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**Kemper County School District**

Audited Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

**Fortenberry & Ballard, PC**  
Certified Public Accountants

# Kemper County School District

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## FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT



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

Superintendent and School Board  
Kemper 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 Kemper County School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Kemper 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 Kemper County School District, as of June 30, 2020, 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.

## **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, the Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, the Schedule of District Contributions (PERS), the Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability, and the Schedule of District Contributions (OPEB) on pages 8 to 19 and 57 to 65, respectively, 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 Kemper County School District's basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 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 Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 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 August 11, 2021, on our consideration of the Kemper 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 solely 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 the effectiveness of the Kemper County School District's 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 Kemper County School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC  
August 11, 2021

Certified Public Accountants

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

**Kemper County School District**  
Management's Discussion and Analysis  
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The following discussion and analysis of Kemper County School District's financial performance provides an overview of the School District's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2020. 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 2020 decreased \$260,596, including a prior period adjustment of (\$68,551), which represents a 5% decrease from fiscal year 2019. Total net position for 2019 decreased \$3,140,334, including a prior period adjustment of (\$12,710), which represents a 123% decrease from fiscal year 2018.
- General revenues amounted to \$12,112,624 and \$10,121,539, or 83% and 77% of all revenues for fiscal years 2020 and 2019, respectively. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and grants and contributions accounted for \$2,560,950, or 17% of total revenues for 2020, and \$3,012,471, or 23% of total revenues for 2019.
- The District had \$14,865,619 and \$16,261,634 in expenses for fiscal years 2020 and 2019; only \$2,560,950 for 2020 and \$3,012,471 for 2019 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions. General revenues of \$12,112,624 for 2020 and \$10,121,539 for 2019 were not adequate to provide for these programs.
- Among the major funds, the General Fund had \$12,331,974 in revenues and \$11,041,912 in expenditures for 2020, and \$10,229,486 in revenues and \$11,173,843 in expenditures for 2019. The General Fund's fund balance increased by \$970,339, including a prior period adjustment of (\$1,898,475), from 2019 to 2020, and increased by \$2,210,655, including a prior period adjustment of \$3,775, from 2018 to 2019.
- Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, decreased by \$342,754, including a prior period adjustment of (\$73,683), for 2020 and decreased by \$362,933 for 2019. The decrease for 2020 was due primarily to the recording of depreciation expense during the year.
- Long-term debt remained the same for 2020 and increased by \$1,933,500 for 2019. The liability for compensated absences decreased by \$7,921 for 2020 and increased by \$7,336 for 2019.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

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**Government-wide Financial Statements**

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

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all the District's nonfiduciary assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows, with the differences between them 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, OPEB 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.

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

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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.

A net pension liability and net OPEB liability result in liabilities on the government-wide financial statements but are not reported on 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, Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, Schedule of District Contributions (PERS), Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability, and Schedule of District Contributions (OPEB) 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 as required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

**Supplementary Information**

Additionally, a Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards 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 \$5,963,830 as of June 30, 2020.

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.



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Table 1 presents a summary of the District's net position at June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019.

**Table 1**  
**Condensed Statement of Net Position**

	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019	Percentage Change
Current assets	\$ 9,237,765	8,506,609	9%
Restricted assets	1,680,328	1,675,921	0%
Capital assets, net	5,594,955	5,937,709	(6)%
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>16,513,048</u>	<u>16,120,239</u>	2%
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>	<u>3,722,305</u>	<u>2,989,104</u>	25%
Current liabilities	706,692	610,608	16%
Long-term debt outstanding	1,994,894	2,002,815	0%
Net OPEB Liability	1,460,687	1,391,013	5%
Net pension liability	19,700,195	20,108,098	(2)%
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>23,862,468</u>	<u>24,112,534</u>	(1)%
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>	<u>2,336,715</u>	<u>700,043</u>	234%
<b>Net position:</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	5,594,955	5,937,709	(6)%
Restricted	2,364,975	2,659,078	(11)%
Unrestricted	(13,923,760)	(14,300,021)	3%
<b>Total net position (deficit)</b>	<u>\$ (5,963,830)</u>	<u>(5,703,234)</u>	(5)%

Additional information on unrestricted net position:

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

Total unrestricted net position (deficit)	\$ (13,923,760)
Less unrestricted deficit in net position resulting from recognition of the net pension liability and net OPEB liability including the related deferred outflows and deferred inflows	<u>19,775,292</u>
Unrestricted net position, exclusive of the net pension liability and net OPEB liability effect	<u>\$ 5,851,532</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 \$342,754.
- A shortfall note was issued totaling \$1,933,500 during the fiscal year end.

**Changes in net position**

The District's total revenues for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019 were \$14,673,574 and \$13,134,010, respectively. The total cost of all programs and services was \$14,865,619 for 2020 and \$16,261,634 for 2019.

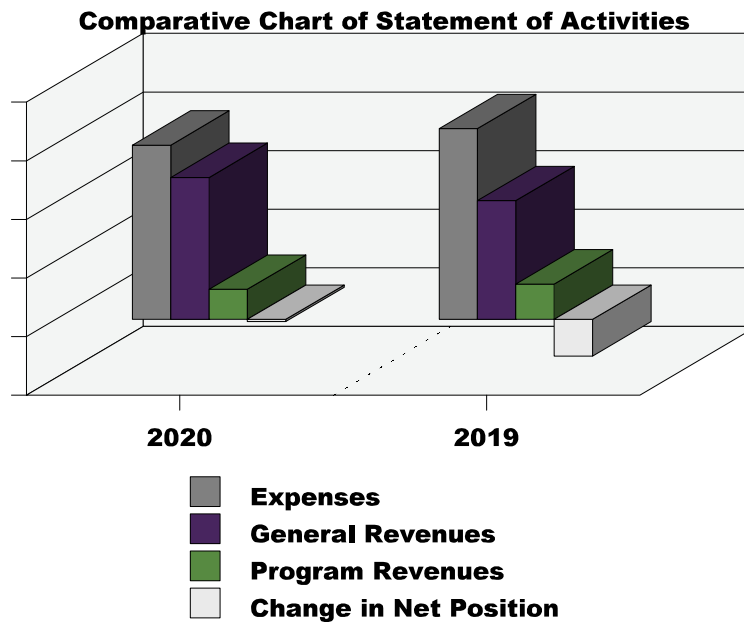
Table 2 presents a summary of the changes in net position for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019.

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**Table 2**  
**Changes in Net Position**

	<b>Year Ended June 30, 2020</b>	<b>Year Ended June 30, 2019</b>	<b>Percentage Change</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 140,167	2,987,837	(95)%
Operating grants and contributions	2,420,783	24,634	9727%
General Revenues:			
Property taxes	6,529,597	4,481,906	46%
Grants and contributions not restricted	5,100,977	5,165,469	(1)%
Unrestricted investment earnings	169,169	92,161	84%
Sixteenth section sources	247,339	181,533	36%
Other	65,542	200,470	(67)%
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>14,673,574</u>	<u>13,134,010</u>	12%
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Instruction	6,576,291	6,503,435	1%
Support services	5,459,973	6,373,845	(14)%
Non-instructional	825,232	739,780	12%
Sixteenth section	65,242	79,623	(18)%
Pension expense	1,814,449	2,486,374	(27)%
OPEB expense	84,216	74,641	13%
Interest on long-term liabilities	40,216	3,936	922%
<b>Total expenses</b>	<u>14,865,619</u>	<u>16,261,634</u>	(9)%
<b>Increase (Decrease) in net position</b>	<u>(192,045)</u>	<u>(3,127,624)</u>	94%
<b>Net Position (Deficit), July 1, as previously reported</b>	(5,703,234)	(2,562,900)	(123)%
<b>Prior Period Adjustment</b>	<u>(68,551)</u>	<u>(12,710)</u>	(439)%
<b>Net Position (Deficit), July 1, as restated</b>	<u>(5,771,785)</u>	<u>(2,575,610)</u>	(124)%
<b>Net Position (Deficit), June 30</b>	<u>\$ (5,963,830)</u>	<u>(5,703,234)</u>	(5)%

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**Governmental activities**

The following table presents the cost of seven major District functional activities: instruction, support services, non-instructional, sixteenth section, pension expense, OPEB 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.

