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**DESOTO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Audited Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016**

**Charles L. Shivers, CPA, LLC  
Ridgeland, MS**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Superintendent and School Board  
DeSoto County School District

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

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the DeSoto County School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the DeSoto 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***

My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my 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 I 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, I 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.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

### ***Opinions***

In my 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 DeSoto County School District, as of June 30, 2016, 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, schedule of the district's proportionate share of the net pension liability and schedule of district contributions 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. I 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 my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### ***Other Information***

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the DeSoto 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 my 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, I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

### **Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated February 27, 2017, on my consideration of the DeSoto County School District's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering DeSoto County School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Charles L Shivers, CPA, LLC*

Ridgeland, MS  
February 27, 2017

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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DESOTO SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
JUNE 30, 2016

The following discussion and analysis of the DeSoto County School District's financial performance provides an overview of the School District's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2016. 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 2016 decreased \$15,474,839, including a prior period adjustment of (\$712,889), which represents a 24.4% decrease from fiscal year 2015. Total net position for 2015 decreased \$251,547,684, including a prior period adjustment of (\$264,233,308), which represents an 80% decrease from fiscal year 2014.
- General revenues amounted to \$239,173,960 and \$227,164,136, or 86.8% and 85% of all revenues for fiscal years 2016 and 2015, respectively. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and grants and contributions accounted for \$36,339,458, or 13.2% of total revenues for 2016, and \$40,961,647, or 15% of total revenues for 2015.
- The District had \$290,275,368 and \$255,440,159 in expenses for fiscal years 2016 and 2015; only \$36,339,458 for 2016 and \$40,961,647 for 2015 of these expenses was offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions. General revenues of \$239,173,960 for 2016 and \$227,164,136 for 2015 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- Among major funds, the General Fund had \$226,859,947 in revenues and \$218,462,626 in expenditures for 2016, and \$215,047,764 in revenues and \$210,934,914 in expenditures in 2015. The General Fund's fund balance increased by \$1,331,981 from 2015 to 2016, and decreased by \$1,118,852 from 2014 to 2015.
- Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, decreased by \$2,718,337 for 2016 and increased by \$10,402,305 for 2015. The decrease for 2016 was due to the addition/disposal of capital assets coupled with the increase in accumulated depreciation.
- Long-term debt decreased by \$7,100,542 for 2016 and decreased by \$16,630,000 for 2015. This decrease for 2016 was due primarily to the issuance of certificates of participation and principal payments on outstanding long-term debt. The liability for compensated absences decreased by \$50,542 for 2016 and increased by \$42,915 for 2015.

**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.

**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, pension expense, and interest on long-term liabilities.

## Fund Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

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

## Reconciliation of Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

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

## 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 New Pension Liability, and Schedule of District Contributions as required supplementary information. The District adopts an annual operating budget for all governmental funds. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for the General Fund and each additional major special revenue fund as required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

## 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. Assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$48,004,838 as of June 30, 2016.

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

Table 1 presents a summary of the District's net position at June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015.

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

	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2015	Percentage Change
Current assets	\$ 78,397,060	\$ 125,599,920	(37.58) %
Restricted assets	50,479,023	1,021,994	4839.27 %
Capital assets, net	343,167,210	345,885,547	(0.79) %
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>472,043,293</b>	<b>472,507,461</b>	<b>(0.10) %</b>
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>	<b>72,836,047</b>	<b>36,798,532</b>	<b>97.93 %</b>
Current liabilities	6,420,264	8,730,039	(26.46) %
Long-term debt outstanding	132,382,439	140,691,854	(5.91) %
Net pension liability	350,539,846	258,878,135	35.41 %
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>489,342,549</b>	<b>408,300,028</b>	<b>19.85 %</b>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>7,531,953</b>	<b>37,526,288</b>	<b>(79.93) %</b>
<b>Net position:</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	224,317,571	209,219,530	7.22 %
Restricted	18,092,467	24,541,608	(26.28) %
Unrestricted	(194,405,200)	(170,281,461)	(14.17) %
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ 48,004,838</b>	<b>\$ 63,479,677</b>	<b>(24.38) %</b>

Additional information on unrestricted net position:

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

Total unrestricted net position (deficit)	(\$194,405,200)
Less unrestricted deficit in net position resulting from recognition of the net pension liability, including the deferred outflows and deferred inflows related to pensions	287,448,223
Unrestricted net position, exclusive of the net pension liability effect	<u>\$ 93,043,023</u>

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 \$2,718,337.
- The principal retirement of \$25,565,000 of long-term debt.
- Inclusion of net pension liability of \$350,539,846.

### Changes in net position

The District's total revenues for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015 were \$275,513,418 and \$268,125,783, respectively. The total cost of all programs and services was \$290,275,368 for 2016 and \$255,440,159 for 2015.

Table 2 presents a summary of the changes in net position for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015.

