<u>239,932</u>	<u>198,058</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>437,990</u>
<u>Depreciable capital assets:</u>					
Buildings	14,663,003			(60,570)	14,602,433
Buildings improvements	252,500				252,500
Improvements other than buildings	1,513,283				1,513,283
Mobile equipment	2,229,578	10,960	103,826		2,136,712
Furniture and equipment	551,470	87,689	29,908		609,251
Leased property under capital leases	337,500				337,500
Total depreciable capital assets	<u>19,547,334</u>	<u>98,649</u>	<u>133,734</u>	<u>(60,570)</u>	<u>19,451,679</u>
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>					
Buildings	5,083,262	292,049		(21,796)	5,353,515
Building improvements	90,900	10,100			101,000
Improvement other than buildings	857,235	60,528			917,763
Mobile equipment	1,498,761	111,033	93,435		1,516,359
Furniture and equipment	468,451	39,561	27,916		480,096
Leased property under capital leases	31,468	31,468			62,936
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>8,030,077</u>	<u>544,739</u>	<u>121,351</u>	<u>(21,796)</u>	<u>8,431,669</u>
Total depreciable capital assets, net	<u>11,517,257</u>	<u>(446,090)</u>	<u>12,383</u>	<u>(38,774)</u>	<u>11,020,010</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 11,757,189</u>	<u>(248,032)</u>	<u>12,383</u>	<u>(38,774)</u>	<u>11,458,000</u>

Adjustments were made to properly present capital assets.

Depreciation expense was charged to the following governmental functions:

	Amount
Instruction	\$ 381,317
Support services	108,948
Non-instructional	54,474
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 544,739</u>

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Construction in progress is composed of:

Governmental Activities:	Spent to June 30, 2015	Remaining Commitments
Playground Cover	\$ 13,000	1,500
Tennis Court	207,277	7,723
Softball Hitting Facility	4,851	7,149
Total	\$ <u>225,128</u>	<u>16,372</u>

Construction projects in governmental activities are funded with District Maintenance Fund, High School Activity Fund and Vocational Fund.

Note 6 - Long-term liabilities

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

	Balance 7-1-2014	Reductions	Balance 6-30-2015	Amount due within one year
A. Obligations under capital leases	\$ 337,657	69,447	268,210	70,298
B. Compensated absences payable	173,671	5,404	168,267	8,413
Total	\$ <u>511,328</u>	<u>74,851</u>	<u>436,477</u>	<u>78,711</u>

A. Obligations under capital leases

The District has entered into two lease agreements as lessee for financing the acquisition of school buses for a cost of \$322,260 and copiers for a cost of \$21,240. These leases qualify as capital leases for accounting purposes.

Debt currently outstanding is as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
1. Two copiers - U.S. Bank	0.90%	08-02-13	08-02-16	\$ 21,240	7,921
2. Four school buses - Newton County Bank	1.95%	06-27-14	06-27-19	322,260	260,289
Total				\$ <u>343,500</u>	<u>268,210</u>

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

1. Two copiers - U.S. Bank

Year Ending June 30		Principal	Interest	Total
2016	\$	7,132	44	7,176
2017		789	1	790
Total	\$	<u>7,921</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>7,966</u>

This debt will be retired from the District Maintenance Fund.

2. Four school buses - Newton County Bank

Year Ending June 30		Principal	Interest	Total
2016	\$	63,166	5,090	68,256
2017		64,411	3,845	68,256
2018		65,667	2,588	68,255
2019		67,045	1,210	68,255
Total	\$	<u>260,289</u>	<u>12,733</u>	<u>273,022</u>

This debt will be retired from the District Maintenance Fund.

Year Ending June 30		Principal	Interest	Total
2016	\$	70,298	5,134	75,432
2017		65,200	3,846	69,046
2018		65,667	2,588	68,255
2019		67,045	1,210	68,255
Total	\$	<u>268,210</u>	<u>12,778</u>	<u>280,988</u>

B. 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.

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Note 8 - 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.

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.

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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 \$1,490,230, \$1,430,362, and \$1,311,693, 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 \$18,040,111 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 0.148623 percent.