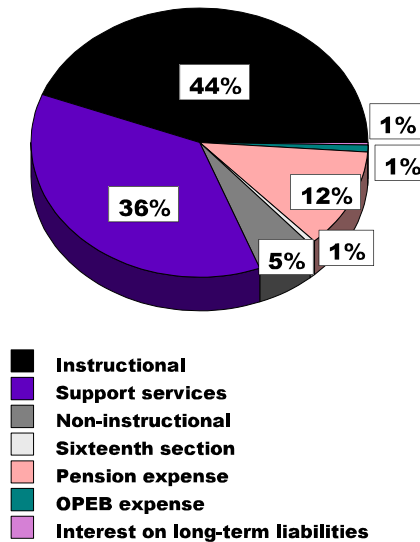
**Table 3**  
**Net Cost of Governmental Activities**

	<u><b>Total Expenses</b></u>		<b>Percentage Change</b>
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	
Instruction	\$ 6,576,291	6,503,435	1%
Support services	5,459,973	6,373,845	(14)%
Non-instructional	825,232	739,780	12%
Sixteenth section	65,242	79,623	(18)%
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	<b>Net (Expense) Revenue</b>		
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Percentage Change</b>
Instruction	\$ (5,721,089)	(5,485,339)	(4)%
Support services	(4,436,488)	(5,168,159)	14%
Non-instructional	(160,781)	48,909	(429)%
Sixteenth section	(47,430)	(79,623)	40%
Pension expense	(1,814,449)	(2,486,374)	27%
OPEB expense	(84,216)	(74,641)	(13)%
Interest on long-term liabilities	(40,216)	(3,936)	(922)%
<b>Total net (expense) revenue</b>	<b>\$ (12,304,669)</b>	<b>(13,249,163)</b>	<b>7%</b>

**Chart of Expenses per Statement of Activities**



- Net cost of governmental activities (\$12,304,669 for 2020 and \$13,249,163 for 2019 ) was financed by general revenue, which is primarily made up of property taxes (\$6,529,597 for 2020 and \$4,481,906 for 2019) and state and federal revenues (\$5,100,977 for 2020 and \$5,165,469 for 2019). In addition, there was \$247,339 and \$181,533 in Sixteenth Section sources for 2020 and 2019, respectively.
- Investment earnings amounted to \$169,169 for 2020 and \$92,161 for 2019.

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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 \$10,255,553, an increase of \$679,695, which includes a prior period adjustment of (\$1,928,368) and an increase in inventory of \$52,505. \$7,858,589 or 77% 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 \$2,396,964 or 23% 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 \$970,339, including a prior period adjustment of (\$1,898,475). The fund balance of Other Governmental Funds showed a decrease in the amount of \$295,052, which includes an increase in inventory of \$52,505. The increase (decrease) in the fund balance of the other major fund was as follow:

<u>Major Fund</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Sixteenth Section Principal Fund	\$ 4,408

**BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

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

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

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**CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

**Capital Assets.** As of June 30, 2020, the District's total capital assets were \$10,869,201, including land, school buildings, building improvements, improvements other than buildings, mobile equipment, buses, other school vehicles and furniture and equipment. This amount represents an increase of \$97,569 from 2019. Total accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2020, was \$5,274,246, and total depreciation expense for the year was \$443,262, resulting in total net capital assets of \$5,594,955.

**Table 4**  
**Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation**

	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Land	\$ 25,410	25,410	0%
Buildings	3,250,283	3,338,984	(3)%
Building improvements	484,236	507,295	(5)%
Improvements other than buildings	154,018	161,335	(5)%
Mobile equipment	1,497,490	1,717,419	(13)%
Furniture and equipment	183,518	187,266	(2)%
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 5,594,955</u>	<u>5,937,709</u>	<u>(6)%</u>

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

**Debt Administration.** At June 30, 2020, the District had \$1,994,894 in outstanding long-term debt, of which \$627,407 is due within one year. The liability for compensated absences decreased \$7,921 from the prior year.

**Table 5**  
**Outstanding Long-Term Debt**

	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Shortfall mill notes payable	\$ 1,933,500	1,933,500	0%
Compensated absences payable	61,394	69,315	(11)%
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 1,994,894</u>	<u>2,002,815</u>	<u>0%</u>

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For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

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

**CURRENT ISSUES**

The Kemper 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 2019 - 2020 year decreased by 4% to 947 students.

**CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Superintendent's Office of the Kemper County School District, P.O. Box 219, DeKalb, MS 39328.



## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**KEMPER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2020

	Governmental Activities
<b>Assets</b>	
<i>Cash and cash equivalents</i>	\$ 8,803,889
<i>Due from other governments</i>	372,760
<i>Inventories</i>	61,116
<i>Restricted assets</i>	1,680,328
<i>Capital assets, non-depreciable:</i>	
<i>Land</i>	25,410
<i>Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:</i>	
<i>Buildings</i>	3,250,283
<i>Building improvements</i>	484,236
<i>Improvements other than buildings</i>	154,018
<i>Mobile equipment</i>	1,497,490
<i>Furniture and equipment</i>	183,518
Total Assets	<u>16,513,048</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	
Deferred outflows - pensions	3,503,422
Deferred outflows - OPEB	218,883
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>3,722,305</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<i>Accounts payable and accrued liabilities</i>	599,257
<i>Other payables</i>	63,283
<i>Interest payable on long-term liabilities</i>	44,152
Long-term liabilities (due within one year):	
<i>Non-capital related liabilities</i>	627,407
<i>Net OPEB liability</i>	56,372
Long-term liabilities (due beyond one year):	
<i>Non-capital related liabilities</i>	1,367,487
<i>Net OPEB liability</i>	1,404,315
<i>Net pension liability</i>	19,700,195
Total Liabilities	<u>23,862,468</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	
Deferred inflows - pensions	2,186,461
Deferred inflows - OPEB	150,254
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>2,336,715</u>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	5,594,955
Restricted For:	
Expendable:	
School-based activities	464,736
Capital projects	51
Forestry escrow	182,401
Unemployment benefits	38,256
Permanent Fund	1,679,531
Unrestricted	(13,923,760)
Total Net Position (Deficit)	<u>\$ (5,963,830)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**KEMPER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense)
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Revenue and Changes in Net Position
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>				<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<i>Instruction</i>	6,576,291	102,357	752,845	(5,721,089)
<i>Support services</i>	5,459,973	--	1,023,485	(4,436,488)
<i>Noninstructional services</i>	825,232	19,998	644,453	(160,781)
<i>Sixteenth section</i>	65,242	17,812	--	(47,430)
<i>Pension expense</i>	1,814,449	--	--	(1,814,449)
<i>OPEB expense</i>	84,216	--	--	(84,216)
<i>Interest on long-term liabilities</i>	40,216	--	--	(40,216)
<b>Total Governmental Activities</b>	<b>\$ 14,865,619</b>	<b>\$ 140,167</b>	<b>\$ 2,420,783</b>	<b>(12,304,669)</b>
<b>General Revenues:</b>				
<b>Taxes:</b>				
<i>General purpose levies</i>				6,529,597
<b>Unrestricted grants and contributions:</b>				
<i>State</i>				4,952,382
<i>Federal</i>				148,595
<i>Unrestricted investment earnings</i>				169,169
<i>Sixteenth section sources</i>				247,339
<i>Other</i>				65,542
<b>Total General Revenues</b>				<b>12,112,624</b>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>				<b>(192,045)</b>
<b>Net Position (Deficit) - Beginning, as previously reported</b>				<b>(5,703,234)</b>
<b>Prior Period Adjustment</b>				<b>(68,551)</b>
<b>Net Position (Deficit) - Beginning, as restated</b>				<b>(5,771,785)</b>
<b>Net Position (Deficit) - Ending</b>				<b>\$ (5,963,830)</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**KEMPER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT****BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

JUNE 30, 2020

	General Fund	Sixteenth Section Principal Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>				
<i>Cash and cash equivalents</i>	\$ 8,063,582	\$ 1,680,328	\$ 740,307	\$ 10,484,217
<i>Due from other governments</i>	122,308	--	250,452	372,760
<i>Due from other funds</i>	279,637	--	--	279,637
<i>Inventories</i>	--	--	61,116	61,116
Total Assets	<u>\$ 8,465,527</u>	<u>\$ 1,680,328</u>	<u>\$ 1,051,875</u>	<u>\$ 11,197,730</u>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances:</b>				
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 515,120	\$ --	\$ 84,137	\$ 599,257
Due to other funds	--	797	278,840	279,637
Other payables	63,283	--	--	63,283
Total Liabilities	<u>578,403</u>	<u>797</u>	<u>362,977</u>	<u>942,177</u>
<b>Fund Balances:</b>				
<b>Nonspendable:</b>				
Permanent fund principal	--	1,679,531	--	1,679,531
Inventory	--	--	61,116	61,116
<b>Restricted:</b>				
Unemployment benefits	--	--	38,256	38,256
Forestry improvement purposes	--	--	182,401	182,401
Capital projects	--	--	51	51
Debt service	--	--	3,454	3,454
Grant activities	--	--	186,940	186,940
Food Service	--	--	216,680	216,680
<b>Assigned:</b>				
School activity funds	28,535	--	--	28,535
<b>Unassigned</b>	<u>7,858,589</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>7,858,589</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>7,887,124</u>	<u>1,679,531</u>	<u>688,898</u>	<u>10,255,553</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 8,465,527</u>	<u>\$ 1,680,328</u>	<u>\$ 1,051,875</u>	<u>\$ 11,197,730</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**KEMPER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET  
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2020*