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

	Year Ended June 30, 2016	Year Ended June 30, 2015	Percentage Change
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 11,335,598	\$ 11,274,737	0.54 %
Operating grants and contributions	24,809,073	29,686,910	(16.43) %
Capital Grants and Contributions	194,787	0	N/A
General revenues:			
Property taxes	83,109,586	79,948,465	3.95 %
Grants and contributions not restricted	154,213,739	146,413,216	5.33 %
Investment earnings	641,762	484,467	32.47 %
Other	1,208,873	317,988	280.16 %
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>275,513,418</b>	<b>268,125,783</b>	<b>2.76 %</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Instruction	139,401,871	132,935,626	4.86 %
Support services	83,982,163	82,795,728	1.43 %
Non-instructional	13,360,937	14,754,045	(9.44) %
Pension expense	48,651,186	20,335,606	139.24 %
Interest on long-term liabilities	4,879,211	4,619,154	5.63 %
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>290,275,368</b>	<b>255,440,159</b>	<b>13.64 %</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in net position</b>	<b>(14,761,950)</b>	<b>12,685,624</b>	<b>(216.37) %</b>
<b>Net Position, July 1, as previously reported</b>	<b>63,479,677</b>	<b>315,027,361</b>	<b>(79.85) %</b>
<b>Prior Period Adjustment</b>	<b>(712,889)</b>	<b>(264,233,308)</b>	<b>99.73 %</b>
<b>Net Position, July 1, as restated</b>	<b>62,766,788</b>	<b>50,794,053</b>	<b>23.57 %</b>
<b>Net Position, June 30</b>	<b>\$ 48,004,838</b>	<b>\$ 63,479,677</b>	<b>(24.38) %</b>

### Governmental activities

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



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

	<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>Percentage Change</b>
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	
Instruction	\$ 139,401,871	\$ 132,935,626	4.86 %
Support services	83,982,163	82,795,728	1.43 %
Non-instructional	13,360,937	14,754,045	(9.44) %
Pension Expense	48,651,186	20,335,606	139.24 %
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<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 290,275,368</b>	<b>\$ 255,440,159</b>	<b>13.64 %</b>

	<b>Net (Expense) Revenue</b>		<b>Percentage Change</b>
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	
Instruction	\$ (123,378,535)	\$ (116,114,499)	(6.26) %
Support services	(78,345,417)	(71,371,193)	(9.77) %
Non-instructional	1,318,439	(2,038,060)	164.69 %
Pension Expense	(48,651,186)	(20,335,606)	(139.24) %
Interest on long-term liabilities	(4,879,211)	(4,619,154)	(5.63) %
<b>Total net (expense) revenue</b>	<b>\$ (253,935,910)</b>	<b>\$ (214,478,512)</b>	<b>(18.40) %</b>

- Net cost of governmental activities (\$253,935,910 for 2016 and \$214,478,512 for 2015) was financed by general revenue, which is primarily made up of property taxes (\$83,109,586 for 2016 and \$79,948,465 for 2015) and state and federal revenues (\$154,213,739 for 2016 and \$146,413,216 for 2015).
- Investment earnings amounted to \$641,762 for 2016 and \$484,467 for 2015.

## 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 \$123,341,153, an increase of \$4,384,402, which includes a prior period adjustment of (\$289,864) and a decrease in inventory of \$75,806. \$91,313,496 or 74% 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, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. The remaining fund balance of \$32,027,657 or 26% is either nonspendable, restricted, committed or assigned to indicate that it is not available for spending except only for the purposes to which it is restricted, committed or assigned.

The General Fund is the principal operating fund of the District. The increase in fund balance in the General Fund for the fiscal year was \$1,331,981. The fund balance of Other Governmental Funds showed an increase in the amount of \$9,935,850, which includes a prior period adjustment of (\$293,309). The increase (decrease) in the fund balances for the other major funds were as follows:

<u>Major Fund</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
School Food Service Fund	\$ (1,497,701)
Title I Basic Fund	no increase or decrease
Miscellaneous Construction Fund	(5,385,728)

## BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

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

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

## CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

**Capital Assets.** As of June 30, 2016, the District's total capital assets were \$476,524,547, including land, construction in progress, school buildings, building improvements, buses, other school vehicles and furniture and equipment. This amount represents a increase of \$8,588,366 from 2015. Total accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2016, was \$133,357,337, and total depreciation expense for the year was \$11,688,502, resulting in total net capital assets of \$343,167,210.

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

	<b>June 30, 2016</b>	<b>June 30, 2015</b>	<b>Percentage Change</b>
Land	\$ 11,667,153	\$ 11,664,548	0.02 %
Construction in Progress	690,860	18,174,409	(96.20) %
Buildings	281,487,543	274,238,375	2.64 %
Building improvements	22,324,413	15,890,870	40.49 %
Improvements other than buildings	14,397,983	13,470,047	6.89 %
Mobile equipment	9,770,393	9,742,146	0.29 %
Furniture and equipment	2,828,865	2,705,152	4.57 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 343,167,210</b>	<b>\$ 345,885,547</b>	<b>(0.79) %</b>

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

**Debt Administration.** At June 30, 2016, the District had \$128,770,329 in outstanding long-term debt, of which \$20,501,016 is due within one year. The liability for compensated absences decreased \$50,542 from the prior year.