For the year ended June 30, 2015, the District recognized pension expense of \$1,150,164. 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	\$ 281,420	\$
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		2,615,047
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions		199,111
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	1,490,230	
Total	<u>\$ 1,771,650</u>	<u>\$ 2,814,158</u>

\$1,490,230 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:

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Year ended June 30:		
2016	\$	(624,154)
2017		(624,154)
2018		(630,667)
2019		(653,762)
Total	\$	<u><u>(2,532,737)</u></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.

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><u>100%</u></u>	

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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:

	1% Decrease (7.00%)	Current Discount Rate (8.00%)	1% Increase (9.00%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ <u>24,594,051</u>	\$ <u>18,040,111</u>	\$ <u>12,573,151</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 9 - 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 of the Office of the Secretary 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.

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Year Ending June 30		Amount
2016	\$	45,206
2017		42,552
2018		41,207
2019		22,901
2020		4,824
2021 - 2025		21,173
2026 - 2030		17,146
2031 - 2035		8,744
2036 - 2040		6,663
2041 - 2045		2,487
2046 - 2049		2,111
Thereafter		<u>1,267</u>
Total	\$	<u><u>216,281</u></u>

Note 10 - 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. Except as described below, 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.

Participation in Public Entity Risk Pool

The school district is a member of the Mississippi School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Trust (MSBAWCT). The trust is a risk-sharing pool; such a pool is frequently referred to as a self-insurance pool. The trust consists of approximately 77 school districts and covers risks of loss arising from injuries to the member's employees. The Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission requires that an indemnity agreement be executed by each member in a workers' compensation self-insurance pool for the purpose of jointly and severally binding the pool and each of the employers comprising the group to meet the workers' compensation obligations of each member. Each member of MSBAWCT contributes quarterly to a fund held in trust by Wells Fargo in Portland, Oregon. The funds in the trust account are used to pay any claim up to \$750,000. For a claim exceeding \$750,000, MSBAWCT has insurance which will pay the excess up to the statutory amount required by the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission Act. If total claims during a year were to deplete the trust account, then the member school districts would be required to pay for the deficiencies.

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Note 11 - 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.

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 12 - Alternative School Consortium

The school district entered into an amended Alternative School Agreement dated June 28, 2002 creating the East Central Alternative School Consortium. 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 Enterprise Municipal School District, Forest Municipal School District, Neshoba County School District, Kemper County School District, Philadelphia School District, Scott 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.

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

The following Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds is presented to detail the financial activity of the East Central Alternative School Consortium.

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

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Revenues

Local sources

Tuition from other LEA within the state:

Scott County School District	\$	203,622
Neshoba County School District		174,387
Kemper County School District		108,803
Enterprise School District		108,803
Forest Municipal School District		108,803
Philadelphia Public School District		108,803
Total Tuition from other LEA within the state		<u>813,221</u>

Interest 1,173

Total local revenues 814,394

Total Revenues 814,394

Expenditures

Salaries	521,580
Employee benefits	168,614
Purchased property services	37,996
Other purchased services	1,971
Supplies	9,941
Property	16,634
Other	846
Total Expenditures	<u>757,582</u>

Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures 56,812

Other Financing Sources/Uses:

Other Transfers In	113,415
Other Transfers Out	(53,003)
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses	<u>60,412</u>

Net Change in Fund Balance 117,224

Fund Balance:

July 1, 2014	<u>117,383</u>
June 30, 2015	\$ <u><u>234,607</u></u>

Note 13 - Vocational School Consortium

The school district entered into a Vocational Educational Agreement dated April 11, 1994 creating the Newton County/Union Consortium. This consortium was created pursuant to the provisions of Section 37-31-73, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), and approved by the Mississippi Department of Education. The consortium includes the Newton County School District and Union Public School District.

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Section 37-31-73, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), authorizes the above noted entities to enter into an agreement that would provide for the construction or operation of a regional vocational education center. Any such agreement should provide for a designated fiscal agent, providing the method of financing the construction and operation of such facilities, the manner in which such facilities are to be controlled and staffed and detail procedures for student admission and transportation services for those students.

The Newton County School District has been designated as the fiscal agent for the Newton County/Union Consortium, and the operations of the consortium are included in its financial statements.