Total fund balances for governmental funds	\$ 10,255,553
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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.	5,594,955
Liabilities due in one year are not reported in the funds.	(683,779)
Payables for bond interest which are not due in the current period are not reported in the funds.	(44,152)
Payables for notes which are not due in the current period are not reported in the funds.	(1,306,093)
Payables for compensated absences not due in the current period are not reported in the funds.	(61,394)
Recognition of the School District's proportionate share of net pension liability is not reported in the funds.	(19,700,195)
Deferred Inflows of Resources related to the pension plan are not reported in the funds.	(2,186,461)
Deferred Outflows of Resources related to the pension plan are not reported in the funds.	3,503,422
Recognition of the School District's proportionate share of net OPEB liability is not reported in the funds.	(1,404,315)
Deferred Inflows of Resources related to the OPEB plan are not reported in the funds.	(150,254)
Deferred Outflows of Resources related to the OPEB plan are not reported in the funds.	<u>218,883</u>

Net position of governmental activities	\$ <u>(5,963,830)</u>
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**KEMPER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES  
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	General Fund	Sixteenth Section Principal Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Local sources	\$ 6,802,310	\$ --	\$ 29,899	\$ 6,832,209
State sources	5,130,253	--	338,269	5,468,522
Federal sources	145,918	--	1,907,320	2,053,238
Sixteenth section sources	253,493	34,301	31,812	319,606
Total Revenues	<u>12,331,974</u>	<u>34,301</u>	<u>2,307,300</u>	<u>14,673,575</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Instruction	6,143,285	--	922,230	7,065,515
Support services	4,885,973	--	1,204,734	6,090,707
Noninstructional services	--	--	886,326	886,326
Sixteenth section	12,654	--	52,588	65,242
Debt service:				
Total Expenditures	<u>11,041,912</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>3,065,878</u>	<u>14,107,790</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,290,062	34,301	(758,578)	565,785
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>				
Proceeds of loans	1,933,500	--	--	1,933,500
Insurance loss recoveries	56,273	--	--	56,273
Transfers in	39,430	--	483,372	522,802
Transfers out	(450,451)	--	(72,351)	(522,802)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>1,578,752</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>411,021</u>	<u>1,989,773</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	2,868,814	34,301	(347,557)	2,555,558
<b>Fund Balances:</b>				
July 1, 2019, as previously reported	6,916,785	1,675,123	983,950	9,575,858
Prior period adjustments	(1,898,475)	(29,893)	--	(1,928,368)
July 1, 2019, as restated	5,018,310	1,645,230	983,950	7,647,490
Increase (decrease) in inventory	--	--	52,505	52,505
June 30, 2020	<u>\$ 7,887,124</u>	<u>\$ 1,679,531</u>	<u>\$ 688,898</u>	<u>\$ 10,255,553</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**KEMPER 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, 2020*

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 2,555,558
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities ("SOA") are different because:	
Capital outlays are not reported as expenses in the SOA.	174,191
The depreciation of capital assets used in governmental activities is not reported in the funds.	(443,262)
(Increase) decrease in accrued interest from beginning of period to end of period.	(40,216)
Change in inventory affects fund balance in the funds but expense in the SOA.	52,505
Compensated absences are reported as the amount earned in the SOA but as the amount paid in the funds.	7,921
Proceeds of notes do not provide revenue in SOA, but are reported as current resources in funds.	(1,933,500)
Pension contributions made after measurement date in current FY were de-expended & reduced NPL.	1,283,004
Pension expense relating to GASB 68 is recorded in the SOA but not in the funds.	(1,814,449)
Amounts paid by employer as benefits come due subsequent to measurement date of NOL and before end of reporting period.	50,419
OPEB expense relating to GASB 75 is recorded in the SOA but not in the funds.	<u>(84,216)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ <u>(192,045)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**KEMPER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
*STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES*  
*FIDUCIARY FUNDS*  
*JUNE 30, 2020*

	Agency Funds
<b>Assets</b>	
<i>Cash and cash equivalents</i>	\$ 36,638
Total Assets	\$ <u>36,638</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<i>Due to student clubs</i>	\$ 29,061
<i>Other payables</i>	7,577
Total Liabilities	\$ <u>36,638</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.



**Kemper County School District**

Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

## **Kemper County School District**

Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

### **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 board member is elected by the citizens of each defined county district.

For financial reporting purposes, Kemper 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, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows 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.

Sixteenth Section Principal Fund - This is a permanent fund consisting of funds derived from certain uses which shall be invested and only the interest and income derived from such funds shall be expended by the school district.

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:

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

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Additionally, the school district reports the following fund types:

### GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

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

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

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

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

### 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.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days after year end. Expenditures (including capital outlay) are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. Federal grants and assistance awards made on the basis of entitlement periods are recorded as receivables and revenues when entitlement occurs. Federal reimbursement type grants are recorded as revenues when the related expenditures are recognized. Use of grant resources is conditioned upon compliance with terms of the grant agreements and applicable federal regulations, which include subjecting grants to financial and compliance audits.

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 are 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

## Kemper County School District

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

*Financial Accounting for Local and State School Systems*, 2014, issued by the U.S. Department of Education.

#### **D. Encumbrances**

An encumbrance system is not maintained to account for commitments 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 Section 27-105-33, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), or in any other type investment in which any other agency, instrumentality or subdivision of the State of Mississippi may invest, except that 100% of said funds are authorized to be so invested.

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

Investments for the district are reported at fair market value.

##### **2. Receivables and payables**

Activities 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."

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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.

#### 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.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and governmental fund financial statements.

#### 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 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

## Kemper County School District

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

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.

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 of 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 deferred outflows which are presented as deferred outflows for pension and OPEB.

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



## Kemper County School District

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

district has deferred inflows which are presented as deferred inflows for pension and OPEB.

See Note 12 for further details.

#### 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

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reported at fair value.

#### 11. Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the State and School Employees' Life and Health Plan (OPEB Plan) and additions to/deductions from the OPEB Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the OPEB Plan. For this purpose, benefit payments are recorded when the OPEB benefits come due. Investments are reported at fair value as determined by the state.

#### 12. Fund Balances

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

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

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

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

*Committed fund balance* includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by a formal action of the School Board, the District's highest level of decision-making authority. This formal action is the approval of the type and amount of the commitment through a formal order of the school board. 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

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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 are incurred for purposes for which unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) resources are available, and amounts in any of these unrestricted classifications could be used, it is the District's general policy to spend committed resources first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts.

The goal of the District is to maintain an unassigned fund balance in the General Fund of at least 7% at fiscal year end of its general fund revenues or expenditures.

#### 13. Accounting Standards Update

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued GASB 95, *Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance* in May 2020. The objective of this Statement was to provide temporary relief to governments in light of the COVID-19 pandemic by postponing effective dates of certain Statements and Implementation Guides. The effective dates of GASB 83-84, GASB 88-93, and Implementation Guides No. 2017-3, 2018-1, 2019-1, and 2019-2 were postponed one year. The effective dates of GASB 87, *Leases*, and Implementation Guide No. 2019-3, *Leases*, were postponed eighteen months.

## 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:

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**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 districts' 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.

The carrying amount of the school district's deposits with financial institutions reported in the governmental funds and fiduciary funds was \$10,484,217 and \$36,638, 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. 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. 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, 2020, none of the district's bank balance of \$10,687,717 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

### 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

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General Fund	Sixteenth Section Principal Fund	\$ 797
	Other Governmental Funds	278,840
Total		\$ <u>279,637</u>

The purpose of the inter-fund loans was to cover federal and state funds not received prior to year-end.

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### B. Inter-fund Transfers

Transfers In	Transfers Out	Amount
General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	\$ 39,430
Other Governmental Funds	General Fund	450,451
	Other Governmental Funds	32,921
Total		\$ 522,802

The primary purpose of the interfund transfers out of the general fund and into the other governmental funds was to finance basic operations of the district that are not directly funded. The primary reason for the transfer out of the other governmental funds is the indirect cost allocation from the general fund.

### Note 4 - Restricted Assets

The restricted assets represent the cash balance totaling \$1,680,328 of the Sixteenth Section Principal Fund (Permanent Fund) which is legally restricted and may not be used for purposes that support the district's program.

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### Note 5 - Capital Assets

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

	Balance 7-1-2019	Additions	Adjustments	Balance 6-30-2020
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets:</u>				
Land	\$ 25,410			25,410
Total non-depreciable capital assets	25,410	0	0	25,410
<u>Depreciable capital assets:</u>				
Buildings	6,427,498			6,427,498
Building improvements	576,472			576,472
Improvements other than buildings	221,341			221,341
Mobile equipment	2,868,050	120,634	(76,622)	2,912,062
Furniture and equipment	652,861	53,557		706,418
Total depreciable capital assets	10,746,222	174,191	(76,622)	10,843,791
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>				
Buildings	3,088,514	88,701		3,177,215
Building improvements	69,177	23,059		92,236
Improvements other than buildings	60,006	7,317		67,323
Mobile equipment	1,150,631	266,880	(2,939)	1,414,572
Furniture and equipment	465,595	57,305		522,900
Total accumulated depreciation	4,833,923	443,262	(2,939)	5,274,246
Total depreciable capital assets, net	5,912,299	(269,071)	(73,683)	5,569,545
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 5,937,709	(269,071)	(73,683)	5,594,955

Adjustments were made to properly present capital assets during the fiscal year.