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

	<b>June 30, 2016</b>	<b>June 30, 2015</b>	<b>Percentage Change</b>
General obligation bonds payable	\$ 80,130,000	\$ 93,815,000	(14.59) %
Certificates of participation payable	12,885,000	3,955,000	225.79 %
Three mill notes payable	31,435,000	33,730,000	(6.80) %
Qualified school construction bonds payable	3,000,000	3,000,000	0.00 %
Compensated absences payable	1,320,329	1,370,871	(3.69) %
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 128,770,329</b>	<b>\$ 135,870,871</b>	<b>(5.23) %</b>

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

## CURRENT ISSUE

The DeSoto 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.

## CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Superintendent's Office of the DeSoto County School District, Five East South Street, Hernando, Mississippi 38632.

## BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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DESOTO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2016

Exhibit A

	Governmental Activities
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 72,794,957
Due from other governments	5,472,129
Other receivables, net	3,677
Inventories	126,297
Restricted assets (Note 4)	50,479,023
Non-depreciable capital assets (Note 5)	12,358,013
Depreciable capital assets, net (Note 5)	330,809,197
Total Assets	<u>472,043,293</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	
Deferred outflow - pensions (Note 7)	70,623,576
Deferred outflow - advance refunding of bonds	2,212,471
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>72,836,047</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	5,103,810
Interest payable on long-term liabilities	885,334
Other payables	431,120
Long-term liabilities (Due within one year) (Note 6)	
Capital related liabilities	20,435,000
Non-capital related liabilities	66,016
Long-term liabilities (Due beyond one year) (Note 6)	
Capital related liabilities	107,015,000
Bond premium	3,637,496
Bond discount	(25,386)
Non-capital related liabilities	1,254,313
Net pension liability (Note 7)	350,539,846
Total Liabilities	<u>489,342,549</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	
Deferred inflows - pensions (Note 7)	7,531,953
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>7,531,953</u>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	224,317,571
Restricted net position	
Expendable	
School-based activities	2,750,638
Debt service	13,964,628
Contractual commitments	787,201
Unemployment benefits	590,000
Unrestricted	<u>(194,405,200)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 48,004,838</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

DESOTO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

Exhibit B

Functions / Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities					
Instruction	\$ 139,401,871	7,288,851	8,734,485		(123,378,535)
Support services	83,982,163	153,893	5,288,066	194,787	(78,345,417)
Non-instructional	13,360,937	3,892,854	10,786,522		1,318,439
Pension expense	48,651,186				(48,651,186)
Interest on long-term liabilities	4,879,211				(4,879,211)
Total Governmental Activities	290,275,368	11,335,598	24,809,073	194,787	(253,935,910)
General Revenues					
Taxes					
General purpose levies 64,648,327					
Debt purpose levies 18,461,259					
Unrestricted grants and contributions					
State 153,548,211					
Federal 665,528					
Unrestricted investment earnings 641,762					
Other 1,208,873					
Total General Revenues 239,173,960					
Changes in Net Position (14,761,950)					
Net Position - Beginning, as previously reported 63,479,677					
Prior Period Adjustments (Note 8) (712,889)					
Net Position - Beginning - as restated 62,766,788					
Net Position - Ending \$ 48,004,838					

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DESOTO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds  
June 30, 2016

Exhibit C

	Major Funds					
	General Fund	School Food Service Fund	Title I Basic Fund	Miscellaneous Construction Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 72,794,957	2,927,369	124,171	1,497,945	23,607,013	100,951,455
Cash with fiscal agent (Note 2)	993,294				350,000	1,343,294
Investments (Note 2)	19,781,837				1,197,394	20,979,231
Due from other governments	3,032,919		692,871		1,746,339	5,472,129
Other receivables, net	3,270	20			387	3,677
Due from other funds (Note 3)	1,551,151	24,714			104,404	1,680,269
Inventories		126,297				126,297
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>98,157,428</b>	<b>3,078,400</b>	<b>817,042</b>	<b>1,497,945</b>	<b>27,005,537</b>	<b>130,556,352</b>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>						
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	3,264,896	567,521	124,171	1,052,646	94,576	5,103,810
Due to other funds (Note 3)	210,284	28,103	692,871		1,013,667	1,944,925
Other payables		166,464				166,464
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>3,475,180</b>	<b>762,088</b>	<b>817,042</b>	<b>1,052,646</b>	<b>1,108,243</b>	<b>7,215,199</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>						
Nonspendable						
Inventory		126,297				126,297
Restricted						
Debt service					14,849,962	14,849,962
Capital projects					10,000,000	10,000,000
Unemployment benefits					590,000	590,000
Grant activities		2,190,015			434,326	2,624,341
Contractual commitments	318,896			445,299	23,006	787,201
Assigned						
School activities	2,979,601					2,979,601
Grant activities	70,255					70,255
Unassigned	91,313,496					91,313,496
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>94,682,248</b>	<b>2,316,312</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>445,299</b>	<b>25,897,294</b>	<b>123,341,153</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 98,157,428</b>	<b>3,078,400</b>	<b>817,042</b>	<b>1,497,945</b>	<b>27,005,537</b>	<b>130,556,352</b>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