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

Revenues

Local sources

Tuition from other LEA within the state:

Union Municipal School District	\$ 78,750
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Other Local sources	61,620
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Total Local sources	140,370
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State sources	307,924
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Federal sources	34,833
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Total revenues	483,127
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Expenditures

Salaries	760,544
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Employee benefits	230,931
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Purchased property services	66,440
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Other purchased services	3,283
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Supplies	40,360
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Property	18,036
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Other	1,960
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Total Expenditures	1,121,554
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Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(638,427)
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Other Financing Sources/Uses:

Other Transfers In	638,427
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Total Other Financing Sources/Uses	638,427
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Net Change in Fund Balance	0
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Fund Balance:

July 1, 2014	0
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June 30, 2015	0
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Note 14 - Insurance Recovery

The Newton County School District received \$10,551 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 noninstructional services.

Note 15 - Effect of Deferred Amounts of Net Position

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$14,953,784) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenses resulting from a deferred outflow from pensions. The \$1,771,650 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 (\$14,953,784) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue resulting from a deferred inflow from pensions. The \$2,814,158 balance of deferred inflow of resources, at June 30, 2015 will be recognized as a revenue and will increase the unrestricted net position over the next 4 years.

Note 16 - Prior Period Adjustments

A summary of significant Net Position/Fund Balance adjustments is as follows:

Exhibit B - Statement of Activities

Explanation	Amount
1. Implementation of GASB 68 and 71:	\$
Net pension liability (06-30-14)	(20,853,047)
Deferred outflows - contributions made during fiscal year 2014	<u>1,430,362</u>
Total prior period adjustment related to GASB 68 and 71	(19,422,685)
2. Adjustments were made to properly present capital assets.	(38,774)
3. To correct prior year receivable	<u>(102)</u>
Total	\$ <u><u>(19,461,561)</u></u>

Exhibit D- Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

Fund	Amount
Other Governmental Funds To correct prior year receivables.	\$ <u><u>(102)</u></u>

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Note 17 - Fund Reclassification

The Sixteenth Section Interest fund beginning fund balance of \$1,604,163 was reclassified from the Special Revenue Fund to the General Fund, effective July 1, 2014. This change was necessary to meet the requirements of GASB 54 and to stay in compliance with the reporting requirements based on Sections 29-3-115 and 29-3-117, Miss. Code of 1972.

Note 18 - 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 Newton County School District evaluated the activity of the district through the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and determined that no subsequent events have occurred requiring disclosure in the notes to the financial statement.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

NEWTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule
 General Fund
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

Exhibit 1

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (GAAP Basis)	Variances Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
Revenues:					
Local sources	\$ 3,734,527	3,614,022	3,614,022	(120,505)	-
State sources	9,404,667	9,444,984	9,444,984	40,317	-
Federal sources	110,000	54,466	54,467	(55,534)	1
Sixteenth section sources		236,519	236,519	236,519	-
Total Revenues	<u>13,249,194</u>	<u>13,349,991</u>	<u>13,349,992</u>	<u>100,797</u>	<u>1</u>
Expenditures:					
Instruction	8,647,686	8,094,643	8,093,378	553,043	1,265
Support services	4,318,409	4,376,322	4,372,005	(57,913)	4,317
Noninstructional services	178,019	162,975	162,975	15,044	-
Sixteenth section		13,383	13,383	(13,383)	-
Facilities acquisition and construction	195,000	180,738	185,058	14,262	(4,320)
Debt service:					
Principal		75,447	69,447	(75,447)	6,000
Interest		6,392	6,392	(6,392)	-
Other	74,786		6,000	74,786	(6,000)
Total Expenditures	<u>13,413,900</u>	<u>12,909,900</u>	<u>12,908,638</u>	<u>504,000</u>	<u>1,262</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(164,706)</u>	<u>440,091</u>	<u>441,354</u>	<u>604,797</u>	<u>1,263</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Insurance recovery		10,551	10,551	10,551	-
Sale of transportation equipment	2,500	5,295	5,295	2,795	-
Sale of other property	500			(500)	-
Operating transfers In	2,011,534	1,699,823	67,066	(311,711)	(1,632,757)
Operating transfers Out	(2,149,892)	(2,282,877)	(651,384)	(132,985)	1,631,493
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(135,358)</u>	<u>(567,208)</u>	<u>(568,472)</u>	<u>(431,850)</u>	<u>(1,264)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>(300,064)</u>	<u>(127,117)</u>	<u>(127,118)</u>	<u>172,947</u>	<u>(1)</u>
Fund Balances:					
July 1, 2014, as previously reported	2,830,097	-	2,820,057	(2,830,097)	2,820,057
Fund reclassification			1,604,163	-	1,604,163
July 1, 2014, as restated	<u>2,830,097</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,424,220</u>	<u>(2,830,097)</u>	<u>4,424,220</u>
June 30, 2015	<u>\$ 2,530,033</u>	<u>(127,117)</u>	<u>4,297,102</u>	<u>(2,657,150)</u>	<u>4,424,219</u>

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

Newton County School District

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)	\$ 18,040,111
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	0.148623%
District's covered - employee payroll	9,081,663
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered - employee payroll	198.643244%
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.