Depreciation expense was charged to the following governmental functions:

	Amount
Instruction	\$ 310,284
Support services	88,652
Non-instructional	44,326
Total depreciation expense	\$ 443,262

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### Note 6 - Long-term liabilities

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

	Balance 7-1-2019	Additions/	Reductions	Adjustments	Balance 6-30-2020	Amounts due within one year
A. Shortfall notes payable	\$ 1,933,500	1,933,500		(1,933,500)	1,933,500	627,407
B. Compensated absences payable	69,315		7,921		61,394	
Total	\$ 2,002,815	1,933,500	7,921	(1,933,500)	1,994,894	627,407

Adjustments were made to properly present long-term debt during the fiscal year.

#### A. Shortfall notes payable

Debt currently outstanding is as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Shortfall note, Series 2019	2.70%	09-4-19	04-01-23	\$ 1,933,500	1,933,500

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	\$ 627,407	82,802	710,209
2022	644,347	35,265	679,612
2023	661,746	17,867	679,613
Total	\$ 1,933,500	135,934	2,069,434

This debt will be retired from the Debt Service Fund.

#### 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.

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### Note 7 - 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 is available at [www.pers.ms.gov](http://www.pers.ms.gov).

*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.

*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, 2020 was 17.40% of annual covered payroll. Plan provisions and the Board of Trustees' authority to determine contribution rates are established by Section 25-11-1 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and may be amended only by the Mississippi Legislature. The school district's contributions to PERS



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for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, 2019, and 2018, were \$1,283,004, \$1,148,685, and \$1,215,927, 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, 2020, the school district reported a liability of \$19,700,195 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2019, 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. The school district's proportionate share used to calculate the June 30, 2020 net pension liability was 0.111984 percent, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2019. This was a decrease of 0.008909% percent from its proportionate share used to calculate the June 30, 2019 net pension liability, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2018.

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the District recognized pension expense of \$1,814,449. At June 30, 2020 the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 12,581	\$ 19,923
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		946,950
Changes of assumptions	192,964	
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	2,014,873	1,219,588
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	1,283,004	
Total	<u>\$ 3,503,422</u>	<u>\$ 2,186,461</u>

\$1,283,004 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, 2021. 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 Ending June 30:		
2021	\$	257,514
2022		(63,062)
2023		(250,433)
2024		89,938
Total	\$	<u>33,957</u>

*Actuarial assumptions.* The total pension liability as of June 30, 2019 was determined by actuarial valuation prepared as of June 30, 2018. Subsequent to the June 30, 2018 valuation, the Board adopted new actuarial assumptions based on the experience investigation for the four-year period ending June 30, 2018. The following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.75 percent
Salary increases	3.00 – 18.25 percent, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.75 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the PubS.H-2010(B) Retiree Table with the following adjustments: For males, 112% of male rates from ages 18 to 75 scaled down to 105% for ages 80 to 119. For females, 85% of the female rates from ages 18 to 65 scaled up to 102% for ages 75 to 119. Mortality rates will be projected generationally using the MP-2018 projection scale to account for future improvements in life expectancy.

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:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	27.00%	4.90%
International Equity	22.00%	4.75%
Global Equity	12.00%	5.00%
Fixed Income	20.00%	1.50%
Real Estate	10.00%	4.00%
Private Equity	8.00%	6.25%
Cash	1.00%	0.25%
Total	<u>100%</u>	

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*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75 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 (9.00%) and that employer contributions will be made at the current contribution rate (17.40%). 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 members. 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 7.75%, 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 (6.75%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.75%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 25,896,589	\$ 19,700,195	\$ 14,585,628

*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 8 - Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

### General Information about the OPEB Plan.

*Plan description.* State law mandates that all state, public education, library, junior and community college and retiring employees be offered health and life benefit coverage through the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan (the Plan). The Plan was established by Section 25-15-3 et. seq., Mississippi Code Ann. (1972), which may be amended only by the State Legislature. The State and School Employees' Health Insurance Management Board (the Board) administers the Plan. The Board has the sole legal authority to promulgate rules and regulations governing the operations of the Plan within the confines of the law governing the Plan. The Plan is self-insured and is financed through premiums collected from employers, employees, retirees and COBRA participants. The Plan provides for Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) as a multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan. The plan issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at <http://knowyourbenefits.dfa.ms.gov/>.

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#### *Benefits provided.*

The Plan was formed by the State Legislature to provide group health and life benefits to full-time active and retired employees of the State, agencies, universities, community/junior colleges, public school districts and public libraries. In addition, the spouse and/or children of covered employees and retirees, as well as surviving spouses and COBRA participants, may be eligible for health insurance coverage under the Plan. Benefits of the OPEB Plan consist of an implicit rate subsidy, which is essentially the difference between the average cost of providing health care benefits to retirees under age 65 and the average cost of providing health care benefits to all participants when premiums paid by retirees are not age adjusted. Employees' premiums are funded primarily by their employers. Retirees must pay their own premiums, as do active employees for spouse and dependent medical coverage. The Board has the sole authority for setting life and health insurance premiums for the Plan. Per Section 12-15-15 (10) Mississippi Code Ann. (1972), a retired employee electing to purchase retiree life and health insurance must pay the full cost of such insurance premium. If the Board determined actuarially that the premium paid by the participating retirees adversely affects the overall cost of the Plan to the State, then the Board may impose a premium surcharge, not to exceed 15%, upon such participating retired employees who are under the age for Medicare eligibility and who are initially employed before January 1, 2006. For participating retired employees who are under the age for Medicare eligibility and who are initially employed on or after January 1, 2006, the Board may impose a premium surcharge in an amount the Board determined actuarially to cover the full cost of insurance. The Plan offers a Base option and a Select option for health benefits for non-Medicare participants. The Plan includes a separate coverage level for Medicare eligible retirees, Medicare Eligible surviving spouses, and Medicare eligible dependents of retirees and surviving spouses.

#### *Contributions.*

The Board has the sole authority for setting life and health insurance premiums for the Plan. The required premiums vary based on the plan selected and the type of participant. Employers pay no premiums for retirees while employees' premiums are funded primarily by their employer. Contributions to the OPEB plan from the District were \$50,419 for the year ended June 30, 2020.

#### **OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources related to OPEB**

At June 30, 2020, the District reported a liability of \$1,460,687 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2019, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The basis for the District's proportion is determined by comparing the employer's average monthly employees participating in the Plan with the total average employees participating in the Plan in the fiscal year of all employers. The

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allocation was utilized because the level of premiums contributed by each employer is the same for any employee regardless of plan participation elections made by the employee. At the measurement date of June 30, 2019, the District's proportion was 0.17214098 percent. This was a decrease of 0.00768095 percent from the proportionate share as of the measurement date of June 30, 2018.

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$84,216. At June 30, 2020, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

		<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	2,209	\$ 20,908
Changes of assumptions		108,898	75,744
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments		28	
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions		57,329	53,602
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date		50,419	
Total	\$	<u>218,883</u>	<u>\$ 150,254</u>

\$50,419 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from school district contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction to the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

#### Year Ending June 30:

2021	\$	897
2022		897
2023		897
2024		4,282
2025		8,690
Thereafter		<u>2,547</u>
Total	\$	<u>18,210</u>

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*Actuarial assumptions.* The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2019 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.75 percent
Salary increases	3.00 - 18.20 percent, including wage inflation
Municipal Bond Index Rate	
Measurement Date	3.50%
Prior Measurement Date	3.89%
Year FNP is projected to be depleted	
Measurement Date	2019
Prior Measurement Date	2018
Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation	
Measurement Date	3.50%
Prior Measurement Date	3.89%
Health Care Cost Trends	
Medicare Supplement Claims	7.00 percent for 2019 decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.75% by 2028
Pre-Medicare	

Mortality rates were based on the PubS.H-2010(B) Retiree Table projected with the following adjustments: For males, 112% of male rates from ages 18 to 75 scaled down to 105% for ages 80 to 119. For females, 85% of the female rates from ages 18 to 65 scaled up to 102% for ages 75 to 119. Mortality rates will be projected generationally using the MP-2018 projection scale to account for future improvements in life expectancy.

The demographic actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study dated April 2, 2019.

The remaining actuarial assumptions (e.g., initial per capita costs, health care cost trends, rate of plan participation, rates of plan election, etc.) used in the June 30, 2019 valuation were based on a review of recent plan experience done concurrently with the June 30, 2019 valuation.

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments is 4.50%.

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*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2019 was 3.50 percent. Since the Prior Measurement Date, the Discount Rate has changed from 3.89% to 3.50%.

The trust was established on June 28, 2018 with an initial contribution of \$1,000,000. As of June 30, 2019, the trust has \$1,017,904. The fiduciary net position is projected to be depleted immediately, therefore, the Municipal Bond Index Rate is used in the determination of the discount rate for both the June 30, 2018 and the June 30, 2019 total OPEB liability. The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2019 was based on a monthly average of the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index Rate.

*Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.50 percent) or 1-percentage point higher (4.50 percent) than the current discount rate:

		1% Decrease (2.50%)	Discount Rate (3.50%)	1% Increase (4.50%)
Net OPEB liability	\$	1,622,568	\$ 1,460,687	\$ 1,322,182

*Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates.* The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

		1% Decrease	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates Current	1% Increase
Net OPEB liability	\$	1,353,551	\$ 1,460,687	\$ 1,582,053

*OPEB plan fiduciary net position.* Detailed information about the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is available in a separately issued report that can be found at <http://knowyourbenefits.dfa.ms.gov/>.

## Note 9 - 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

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risks. Settled claims resulting from these insured risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

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 56 school districts and covers risks of loss arising from injuries to the members' 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 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. The district has not had an additional assessment for excess losses incurred by the pool.

#### **Note 10 - 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 disallowances 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.



## Kemper County School District

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

#### Note 11 - Prior Period Adjustments

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

##### Exhibit B - Statement of Activities

<u>Explanation(s)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Adjustments were made to properly present capital assets during the fiscal year.	\$ (73,683)
Adjustments were made to properly present long-term debt during the fiscal year.	1,933,500
To correctly present accounts receivable.	(1,933,500)
To correct prior year assets and liabilities.	5,132
Total	\$ <u>(68,551)</u>

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

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Explanation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	To correct prior year assets and liabilities.	\$ 35,025
General Fund	To correctly present accounts receivable.	(1,933,500)
Sixteenth Section Principal Fund	To correct prior year assets and liabilities.	<u>(29,893)</u>
Total		\$ <u>(1,928,368)</u>

#### Note 12 - Effect of Deferred Amounts on Net Position

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$13,923,760) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenses resulting from a deferred outflow from pensions. A portion of the deferred outflows of resources related to pension in the amount of \$1,283,004 resulting from the school district contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2021. The \$2,220,418 balance of deferred outflow of resources, at June 30, 2020 will be recognized as an expense and will decrease the unrestricted net position over the next 4 years.

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$13,923,760) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue resulting from a deferred inflow from pensions. The \$2,186,461 balance of deferred inflow of resources, at June 30, 2020 will be recognized as a revenue and will increase the unrestricted net position over the next 3 years.

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$13,923,760) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenses resulting from a deferred outflow from OPEB. A portion of the deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB in the amount of \$50,419 resulting from the amount paid by the school district as benefits come due subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2021. The \$168,464 balance of deferred outflow of resources, at June 30, 2020 will be recognized as an expense and will decrease the unrestricted net position over the next 6 years.

## Kemper County School District

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$13,923,760) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue resulting from a deferred inflow from OPEB. The \$150,254 balance of deferred inflow of resources at June 30, 2020 will be recognized as a revenue and will increase the unrestricted net position over the next 6 years.

#### Note 13 - 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 of State, has control and jurisdiction of said school trust lands and of all funds arising from any disposition thereof. It is the duty of the school board to manage the school trust lands and all funds arising therefrom as trust property. Accordingly, the board shall assure that adequate compensation is received for all uses of the trust lands, except for uses by the public schools. The following are the future rental payments to be made to the school district for the use of school trust lands. These future rental payments are from existing leases and do not anticipate renewals or new leases.

Year Ending June 30		Amount
2021	\$	113,042
2022		102,521
2023		73,189
2024		63,857
2025		51,564
2026 - 2030		124,833
2031 - 2035		87,682
2036 - 2040		67,561
2041 - 2045		57,507
2046 - 2050		15,380
2051 - 2054		5,160
Total	\$	<u>762,296</u>

#### Note 14 - Alternative School Consortium

The school district entered into a Alternative School Agreement dated August 19, 1994 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 Kemper County School District, Forest Municipal School District, Philadelphia Public School District, Scott County School District, Newton Municipal School District, Enterprise Public School District and Newton County School District.

## **Kemper County School District**

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

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 the East Central Alternative School Consortium, and the operations of the consortium are included in its financial statements.

#### **Note 15 - Other Matters**

The onset of the recent COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a volatile investment market currently. The resulting impact of this pandemic upon the operations of the District is uncertain at this time.

#### **Note 16 - Insurance Loss Recoveries**

The Kemper County School District received \$56,273 insurance loss recoveries related to bus damages during the 2019-2020 fiscal year. In the government-wide Statement of Activities, the insurance loss recoveries were reported as support services and allocated to support service expense.

#### **Note 17 - Fee In Lieu Agreement**

On October 3, 2016, Kemper County School District (“the District”) and the Kemper County Board of Supervisors (“the Board”) agreed to send one-third of in-lieu collections received from Mississippi Power. The agreement starting in tax year 2016 is for ten years between the aforementioned parties per the Fee In Lieu agreement. The Kemper County Tax Assessor/Collector forwards the in lieu collection to the Board upon receipt who then prepares the calculation and forwards the District’s share subsequently.

The information below represents a summary of what the school district has received up to the end of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020:

## Kemper County School District

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

<u>Date</u>		<u>Amount</u>
03-22-17	\$	5,966,075
03-20-18		6,218,496
02-19-19		3,000,000
02-20-20		4,243,694
Total	\$	<u>19,428,265</u>

In addition to the amounts listed above, based upon the District's records, \$5,016,556 was received from Kemper County on March 19, 2021, as payment in accordance with this agreement.

#### 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 Kemper 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

**KEMPER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Budgetary Comparison Schedule

General Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

**Exhibit 1**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (GAAP Basis)	Variances Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Local sources	\$ 4,580,863	7,014,632	6,802,310	2,433,769	(212,322)
State sources	4,967,440	5,182,147	5,130,253	214,707	(51,894)
Federal sources	168,868	168,868	145,918	-	(22,950)
Sixteenth section sources	198,000	198,000	253,493	-	55,493
Total Revenues	<u>9,915,171</u>	<u>12,563,647</u>	<u>12,331,974</u>	<u>2,648,476</u>	<u>(231,673)</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Instruction	5,880,674	5,579,073	6,143,285	301,601	(564,212)
Support services	4,948,895	5,265,511	4,885,973	(316,616)	379,538
Sixteenth section	10,700	13,325	12,654	(2,625)	671
Total Expenditures	<u>10,840,269</u>	<u>10,857,909</u>	<u>11,041,912</u>	<u>(17,640)</u>	<u>(184,003)</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(925,098)</u>	<u>1,705,738</u>	<u>1,290,062</u>	<u>2,630,836</u>	<u>(415,676)</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>					
Notes issued	2,003,432	1,933,500	1,933,500	(69,932)	-
Insurance recovery	10,000	10,000	56,273	-	46,273
Operating transfers in	1,121,236	1,121,236	39,430	-	(1,081,806)
Operating transfers out	(1,558,444)	(1,558,444)	(450,451)	-	1,107,993
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>1,576,224</u>	<u>1,506,292</u>	<u>1,578,752</u>	<u>(69,932)</u>	<u>72,460</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>651,126</u>	<u>3,212,030</u>	<u>2,868,814</u>	<u>2,560,904</u>	<u>(343,216)</u>
<b>Fund Balances:</b>					
July 1, 2019, as previously reported	4,151,096	-	6,916,785	(4,151,096)	6,916,785
Prior period adjustments	-	-	(1,898,475)	-	(1,898,475)
July 1, 2019, as restated	<u>4,151,096</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,018,310</u>	<u>(4,151,096)</u>	<u>5,018,310</u>
June 30, 2020	<u>\$ 4,802,222</u>	<u>3,212,030</u>	<u>7,887,124</u>	<u>(1,590,192)</u>	<u>4,675,094</u>

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

**Kemper County School District**

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

## PERS

## Last 10 Fiscal Years\*

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 19,700,195	20,108,098	17,489,473	19,857,738	17,482,875	12,372,921
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.111984%	0.120893%	0.105210%	0.111170%	0.113099%	0.101934%
District's covered payroll	7,293,238	7,720,171	6,749,302	7,111,841	7,065,803	6,225,835
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	270.12%	260.46%	259.13%	279.22%	247.43%	198.74%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	61.59%	62.54%	61.49%	57.47%	61.70%	67.21%

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.

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

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,283,004	1,148,685	1,215,927	1,063,015	1,120,115	1,112,864
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	1,283,004	1,148,685	1,215,927	1,063,015	1,120,115	1,112,864
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ <u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
District's covered payroll	7,373,586	7,293,238	7,720,171	6,749,302	7,111,841	7,065,803
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	17.40%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%

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**Kemper County School District**

## Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability

## OPEB

## Last 10 Fiscal Years\*

	2020	2019	2018
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 1,460,687	1,391,013	1,335,549
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.17214098%	0.17982193%	0.17021841%
District's covered-employee payroll	7,883,069	8,133,224	7,647,445 **
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	18.53%	17.10%	17.46%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	0.12%	0.13%	0.00%

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.

\*\* The amount used to calculate this figure was based on the Implicit Rate Subsidy at measurement date as it relates to contributions.

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the District has only presented information for the years in which information is available.

**Kemper County School District**  
Schedule of District Contributions  
OPEB  
Last 10 Fiscal Years\*

	2020	2019	2018
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 50,419	58,549	56,936 **
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	50,419	58,549	56,936 **
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	-	-
District's covered-employee payroll	6,785,162	5,532,620	7,351,153
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	0.74%	1.06%	0.77%

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 75 was implemented in FYE 6/30/18, and, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the District has only presented information for the years in which information is available. Prior year information is based on historical amounts reported in prior year audit report(s).