DESOTO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2016

Exhibit C-1

		<u>Amount</u>
Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds		\$ 123,341,153
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds:		
Land	11,667,153	
Construction in progress	690,860	
Buildings	369,488,808	
Building improvements	29,018,848	
Improvement other than buildings	22,034,501	
Mobile equipment	28,711,580	
Furniture and equipment	14,912,797	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(133,357,337)</u>	343,167,210
Some liabilities, including net pension obligations, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:		
Net pension liability		(350,539,846)
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:		
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	70,623,576	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	<u>(7,531,953)</u>	63,091,623
Long-term liabilities and related accrued interest are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:		
General obligation bonds	(80,130,000)	
Certificates of participation	(12,885,000)	
Three mill notes	(31,435,000)	
Qualified school construction bonds	(3,000,000)	
Compensated absences	(1,320,329)	
Unamortized premiums/discounts	(3,612,110)	
Advance refunding of bonds	2,212,471	
Accrued interest payable	<u>(885,334)</u>	(131,055,302)
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities		<u>\$ 48,004,838</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.



DESOTO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

Exhibit D

	Major Funds					
	General Fund	School Food Service Fund	Title I Basic Fund	Miscellaneous Construction Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues						
Local sources	\$ 72,646,208	3,970,453		1,498	18,469,058	95,087,217
State sources	153,548,211	162,367			2,529,559	156,240,137
Federal sources	665,528	10,556,366	4,520,825	37,062	7,002,623	22,782,404
Total Revenues	226,859,947	14,689,186	4,520,825	38,560	28,001,240	274,109,758
Expenditures						
Instruction	135,640,234		2,426,319	355,189	7,733,267	146,155,009
Support services	80,315,830	2,397,351	1,454,683	126,289	5,406,241	89,700,394
Noninstructional services	874,021	13,848,341	55,016		66,019	14,843,397
Facilities acquisition and construction	1,632,541			4,942,810		6,575,351
Debt service						
Principal (Note 6)					17,610,000	17,610,000
Interest					4,518,668	4,518,668
Other					97,590	97,590
Total Expenditures	218,462,626	16,245,692	3,936,018	5,424,288	35,431,785	279,500,409
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	8,397,321	(1,556,506)	584,807	(5,385,728)	(7,430,545)	(5,390,651)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Proceeds of refunding notes (Note 6)					8,515,000	8,515,000
Proceeds of loans (Note 6)					10,000,000	10,000,000
Insurances loss recoveries	114,314				279	114,593
Operating transfers in (Note 3)	363,208	61,317			8,916,382	9,340,907
Other financing sources					261,914	261,914
Operating transfers out (Note 3)	(7,469,023)		(584,807)		(1,287,077)	(9,340,907)
Payment to refunded bond escrow agent					(8,679,960)	(8,679,960)
Other financing uses	(3,990)				(66,834)	(70,824)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(6,995,491)	61,317	(584,807)	0	17,659,704	10,140,723
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,401,830	(1,495,189)	0	(5,385,728)	10,229,159	4,750,072
Fund Balances						
July 1, 2015, as previously reported	93,350,267	3,814,013		5,831,027	15,961,444	118,956,751
Prior period adjustments (Note 8)	(69,849)	73,294			(293,309)	(289,864)
July 1, 2015, as restated	93,280,418	3,887,307	0	5,831,027	15,668,135	118,666,887
Decrease in reserve for inventory		(75,806)				(75,806)
June 30, 2016	\$ 94,682,248	2,316,312	0	445,299	25,897,294	123,341,153

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

DESOTO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures  
and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

Exhibit D-1

	<u>Amount</u>	
Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	\$	4,750,072
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. In the current period, those amounts are:		
Capital outlay	9,279,075	
Donated capital assets	194,787	
Depreciation expense	<u>(11,688,502)</u>	(2,214,640)
In the Statement of Activities, only the gain/loss on the sale of assets is reported, while in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the sale increases financial resources. Thus, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balance by the cost of the asset sold.		
		(80,672)
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts and the difference between the carrying value of refunded debt and the acquisition cost of refunded debt when debt is first issued. These amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities:		
Bonds and notes issued	(18,515,000)	
Payments of debt principal	17,610,000	
Payment on refunded bonds	7,955,000	
Accrued interest payable	<u>179,542</u>	7,229,542
Reconciling items applicable to pension liability and related accounts:		
Pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement date	23,463,820	
Pension expense for the current year	<u>(48,651,186)</u>	(25,187,366)
Some items reported in the Statement of Activities do not provide or require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as revenues/expenditures in the governmental funds. These activities include:		
Change in compensated absences	50,542	
Change in inventory reserve	(75,806)	
Amortization of deferred outflow - advance refunding of bonds	(442,495)	
Amortization of bond premiums and discounts	<u>1,208,873</u>	741,114
Changes in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	<u>(14,761,950)</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

DESOTO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities  
June 30, 2016

Exhibit E

	<u>Agency Funds</u>
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 14,239,205
Other receivables	824
Due from other funds (Note 3)	<u>264,656</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>14,504,685</u></u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	14,165,054
Due to student clubs	<u>339,631</u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>\$ 14,504,685</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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DESOTO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
June 30, 2016

**Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

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

**A. Financial Reporting Entity**

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

For financial reporting purposes, the 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.