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

Contractually required contribution	\$ <u>2015</u> 1,490,230
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	1,490,230
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ <u><u>-</u></u>
District's covered - employee payroll	9,461,778
Contributions as a percentage of covered - employee payroll	15.75%

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

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.

NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Newton County School District

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

Budgetary Comparison Schedule

(1) Basis of Presentation

The Budgetary Comparison Schedule presents 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 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

FEDERAL GRANTOR/ PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR/ PROGRAM TITLE	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number	Federal Expenditures
<u>U. S. Department of Agriculture</u>		
Passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education:		
Child Nutrition Cluster:		
School Breakfast Program	10.553	\$ 224,299
National School Lunch Program	10.555	517,625
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	8,973
Total Child Nutrition Cluster		<u>750,897</u>
Total passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education		<u>750,897</u>
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture		<u>750,897</u>
<u>Federal Communications Commission</u>		
Administered through Universal Service Administrative Company:		
The Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund	32.xxx	47,353
Total Federal Communications Commission		<u>47,353</u>
<u>U. S. Department of Education</u>		
Passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education:		
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	592,931
Indian Education - Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.060	7,517
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048	34,833
Rural Education	84.358	38,048
Improving Teacher Quality - State Grants	84.367	105,510
Subtotal		<u>778,839</u>
Special Education Cluster:		
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027	471,143
Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173	21,927
Total Special Education Cluster		<u>493,070</u>
Total passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education		<u>1,271,909</u>
Total U. S. Department of Education		<u>1,271,909</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</u>		
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Health and Human Services:		
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	32,197
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Health and Human Services		<u>32,197</u>
Total U. S. Department of Health and Human Services		<u>32,197</u>
TOTAL FOR ALL FEDERAL AWARDS		<u>\$ 2,102,356</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.

Newton County School District

Schedule 2

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

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Instruction and Other Student Instructional Expenditures</u>	<u>General Administration</u>	<u>School Administration</u>	<u>Other</u>
Salaries and fringe benefits	\$ 12,833,071	8,837,727	515,906	868,124	2,611,314
Other	3,523,290	842,804	181,632	95,485	2,403,369
Total	\$ <u>16,356,361</u>	<u>9,680,531</u>	<u>697,538</u>	<u>963,609</u>	<u>5,014,683</u>
Total number of students *	<u>1,751</u>				
Cost per student	\$ <u>9,341</u>	<u>5,529</u>	<u>398</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>2,864</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; Support Services - Business.

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

Other - includes all expenditure 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

NEWTON 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	\$ 3,614,022	3,513,839	2,958,982	2,861,801
State sources	9,444,984	8,802,363	8,863,135	8,890,400
Federal sources	54,467	79,931	22,883	48,366
Sixteenth section sources	236,519			
Total Revenues	<u>13,349,992</u>	<u>12,396,133</u>	<u>11,845,000</u>	<u>11,800,567</u>
Expenditures:				
Instruction	8,093,378	8,133,045	7,886,523	7,290,984
Support services	4,372,005	4,765,597	4,302,614	4,161,424
Noninstructional services	162,975	167,511	169,953	139,552
Sixteenth section	13,383			
Facilities acquisition and construction	185,058	27,070	20,360	5,045
Debt service:				
Principal	69,447	5,843		
Interest	6,392	182		
Other	6,000	256		
Total Expenditures	<u>12,908,638</u>	<u>13,099,504</u>	<u>12,379,450</u>	<u>11,597,005</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>441,354</u>	<u>(703,371)</u>	<u>(534,450)</u>	<u>203,562</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Capital leases issued		343,500		
Insurance recovery	10,551		167	5,515
Sale of transportation equipment	5,295			
Operating transfers in	67,066	405,407	7,531	8,899
Other financing sources			3,732	
Operating transfers out	(651,384)	(277,707)	(407,793)	(428,061)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(568,472)</u>	<u>471,200</u>	<u>(396,363)</u>	<u>(413,647)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>(127,118)</u>	<u>(232,171)</u>	<u>(930,813)</u>	<u>(210,085)</u>
Fund Balances:				
July 1, as previously reported	2,820,057	3,052,228	3,983,041	4,193,126
Fund reclassification	1,604,163			
July 1, as restated	<u>4,424,220</u>	<u>3,052,228</u>	<u>3,983,041</u>	<u>4,193,126</u>
June 30,	<u>\$ 4,297,102</u>	<u>2,820,057</u>	<u>3,052,228</u>	<u>3,983,041</u>