\*\* The amounts reflected above only deal with the Implicit Rate Subsidy as it relates to contributions.

## Kemper County School District

### Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

#### 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 assumptions*

###### 2015:

The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Table projected to 2016 using Scale BB rather than the RP-2000 Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2015.

The expectation of disabled mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Table, rather than the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2015.

Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, disability rates and service retirement rates were also adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience.

Assumed rates of salary increase were adjusted to more closely reflect actual and anticipated experience.

The price inflation and investment rate of return assumptions were changed from 3.50% to 3.00% and 8.00% to 7.75% respectively.

###### 2016:

The assumed rate of interest credited to employee contributions was changed from 3.50% to 2.00%.

###### 2017:

The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Mortality Table projected with Scale BB to 2022. Small adjustments were also made to the Mortality Table for disabled lives.

The wage inflation assumption was reduced from 3.75% to 3.25%.

## Kemper County School District

### Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, disability rates and service retirement rates were also adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience.

The percentage of active member disabilities assumed to be in the line of duty was increased from 6% to 7%.

#### 2019:

The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the PubS.H-2010(B) Retiree Table with the following adjustments: for males, 112% of male rates from ages 18 to 75 scaled down to 105% for ages 80 to 119; for females, 85% of the female rates from ages 18 to 65 scaled up to 102% for ages 75 to 119; and projection scale MP-2018 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.

The expectation of disabled mortality was changed to PubT.H-2010 Disabled Retiree Table for disabled retirees with the following adjustments: for males, 137% of male rates at all ages; for females, 115% of female rates at all ages; and projection scale MP-2018 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.

The price inflation assumption was reduced from 3.00% to 2.75%.

The wage inflation assumption was reduced from 3.25% to 3.00%.

Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, and service retirement rates were also adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience.

The percentage of active member disabilities assumed to be in the line of duty was increased from 7% to 9%.

#### (2) *Changes in benefit provisions*

##### 2016:

Effective July 1, 2016, the interest rate on employee contributions shall be calculated based on the money market rate as published by the Wall Street Journal on December 31 of each preceding year with a minimum rate of one percent and a maximum rate of five percent.

- (3) *Method and assumptions used in calculations of actuarially determined contributions.* The actuarially determined contribution rates in the schedule of employer contributions are calculated as of June 30, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported (June 30, 2017 valuation for the June 30, 2019 fiscal year end). The following actuarial methods and assumptions were used to determine the most recent contribution rate reported in that schedule:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Amortization method	Level percentage of payroll, open
Remaining amortization period	38.4 years
Asset valuation method	5-year smoothed market

## Kemper County School District

### Notes to the Required Supplementary Information (Continued) For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Price inflation	3.00 percent
Salary increase	3.25 percent to 18.50 percent, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.75 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

#### OPEB Schedules

##### (1) Changes of assumptions

###### 2017:

The discount rate was changed from 3.01% for the prior Measurement Date to 3.56% for the current Measurement Date.

###### 2018:

The discount rate was changed from 3.56% for the prior Measurement Date to 3.89% for the current Measurement Date.

###### 2019:

The discount rate was changed from 3.89% for the prior Measurement Date to 3.50% for the current Measurement Date.

##### (2) Changes in benefit provisions

###### 2017:

None

###### 2018:

None

###### 2019:

None

- (3) *Methods and assumptions used in calculation of Actuarially Determined Contributions.* The Actuarially Determined Contributions rates, as a percentage of payroll, used to determine the Actuarially Determined Contribution amounts in the Schedule of Employer Contributions are calculated as of the most recent Valuation Date. The following actuarial methods and assumptions (from the June 30, 2018 actuarial valuation) were used to determine contribution rates reported in that schedule for the year ending June 30, 2019:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Amortization method	Level dollar
Amortization period	30 years, open
Asset valuation method	Market Value of Assets
Price Inflation	3%

## Kemper County School District

### Notes to the Required Supplementary Information (Continued) For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Salary increases, including wage inflation	3.25% to 18.50%
Initial health care cost trend rates Medicare Supplement Claims Pre-Medicare	7.25%
Ultimate health care cost trend rates Medicare Supplement Claims Pre-Medicare	4.75%
Year of ultimate trend rates Medicare Supplement Claims Pre-Medicare	2028
Long-term investment rate of return, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including price inflation	3.89%

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**KEMPER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Federal Grantor/ Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title/	Pass-through Entity Identifying Numbers	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.	Federal Expenditures
<b><u>U. S. Department of Agriculture</u></b>			
Passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education:			
Child Nutrition Cluster:			
School Breakfast Program	195MS326N1099	10.553	\$ 255,767
National School Lunch Program	195MS326N1099	10.555	477,487
Total child nutrition cluster			733,254
State Administrative Expenses for Child Nutrition	205MS907N2533	10.560	4,639
Total passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education			737,893
<b>Total U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>			<b>737,893</b>
<b><u>U.S. Department of Defense</u></b>			
Direct Program:			
Reserve Officers' Training Corps	N/A	12.xxx	38,740
<b>Total U.S. Department of Defense</b>			<b>38,740</b>
<b><u>U. S. Department of Education</u></b>			
Passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education:			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	ES010A180024	84.010	687,883
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	V048A180024	84.048	35,624
21st Century Community Learning Centers	ES287C170024	84.287	48,544
Rural Education	ES358B180024	84.358	17,555
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	ES367A180023	84.367	86,122
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	ES424A180025	84.424	54,316
Subtotal			930,044
Special Education Cluster:			
Special Education - Grants to States	H027A180108	84.027	222,357
Positive Behavior Specialists	H027A180108	84.027A	1,963
Special Education - Preschool Grants	H173A180113	84.173	5,375
Total Special Education Cluster			229,695
Total passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education			1,159,739
<b>Total U.S. Department of Education</b>			<b>1,159,739</b>
<b><u>U. S. Department of Health and Human Services</u></b>			
Passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education:			
Medical Assistance Program	1905MS5ADM	93.778	9,609
Total passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education			9,609
<b>Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</b>			<b>9,609</b>
<b><u>Social Security Administration</u></b>			
Direct Award:			
Social Security Disability Insurance		96.001	196
<b>Total Social Security Administration</b>			<b>196</b>
Total for All Federal Awards			\$ 1,946,177

The notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are an integral part of this schedule.



## Kemper County School District

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

### Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

(1) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of the School District under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2020. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the School District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the School District.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are presented on the same basis of accounting and the same significant accounting policies, as applicable, as those used for the financial statements; however, the expenditures include transfers out. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

(3) Indirect Cost Rate

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

(4) Other Items

Donated commodities of \$53,568 are included in the National School Lunch Program.

**KEMPER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures - Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Instruction and Other Student Instructional Expenditures</b>	<b>General Administration</b>	<b>School Administration</b>	<b>Other</b>
Salaries and fringe benefits \$	10,367,937	6,950,239	781,710	682,581	1,953,407
Other	3,739,853	1,363,265	524,356	87,117	1,765,115
Total \$	<u>14,107,790</u>	<u>8,313,504</u>	<u>1,306,066</u>	<u>769,698</u>	<u>3,718,522</u>
Total number of students *	<u>947</u>				
Cost per student \$	<u>14,897</u>	<u>8,779</u>	<u>1,379</u>	<u>813</u>	<u>3,926</u>

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

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

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

School Administration - includes expenditures for the following 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

**KEMPER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

**"UNAUDITED"**

General Fund

Last Four Years

	2020	2019*	2018*	2017*
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Local sources	\$ 6,802,310	4,883,906	8,095,437	7,790,083
State sources	5,130,253	5,120,734	4,982,495	5,266,117
Federal sources	145,918	108,221	159,346	130,289
Sixteenth section sources	253,493	116,625	686,416	492,754
Total Revenues	<u>12,331,974</u>	<u>10,229,486</u>	<u>13,923,694</u>	<u>13,679,243</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Instruction	6,143,285	5,924,895	6,260,292	5,987,701
Support services	4,885,973	5,229,421	6,368,128	5,138,186
Noninstructional services	-	4,602	83,610	85,965
Sixteenth section	12,654	14,925	25,857	27,180
Total Expenditures	<u>11,041,912</u>	<u>11,173,843</u>	<u>12,737,887</u>	<u>11,239,032</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>1,290,062</u>	<u>(944,357)</u>	<u>1,185,807</u>	<u>2,440,211</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>				
Notes issued	1,933,500	1,933,500		
Insurance recovery	56,273	28,392	14,178	3,239
Sale of transportation equipment			24,164	7,201
Operating transfers in	39,430	1,796,501	45,839	45,742
Other financing sources				16,550
Operating transfers out	(450,451)	(607,156)	(2,300,177)	(692,374)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>1,578,752</u>	<u>3,151,237</u>	<u>(2,215,996)</u>	<u>(619,642)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	2,868,814	2,206,880	(1,030,189)	1,820,569
<b>Fund Balances:</b>				
Beginning of period, as previously reported	6,916,785	4,706,130	5,735,244	3,909,759
Prior period adjustment	(1,898,475)	3,775	1,075	4,916
Beginning of period, as restated	<u>5,018,310</u>	<u>4,709,905</u>	<u>5,736,319</u>	<u>3,914,675</u>
End of period	<u>\$ 7,887,124</u>	<u>6,916,785</u>	<u>4,706,130</u>	<u>5,735,244</u>