**Blended component unit**

The DeSoto County School's Leasing Authority ("the Authority") as explained in the following paragraph is considered to be a blended component unit as determined by Section 2100 of the *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards* and is included in the district's reporting entity.

The Authority is governed by a five/ member board which is appointed by the school district's governing board. Although it is legally separate from the school district, it is reported as if it is part of the primary government because its sole purpose is to provide financing for the renovation, improvement, construction, and equipping of certain school facilities. Therefore, all of the Authority's assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues, expenditures and other financing sources and uses have been included in the government-wide financial statements of the school district (see Note 11).

**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.
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.

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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.

School Food Service Fund - This Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the Federal funds whose use is restricted for services associated food service for students.

Title I Basic Fund - This Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the Federal funds whose use is restricted for services associated with educationally deprived students.

Miscellaneous Construction Fund - This fund is used to account for construction and renovation projects in the school district and is financed with the local funds.

The District's fiduciary funds include the following:

Payroll Clearing Fund - This fund is used as a clearing account for payroll and payroll related transactions.

Accounts Payable Clearing - This fund is used as a clearing account for non-payroll transactions.

Student Club Accounts - These funds are used to account for the transaction of student clubs.

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.

#### FIDUCIARY FUNDS

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

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

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

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Measurable means knowing or being able to reasonably estimate the amount. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government

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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 is both restricted and unrestricted net position available to finance the program. It is the District's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs and then general revenues.

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

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

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

**D. Encumbrances**

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

**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.

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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, as well as for its component units, 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."

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.

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

5. Restricted Assets

Certain resources set aside for repayment of debt are classified as restricted assets on the Statement of Net Position because their use is limited by applicable debt statutes, e.g. Qualified School Construction Bond sinking funds. Also, the resources of certain federal programs are classified as restricted since their use is limited by federal statute, rule and or regulation.

6. Capital Assets

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

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:



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	Capitalization Policy	Estimated Useful Life
Land	\$ 0	0
Construction in progress	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

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 deferred outflows are directly related to pension reporting and advance refunding of debt.

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(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The deferred inflows are directly related to pension reporting.

8. Compensated Absences

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

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

9. Long-term Liabilities and Bond Discounts/Premiums

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

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

10. Pensions

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

11. Fund Balances

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

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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 documented in the board minutes 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 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 of education and/or the business manager pursuant to authorization established by the school board.

*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/expense 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/expenses 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 school board of the district has adopted a minimum fund balance policy for the General Fund that consists of 10% of General Fund revenues.

## **Note 2 – Cash and Cash Equivalents, Cash with Fiscal Agents, and Investments**

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

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

**Investments.** Section 29-3-113 and 37-59-43, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), authorizes the school board to invest excess funds in the types of investments authorized by Section 27-105-33(d) and (e), Miss. Code Ann. (1972). This section permits the following types of investments: (a) certificates of deposit or interest bearing accounts with qualified state depositories; (b) direct United States Treasury obligations; (c) United States Government agency, United States Government instrumentality or United States Government sponsored enterprise obligations, not to exceed fifty percent of all monies invested with maturities of thirty days or longer; (d) direct security repurchase agreements and reverse direct security repurchase agreements of any federal book entry of only those securities enumerated in (b) and (c) above; (e) direct obligations issued by the United States of America that are deemed to include securities of, or other

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interests in, any open-end or closed-end management type investment company or investment trust approved by the State Treasurer and the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, not to exceed twenty percent of invested excess funds. Investment income on bond funds (Capital Projects), bond sinking funds (Debt Service Funds) and sixteenth section principal funds (Permanent Funds) must be credited to those funds. Investment income of \$100 or more of any fund must be credited to that fund. Investment income of less than \$100 can be credited to the General Fund.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

The carrying amount of the school district's deposits with financial institutions reported in the governmental funds and fiduciary funds was \$100,951,455 and \$14,239,205, 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.

#### Cash with Fiscal Agents

The carrying amount of school district's cash with fiscal agents held by financial institutions was \$1,343,294.

#### Investments

As of June 30, 2016, the district had the following investments.

Types of Investments	Rating	Maturities	Value
Money Markey Funds	Aaa	<1	\$ 14,513
US Treasury Guaranteed	Aaa	1 to 5	1,182,881
US Treasury Guaranteed	Aaa	5 to 10	1,776,148
Government Agency Bonds - Callable	Aaa	1 to 5	2,752,909
Government Agency Bonds - Bullet	Aaa	1 to 5	314,273
Corporate Bonds - Fixed	A3/Aaa	1 to 5	3,062,820
Taxable Municipal Bonds	Aa2	1 to 5	2,401,583
Mortgage Backed Securities - Floating	Aaa	> 10	170,098
Collateralized Mortgage Obligations - Fixed	Aaa	5 to 10	974,689
Collateralized Mortgage Obligations - Fixed	Aaa	> 10	1,584,996
Collateralized Mortgage Obligations - Floater	Aaa	5 to 10	47,538
Mortgage Backed Securities - Pass Through	Aaa	6 to 10	6,696,783
			<u>\$20,979,231</u>

The district categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

The district has the following recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2016:

All investments are valued using quoted market prices (Level 1 inputs).