*SOURCE - PRIOR YEAR AUDIT REPORTS

NEWTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

"UNAUDITED"

All Governmental Funds

Last Four Years

	2015	2014*	2013*	2012*
Revenues:				
Local sources	\$ 4,001,008	4,165,347	3,607,202	3,557,320
State sources	9,868,727	9,149,627	9,178,942	9,361,653
Federal sources	2,109,469	2,022,951	2,000,853	2,536,850
Sixteenth section sources	265,692	125,110	201,007	460,327
Total Revenues	<u>16,244,896</u>	<u>15,463,035</u>	<u>14,988,004</u>	<u>15,916,150</u>
Expenditures:				
Instruction	9,679,267	9,459,847	9,180,081	9,136,419
Support services	5,279,735	5,607,191	5,251,137	5,097,073
Noninstructional services	1,069,635	1,098,820	1,057,569	1,020,096
Sixteenth section	47,827	56,668	41,558	129,666
Facilities acquisition and construction	198,058	27,070	20,360	5,045
Debt service:				
Principal	69,447	130,843	240,000	255,000
Interest	6,392	2,807	10,230	20,374
Other	6,000	256	3,200	1,600
Total Expenditures	<u>16,356,361</u>	<u>16,383,502</u>	<u>15,804,135</u>	<u>15,665,273</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(111,465)</u>	<u>(920,467)</u>	<u>(816,131)</u>	<u>250,877</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Capital leases issued		343,500		
Insurance recovery	10,551		167	5,515
Sale of transportation equipment	5,295			
Operating transfers in	718,450	743,960	415,515	437,267
Other financing sources			3,732	511
Operating transfers out	(718,450)	(743,960)	(415,515)	(437,267)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>15,846</u>	<u>343,500</u>	<u>3,899</u>	<u>6,026</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>(95,619)</u>	<u>(576,967)</u>	<u>(812,232)</u>	<u>256,903</u>
Fund Balances:				
July 1, as previously reported	4,931,575	5,503,700	6,310,277	6,070,905
Prior period adjustments	(102)			
July 1, as restated	<u>4,931,473</u>	<u>5,503,700</u>	<u>6,310,277</u>	<u>6,070,905</u>
Increase (Decrease) in inventory	(765)	4,842	5,655	(17,531)
June 30,	<u>\$ 4,835,089</u>	<u>4,931,575</u>	<u>5,503,700</u>	<u>6,310,277</u>

*SOURCE - PRIOR YEAR AUDIT REPORTS

REPORTS ON INTERNAL CONTROLS 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
Newton 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 Newton 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 Newton County School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 18, 2016.

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.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Newton County School District's financial statements are free of 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
February 18, 2016

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
Newton County School District

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Newton 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 Newton County School District's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2015. The Newton County School District's major federal program is identified in the summary or 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 Newton 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 of the school district's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Newton 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 program for the year ended June 30, 2015.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the Newton 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 Newton 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. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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
February 18, 2016

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
Newton County School District

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Newton County School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, which collectively comprise the Newton County School District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 18, 2016. 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.

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.

FORTENBERRY & BALLARD, PC

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC
February 18, 2016

Certified Public Accountants

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Newton 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? None reported.
5. Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: Unmodified.
6. Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 510(a) of OMB Circular A-133? No.
7. Identification of major programs:

<u>CFDA Numbers</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
10.553, 10.555 & 10.559	Child Nutrition Cluster

8. Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$300,000.
9. Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? Yes.

Section II: Financial Statement 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 Awards Finding and Questioned Costs

The results of our tests did not disclose any findings and questioned costs related to the federal awards.