\*SOURCE - PRIOR YEAR AUDIT REPORTS

**KEMPER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

**"UNAUDITED"**

	2020	2019*	2018*	2017*
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Local sources	\$ 6,832,209	4,927,882	8,147,345	7,837,920
State sources	5,468,522	5,594,348	5,579,441	5,832,186
Federal sources	2,053,238	2,406,868	2,394,930	2,203,421
Sixteenth section sources	319,606	181,533	972,212	705,253
Total Revenues	<u>14,673,575</u>	<u>13,110,631</u>	<u>17,093,928</u>	<u>16,578,780</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Instruction	7,065,515	7,071,961	7,311,103	7,051,012
Support services	6,090,707	6,630,135	7,837,489	6,305,132
Noninstructional services	886,326	754,575	833,367	815,854
Sixteenth section	65,242	79,624	83,022	67,384
Facilities acquisition and construction				17,693
Debt service:				
Principal			210,000	205,000
Interest			5,250	9,863
Other			2,722	1,350
Total Expenditures	<u>14,107,790</u>	<u>14,536,295</u>	<u>16,282,953</u>	<u>14,473,288</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>565,785</u>	<u>(1,425,664)</u>	<u>810,975</u>	<u>2,105,492</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>				
Notes issued	1,933,500	1,933,500		
Insurance recovery	56,273	28,392	14,178	3,239
Sale of transportation equipment			24,164	7,201
Operating transfers in	522,802	2,403,657	2,346,016	738,116
Other financing sources				16,550
Operating transfers out	(522,802)	(2,403,657)	(2,346,016)	(738,116)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>1,989,773</u>	<u>1,961,892</u>	<u>38,342</u>	<u>26,990</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	2,555,558	536,228	849,317	2,132,482
<b>Fund Balances:</b>				
Beginning of period, as previously reported	9,575,858	9,054,706	8,202,613	6,075,052
Prior period adjustment	(1,928,368)	(12,710)	1,075	4,916
Beginning of period, as restated	<u>7,647,490</u>	<u>9,041,996</u>	<u>8,203,688</u>	<u>6,079,968</u>
Increase (Decrease) in inventory	52,505	(2,366)	1,701	(9,837)
End of period	<u>\$ 10,255,553</u>	<u>9,575,858</u>	<u>9,054,706</u>	<u>8,202,613</u>

\*SOURCE - PRIOR YEAR AUDIT REPORTS

## REPORTS ON INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE

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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  
Kemper 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 Kemper County School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Kemper County School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 11, 2021.

**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) as a basis for designing 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 and therefore, material weaknesses and significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule findings and questioned costs as Findings 2020-001 and 2020-002 to be material weaknesses.

## **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Kemper County School District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. 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*.

## **Kemper County School District's Responses to Findings**

Kemper County School District's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying auditee's corrective action plan. Kemper County School District's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

## **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  
August 11, 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR  
FEDERAL PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER  
COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Superintendent and School Board  
Kemper County School District

**Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

We have audited Kemper 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 Kemper County School District's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2020. The Kemper County School District's major federal program is identified in the summary of the auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

**Management's Responsibility**

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of Kemper County School District's major federal program 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 the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance 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 the major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination on the school district's compliance.

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## Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Kemper 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 its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2020.

## Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the Kemper County School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the type of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered Kemper 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 the Uniform Guidance, 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 a 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 the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC  
August 11, 2021

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

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

Superintendent and School Board  
Kemper County School District

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Kemper County School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, which collectively comprise Kemper County School District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated August 11, 2021. 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 the following instance of noncompliance. The noncompliance is reported in finding number 5 below.

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 disclosed the following immaterial instances of noncompliance with other state laws and regulations. Our findings and recommendations and your responses are as follows:

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## **Finding 1**

### Criteria:

Section 25-11-127(4)(b), Mississippi Code Annotated (1972) states, “Notice shall be given in writing to the executive director, setting forth the facts upon which the employment is being made, and the notice shall be given within five (5) days from the date of employment and also from the date of termination of the employment.”

Section 105 of PERS Regulation 34, provides that, “A service retiree re-employment under Section 103 may make one election per fiscal year to either (i) limit the number of days/hours worked for all covered employers to that allowed under Section 103.a. or (ii) limit the amount of compensation that will be earned from all covered employers as provided under Section 103.1.b of this regulation.”

The instructions on the PERS Form 4B, provide that, “A Form 4B, Re-employment of PERS Service Retiree Certification/Acknowledgment, should be submitted each fiscal year (July 1 - June 30) of re-employment.

Regarding compensation of School Board Members, Section 37-6-13, Mississippi Code Annotated (1972) states, “The receipt of the compensation shall not entitle any member of a school board to receive or be eligible for any state employee group insurance, retirement or other fringe benefits.”

### Condition:

During the review of the School District’s PERS Form 4Bs, we noted that the School District failed to submit seven (7) employees’ PERS Form 4Bs within five (5) days, and three (3) Form 4Bs were not completed correctly. Additionally, auditors noted that five (5) employees were overpaid for allowable wages.

### Cause:

The school district failed to comply with Section 25-11-127(4)(b), Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

### Effect:

Failure to file the PERS Form 4Bs as required by the statute provided above could result in overpayments to a retiree and the School District being assessed penalties by PERS.

### Recommendation:

The School District should ensure compliance with Section 25-11-127(4)(b) and Section 105 of PERS Regulation 34 by properly completing and filing the Form 4Bs within five (5) days of re-employment and termination. Additionally, retiree’s pay should be monitored to ensure compensation is within limits.

### Response:

The Kemper County School District will ensure that PERS Form 4B will be properly completed and the completed form will be filed within five (5) days of re-employment and termination of the retiree. The district will monitor the retiree’s pay to ensure compensation is within the retiree’s limit.

## **Finding 2**

### Criteria:

Section 31-7-13(b), Miss. Code Ann. (1972) requires the District to obtain at least two competitive written bids for purchases over \$5,000 but not over \$50,000 exclusive of freight and shipping charges. The District is required to accept the lowest and best competitive written bid.

### Condition:

During the testing of purchasing, we noted four (4) vendor purchases did not have quotes as required by law.

### Cause:

The school district did not have a system in place to ensure at least two competitive written bids for purchases over \$5,000 but not over \$50,000 exclusive of freight and shipping charges were received.

### Effect:

Failure to obtain at least two (2) competitive quotes resulted in the School District not being in compliance with state purchasing laws.

### Recommendation:

The School District should ensure compliance with Section 31-7-13(b), Miss. Code Ann. (1972) by properly obtaining at least two (2) bids for purchases over \$5,000 but not over \$50,000, as required by law.

### Response:

The Kemper County School District has put in place a procedure to ensure that at least two competitive written bids for purchases over \$5,000 but not over \$50,000 will be obtained, as required by state purchasing law.

## **Finding 3**

### Criteria:

Section 37-9-18(1)(a), Miss. Code Ann. (1972) states, “The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules and regulations concerning the type of financial reports required to be submitted by the Superintendent of schools to the local school board, and the frequency with which the reports shall be submitted by the superintendent of schools to the local school board, and the frequency with which the reports shall be submitted.”

Mississippi State Board of Education Policy Manual, Chapter 71, Rule 71.3, Required Monthly Reports to be Furnished to Local School Board states that, “at minimum, the Superintendent should provide reconciled bank statements of revenues and expenditures, current budget status, a cash flow statement by month, and a combined balance sheet or current fund equity balances.”

### Condition:

During our review of the monthly financial reports within the District’s Board minutes, we found no evidence that the required financial reports for July 2019 through June 2020 were presented to

the School Board.

Cause:

The school district did not have a system in place to ensure financial reports are submitted to the School Board monthly by the Superintendent.

Effect:

Failure to comply with the financial reporting requirements established by the State Board of Education constitutes a violation of the Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards. Additionally, presenting false or inaccurate information to the Board could lead to the School Board not being appropriately and timely informed of the District's financial status, which would influence decisions made by the Board concerning claims.

Recommendation:

The Superintendent and management should ensure an accurate and complete set of financial reports are submitted to the Board each month, as required by law.

Response:

The Superintendent and business manager are ensuring that an accurate and complete set of financial statements are submitted to the Kemper County School Board each month, as required by law.

**Finding 4**

Criteria:

Section 37-7-333, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) states, "All such allotments or funds shall be placed in the depository or depositories selected by the school board in the same manner as provided in Section 27-105-305 for the selection of county depositories. Provided, however, the annual noticed to be given by the school board to financial institutions may be given by the school board at any regular meeting subsequent to the board's regular December meeting but prior to the regular May meeting. The bids of financial institutions for the privilege of keeping school funds may be received by the school board at some subsequent meeting, but no later than the regular June meeting; and the selection by the school board of the depository or depositories shall be effective on July 1 of each year. School board shall advertise and accept bids for depositories, no less than once every three (3) years, when such board determines that it can obtain a more favorable rate of interest and less administrative processing. Such depository shall place on deposit with the superintendent of schools the same securities as required in Section 27-105-315."