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

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

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**Custodial Credit Risk - Investments.** Custodial credit risk is defined as the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the district will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The district does not have a formal investment policy that addresses custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2016, the district did not have any investments to which this would apply.

**Concentration of Credit Risk.** Disclosure of investments by amount and issuer for any issuer that represents five percent or more of total investments is required. This requirement does not apply to investments issued or explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government, investments in mutual funds and external investment pools, and other pooled investments. As of June 30, 2016, the district had the following investments:

Issuer	Fair Value	% of Total Investments
Corporate Bonds - Fixed	\$ 3,062,820	14.60%
Taxable Municipal Bonds	\$ 2,401,583	11.45%

### 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	Major fund - Title I Basic Fund	\$ 562,198
	Other governmental funds	988,953
Major fund - School Food Service Fund	Other governmental funds	24,714
Other governmental funds	General Fund	104,404
Fiduciary funds	General Fund	105,880
	Major fund - School Food Service Fund	28,103
	Major fund - Title I Basic Fund	130,673
Total		<u>\$ 1,944,925</u>

The purpose of the more significant inter-fund loans was to eliminate deficit cash balances in certain federal programs as part of the normal year-end closing adjustments.

#### B. Inter-fund Transfers

Transfers Out	Transfers In	Amount
General Fund	Other governmental funds	\$ 7,469,023
Major fund - Title I Basic Fund	General Fund	167,155
	Other governmental funds	417,652
Other governmental funds	General Fund	196,053
	Major fund - School Food Service	61,317
	Other governmental funds	1,029,707
Total		<u>\$ 9,340,907</u>

The transfer out of the General Fund was for the purpose of funding the vocational program, ROTC program, and debt service in the Other Governmental Funds. The transfers out of Major Fund - Title I Basic Fund were to transfer indirect cost to the General Fund and to finance the administrative cost pool. The transfers out of the Other Governmental Funds were to transfer indirect cost to the General Fund and finance other programs within the Other Governmental Funds.

### Note 4 – Restricted Assets

The restricted assets represent the cash balance, cash with fiscal agent and investment balance, totaling \$28,156,498, \$1,343,294 and

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\$20,979,231, respectively, of restricted federal programs, investments, construction funds and debt service which are legally restricted and may not be used for purposes that support the district's programs.

**Note 5 – Capital Assets**

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

	Balance 7/1/2015	Increases	Decreases	Completed Construction	Adjustments	Balance 6/30/2016
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>						
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets:</u>						
Land	\$ 11,664,548	2,605				11,667,153
Construction-in-progress	18,174,409	6,572,746		(23,633,270)	(423,025)	690,860
Total non-depreciable capital assets	29,838,957	6,575,351	0	(23,633,270)	(423,025)	12,358,013
<u>Depreciable capital assets:</u>						
Buildings	355,067,672	70,000		14,351,136		369,488,808
Building improvements	21,424,551			7,594,297		29,018,848
Improvements other than buildings	20,238,664	108,000		1,687,837		22,034,501
Mobile equipment	27,143,618	1,718,624	(150,662)			28,711,580
Furniture and equipment	14,222,719	1,001,887	(311,809)			14,912,797
Total depreciable capital assets	438,097,224	2,898,511	(462,471)	23,633,270	0	464,166,534
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>						
Buildings	80,829,297	7,171,968				88,001,265
Building improvements	5,533,681	1,160,754				6,694,435
Improvements other than buildings	6,768,617	867,901				7,636,518
Mobile equipment	17,401,472	1,624,987	(85,272)			18,941,187
Furniture and equipment	11,517,567	862,892	(296,527)			12,083,932
Total accumulated depreciation	122,050,634	11,688,502	(381,799)	0	0	133,357,337
Total depreciable capital assets, net	316,046,590	(8,789,991)	(80,672)	23,633,270	0	330,809,197
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 345,885,547	(2,214,640)	(80,672)	0	(423,025)	343,167,210

**Donated Assets.**

The school district received the following donated assets:

Buildings	\$ 70,000
Improvements other than buildings	108,000
Furniture and equipment	16,787
	<u>\$ 194,787</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to the following governmental functions:

	Amount
<b>Governmental activities:</b>	
Instruction	\$ 8,332,722
Support services	2,567,664
Non-instructional	788,116
Total depreciation expense - Governmental activities	<u>\$ 11,688,502</u>

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Construction in progress is composed of:

	Spent to June 30, 2016	Remaining Commitment
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>		
HLI Gazebo	\$ 181,718	242,819
Walls Elementary Classroom Renovations	509,142	544,382
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 690,860</u>	<u>787,201</u>

Construction projects included in governmental activities are funded with local funds.

**Note 6 – Long-term Liabilities**

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

	Balance 7/1/2015	Additions	Reductions	Balance 6/30/2016	Amounts due within one year
A. General obligation bonds payable	\$ 93,815,000		13,685,000	80,130,000	16,500,000
B. Certificates of participation payable	3,955,000	10,000,000	1,070,000	12,885,000	1,115,000
C. Three mill notes payable	33,730,000	8,515,000	10,810,000	31,435,000	2,820,000
D. Qualified school construction bonds payable	3,000,000			3,000,000	0
E. Compensated absences payable	1,370,871		50,542	1,320,329	66,016
Total	<u>\$ 135,870,871</u>	<u>18,515,000</u>	<u>\$ 25,615,542</u>	<u>128,770,329</u>	<u>20,501,016</u>

**Summary of Debt Reductions**

Payment on debt	\$ 17,610,000
Refunded debt	7,955,000
Reduction in compensated absences	50,542
Total	<u>\$ 25,615,542</u>

	Balance 7/1/2015	Changes	Balance 6/30/16
Bond premium	\$ 4,849,995	(1,212,499)	3,637,496
Bond discount	(29,012)	3,626	(25,386)
	<u>\$ 4,820,983</u>	<u>(1,208,873)</u>	<u>3,612,110</u>

**A. General obligation bonds payable**

General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the school district. General obligation bonds currently outstanding are as follows:

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Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
1. General obligation bonds, series 2008	3.25-4.5	10/1/2008	4/1/2021	\$ 15,000,000	10,300,000
2. General obligation bonds, refunding series 2009A	3.0-3.5	4/1/2009	4/1/2021	25,000,000	17,625,000
3. General obligation bonds, series 2009B	2.5-2.9	12/15/2009	10/1/2020	5,000,000	3,500,000
4. General obligation bonds, series 2010	2.5-3.0	4/1/2010	4/1/2021	15,000,000	10,750,000
5. General obligation bonds, refunding series 2010	2.0-3.7	3/9/2010	12/1/2019	13,445,000	5,090,000
6. General obligation bonds, refunding series 2012	2.0-5.0	3/20/2012	5/1/2019	53,930,000	30,025,000
7. General obligation bonds, refunding series 2013A Tax Exempt	.75-2.5	10/10/2013	6/1/2020	3,610,000	2,840,000
Total				<u>\$ 130,985,000</u>	<u>80,130,000</u>

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

1. General obligation bonds, series 2008:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2017	\$ 1,300,000	389,625	1,689,625
2018	1,400,000	337,250	1,737,250
2019	1,400,000	281,250	1,681,250
2020	2,000,000	213,250	2,213,250
2021	<u>4,200,000</u>	<u>86,625</u>	<u>4,286,625</u>
Total	<u>\$ 10,300,000</u>	<u>1,308,000</u>	<u>11,608,000</u>

This debt will be retired from the 2008 General Obligation Bond Series A Debt Retirement Fund.

2. General obligation bonds, refunding series 2009A:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2017	\$ 2,000,000	602,125	2,602,125
2018	1,000,000	542,125	1,542,125
2019	1,800,000	509,625	2,309,625
2020	7,285,000	448,875	7,733,875
2021	<u>5,540,000</u>	<u>193,900</u>	<u>5,733,900</u>
Total	<u>\$ 17,625,000</u>	<u>2,296,650</u>	<u>19,921,650</u>

This debt will be retired from the 2009 General Obligation Bond Series B Debt Service Fund.

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3. General obligation bonds, series 2009B:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2017	\$ 500,000	87,638	587,638
2018	600,000	73,575	673,575
2019	700,000	56,975	756,975
2020	800,000	47,875	847,875
2021	900,000	25,875	925,875
Total	<u>\$ 3,500,000</u>	<u>291,938</u>	<u>3,791,938</u>

This debt will be retired from the 2009 GO Bond B1 Debt Service Fund.

4. General obligation bonds, series 2010:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2017	\$ 1,500,000	308,750	1,808,750
2018	1,250,000	271,250	1,521,250
2019	1,000,000	240,000	1,240,000
2020	2,500,000	210,000	2,710,000
2021	4,500,000	135,000	4,635,000
Total	<u>\$ 10,750,000</u>	<u>1,165,000</u>	<u>11,915,000</u>

This debt will be retired from the 2010 GO Bond C Debt Service Fund.

5. General obligation bonds, refunding series 2010:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2017	\$ 1,395,000	158,193	1,553,193
2018	1,440,000	115,522	1,555,522
2019	1,490,000	66,931	1,556,931
2020	765,000	13,866	778,866
Total	<u>\$ 5,090,000</u>	<u>354,512</u>	<u>5,444,512</u>

This debt will be retired from the 10 Refund Bond Debt Service Fund.

6. General obligation bonds, refunding series 2012:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2017	\$ 9,115,000	1,410,100	10,525,100
2018	10,540,000	1,045,500	11,585,500
2019	10,370,000	518,500	10,888,500
Total	<u>\$ 30,025,000</u>	<u>2,974,100</u>	<u>32,999,100</u>



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This debt will be retired from the 2012 Refunding General Obligation Bond Debt Service Fund.