Condition:

The School District could not provide proof of advertisement for bids of school depositories.

Cause:

Procedures needed to be in place to detect noncompliance with Sections 37-7-333, 27-105-305 and 27-105-315, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) requirements.

Effect:

The District was not in compliance with the MS Code Section mentioned above.

Recommendation:

We recommend the School District strengthen controls to ensure proper procedures are followed when obtaining bids for school depositories.

Response:

The Kemper County School District will strengthen its' control to ensure that proper procedures are followed when obtaining bids for school depositories, as required by law.

**Finding 5**

Criteria:

Section 37-61-33(3)(a)(iii), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), states the local school board may authorize each school to issue procurement cards provided by the Department of Finance and Administration under the provisions of Section 31-7-9(1)(c) for the use of teachers and necessary support personnel in making instructional supply fund expenditures under this section, consistent with the regulations of the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to Section 31-7-9. Such procurement cards shall be issued at the beginning of the school year and shall be issued in equal amounts per teacher determined by the total number of qualifying personnel and the current state appropriation for classroom supplies with the Education Enhancement Fund. Such cards will expire on a pre-determined date at the end of each school year.

Condition:

During the review of Education Enhancement Funds (EEF) for Kemper County School District, we noted the district issued a procurement card to a federally funded teacher. Federally funded teachers are not entitled to receive a procurement cards as stated by Mississippi Code Section 37-61-33(3)(a)(iii).

Cause:

The cause of the above condition is primarily due to lack of controls to ensure compliance with state requirements.

Effect:

The district was not in compliance with Miss. Code Section 37-61-33(3)(a)(iii).

Recommendation:

We recommend the district strengthen controls to ensure procurement cards are not issued to federally funded teachers as required by Miss. Code Section 37-61-33(3)(a)(iii) and the board policy.

Response:

The Kemper County School District will strengthen its' controls to ensure Federally funded teachers are not issued an Education Enhancement Funds(EEF) Procurement card as required by Miss. Code Section 37-61-33(3)(a)(iii) and the Kemper County School District's board policy.



The Office of the State Auditor or a public accounting firm will review, on the subsequent year's audit engagement, the findings in this report to ensure that corrective action has been taken. The Kemper County School District's responses to the findings included in this report were not audited and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

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

*FORTENBERRY & BALLARD, PC*

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC  
August 11, 2021

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## SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

## Kemper County School District

### Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

#### 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? Yes.
  - 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 2 CFR 200.516(a)? No.
7. Identification of major program:

CFDA Numbers:	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
84.010	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies

8. Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$750,000.
9. Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? Yes.
10. Prior fiscal year audit finding(s) and questioned costs relative to federal awards which would require the auditee to prepare a summary schedule of prior audit findings in accordance with 2 CFR 200.511(b). Yes.

## Section II: Financial Statements Findings

The results of our tests disclosed the following findings related to the financial statements that are required to be reported by *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Material Weaknesses**

#### **Finding 2020-001**

##### Criteria:

An effective system of internal controls is the responsibility of management. Management should establish an internal control system that ensures strong financial accountability and safeguarding of assets. A critical aspect of financial management is the maintenance of accurate accounting records.

##### Condition:

During the course of our audit, we found several discrepancies with the information provided on the accounting records and other internal control issues:

- (1) During the test of cash, we noted that the bank reconciliation during the year were not done in a timely manner or accurately. Failure to prepare accurate bank reconciliations could lead to misappropriation of assets and material misstatements that could be undetected by management.
- (2) During our test of receivables, we noted that receivables in Fund 1120 was understated in the amount of \$80,759.
- (3) During our test of revenues, we noted that donated commodities had not been recorded in the amount of \$53,568.
- (4) During our test of inventory, we noted that the school food inventory had not been recorded in the amount of \$52,505.
- (5) During our test of activity funds, we noted that there was inadequate segregation of duties. There was one person who collected funds, wrote receipts, and deposited money.

Adjustments were made to the financial statements to properly reflect the accounts mentioned above.

##### Cause:

This is the result of the school district not properly implementing an effective internal control system and maintaining the system.

##### Effect:

Without a proper internal control system being in place to ensure accurate accounting records, the district increases the risk that the financial statements will contain materially misstated accounts.

Recommendation:

District should implement policies and procedures to establish an internal control system that will ensure strong financial accountability, proper safeguarding of assets, and accurate accounting records.

Response:

- (1) The district's business manager reconciles the bank statements each month in a timely manner and prepares accurate reconciliations. The superintendent reviews, verifies, and signs the bank reconciliations each month.
- (2) The district's business manager will make sure that at the end of the fiscal year receivables are properly recorded to ensure correct financial statement reporting.
- (3) The district's business manager will record the donated commodities to ensure correct financial statement reporting.
- (4) The district's business manager will record the school food service inventory to ensure correct financial statement reporting.
- (5) The district has implemented an internal control system to segregate the collection, receipting, and depositing of activity funds. Three different individuals have been assigned a responsibility of activity funds to eliminate only one person collecting, receipting, and depositing the funds.
- (6) The district has implemented an effective internal control system and will maintain the system to ensure accurate accounting records, and the risk of materially misstated financial statements.

**Finding 2020-002**

Criteria:

Management is responsible for establishing a proper internal control system to ensure strong financial accountability and safeguarding of assets. A critical aspect of effective financial management is the maintenance of accurate accounting records. An important aspect of effective internal controls over capital assets owned by the district is the control activity of the timely update of capital assets records to the subsidiary ledger. The district should have a monthly reconciliation of additions and deletions to maintain accurate accounts of all assets. The district should do an annual inventory audit of assets district wide to make sure all assets are counted for, in the proper location, properly tagged, and agree to the accounting records.

Condition:

During our test of internal controls over capital assets we found that:

- (1) Reconciliations between general ledger and additions to the subsidiary ledger were not occurring.
- (2) The district was not maintaining a depreciation schedule.
- (3) Additions recorded in the subsidiary ledger were not valued correctly.

Cause:

These noted areas were caused by lack of controls over assets within the district.

Effect:

The lack of an effective internal control system being in place could lead to capital assets being materially misstated.

Recommendation:

The district should implement procedures and internal controls with regard to the purchase, disposal, and transfer of capital assets by reconciling them monthly to current month additions and board approved disposals of equipment.

Response:

The district will implement the following procedures and controls:

- (1) The general ledger and additions to the subsidiary ledger will be reconciled monthly.
- (2) The district will maintain a depreciation schedule.
- (3) The values of the additions in the subsidiary ledger will be properly recorded.

Section III: Federal Awards Findings and Questioned Costs

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

AUDITEE'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN AND  
SUMMARY OF PRIOR FEDERAL AUDIT FINDINGS



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## AUDITEE'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

As required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, the Kemper County School District has prepared and hereby submits the following corrective action plan for the findings included in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs for the year ended June 30, 2020:

<u>Finding</u>	<u>Corrective Action Plan Details</u>
2020-001	<p>a. Name of Contact Person Responsible for Corrective Action</p> <p>Name: Dr. Matilda Miller Title: Business Manager Phone Number: (601)743-2657</p> <p>b. Correction Action Planned:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The district's business manager reconciles the bank statements each month in a timely manner and prepares accurate reconciliations. The superintendent reviews, verifies, and signs the bank reconciliations each month.</li><li>2. The district's business manager will make sure that at the end of the fiscal year receivables are properly recorded to ensure correct financial statement reporting.</li><li>3. The district's business manager will record the donated commodities to ensure correct financial statement reporting.</li><li>4. The district's business manager will record the school food service inventory to ensure correct financial statement reporting.</li><li>5. The district has implemented an internal control system to segregate the collection, receipting, and depositing of activity funds. Three different individuals have been assigned a responsibility of activity funds to eliminate only one person collecting, receipting, and depositing the funds.</li><li>6. The district has implemented an effective internal control system and will maintain the system to ensure accurate accounting records, and the risk of materially misstated financial statements.</li></ol>



- c. Anticipated Completion Date:  
Procedures are currently in place.

2020-002

- a. Name of Contact Person Responsible for Corrective Action

Name: Dr. Matilda Miller  
Title: Business Manager  
Phone Number: (601)743-2657

- b. Correction Action Planned:

The district will implement the following procedures and controls:

1. The general ledger and additions to the subsidiary ledger will be reconciled monthly.
2. The district will maintain a depreciation schedule.
3. The values of the additions in the subsidiary ledger will be properly recorded.

- c. Anticipated Completion Date:  
Procedures are currently in place.



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### PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS FOLLOW UP

As required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (UG), the Kemper County School District has prepared and hereby submits the following prior year audit findings follow-up as of June 30, 2020:

<u>Finding</u>	<u>Status</u>
2019-001	Not Corrected (see Finding 2020-001)