7. General obligation bonds, refunding series 2013A Tax Exempt:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2017	\$ 690,000	64,025	754,025
2018	705,000	50,250	755,250
2019	715,000	36,125	751,125
2020	730,000	18,250	748,250
Total	<u>\$ 2,840,000</u>	<u>168,650</u>	<u>3,008,650</u>

This debt will be retired from the 2013A Refunding Bond Debt Service Fund.  
Total general obligation bond payments for all issues:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2017	\$ 16,500,000	3,020,456	19,520,456
2018	16,935,000	2,435,472	19,370,472
2019	17,475,000	1,709,406	19,184,406
2020	14,080,000	952,116	15,032,116
2021	15,140,000	441,400	15,581,400
Total	<u>\$ 80,130,000</u>	<u>8,558,850</u>	<u>88,688,850</u>

The amount of bonded indebtedness that can be incurred by the school district is limited by Sections 37-59-5 and 37-59-7, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Total outstanding bonded indebtedness during a year can be no greater than 15% of the assessed value of the taxable property within such district, according to the then last completed assessment for taxation, unless certain conditions, as set forth in Section 37-59-7, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) have been met. As of June 30, 2016, the amount of outstanding bonded indebtedness was equal to 4.9% of property assessments as of October 1, 2015.

**B. Certificates of participation payable**

As more fully explained in Note 11, certificates of participation have been issued by the school district. Certificates of participation currently outstanding are as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
1. Certificates of participation, 2008	4.0-4.6	12/3/2008	12/1/2018	\$ 10,000,000	2,885,000
2. Certificates of participation, 2016	1.665-1.725	6/1/2016	6/1/2022	10,000,000	10,000,000
Total				<u>\$ 20,000,000</u>	<u>12,885,000</u>

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

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1. Certificates of participation, 2008:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2017	\$ 1,115,000	126,275	1,241,275
2018	1,165,000	73,406	1,238,406
2019	<u>605,000</u>	<u>15,125</u>	<u>620,125</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,885,000</u>	<u>214,806</u>	<u>3,099,806</u>

This debt will be retired from the 2008 Certificate of Participation Debt Service Fund.

2. Certificates of participation, 2016:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2017	\$ 0	156,885	156,885
2018	0	170,116	170,116
2019	645,000	170,116	815,116
2020	2,055,000	159,441	2,214,441
2021	3,620,000	125,020	3,745,020
2022	<u>3,680,000</u>	<u>63,480</u>	<u>3,743,480</u>
Total	<u>\$ 10,000,000</u>	<u>845,058</u>	<u>10,845,058</u>

This debt will be retired from the 2016 Certificate of Participation Debt Service Fund.

Total certificates of participation payments for all issues:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2017	\$ 1,115,000	283,160	1,398,160
2018	1,165,000	243,522	1,408,522
2019	1,250,000	185,241	1,435,241
2020	2,055,000	159,441	2,214,441
2021	3,620,000	125,020	3,745,020
2022	<u>3,680,000</u>	<u>63,480</u>	<u>3,743,480</u>
Total	<u>\$ 12,885,000</u>	<u>1,059,864</u>	<u>13,944,864</u>

**C. Three mill notes payable**

Debt currently outstanding is as follows:

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Description	Interest	Issue Date	Maturity	Amount Issued	Amount
	Rate		Date		Outstanding
1. Three mill notes, 2006	4.0-5.25	11/20/2006	4/1/2026	\$ 24,530,000	0
2. Three mill notes, 2008	2.75-4.7	7/8/2008	4/1/2018	8,470,000	900,000
3. Three mill notes, 2011	1.45-3.0	8/24/2011	4/1/2022	8,765,000	6,800,000
4. Limited tax refunding note, 2013	0.7-3.25	10/10/2013	6/30/2024	6,055,000	5,885,000
5. Limited tax refunding note, 2014	2.0-2.9	4/24/2014	6/30/2025	9,790,000	9,500,000
6. Limited tax refunding note, 2015	2.0-3.0	9/15/2015	6/30/2027	8,515,000	8,350,000
Total				<u>\$ 66,125,000</u>	<u>31,435,000</u>

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

1. Three mill notes, 2006: These notes were paid in full during the fiscal year.
2. Three mill notes, 2008:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2017	\$ 440,000	253,712	693,712
2018	460,000	236,112	696,112
Total	<u>\$ 900,000</u>	<u>489,824</u>	<u>1,389,824</u>

The three mill notes, 2008 were partially refunded for the 2019-2027 maturities in the amount of \$4,970,000.

This debt will be retired from the 2008 Limited Tax Notes Debt Service Fund.

3. Three mill notes, 2011:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2017	\$ 1,185,000	174,720	1,359,720
2018	1,210,000	151,020	1,361,020
2019	1,240,000	120,770	1,360,770
2020	1,295,000	89,770	1,384,770
2021	1,320,000	56,100	1,376,100
2022	550,000	16,500	566,500
Total	<u>\$ 6,800,000</u>	<u>608,880</u>	<u>7,408,880</u>

This debt will be retired from the 2011 Limited Tax Notes Debt Service Fund.

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4. Limited tax refunding notes, 2013:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2017	\$ 70,000	187,902	257,902
2018	70,000	186,922	256,922
2019	75,000	185,418	260,418
2020	75,000	183,805	258,805
2021	80,000	181,518	261,518
2022 – 2024	<u>5,515,000</u>	<u>445,415</u>	<u>5,960,415</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,885,000</u>	<u>1,370,980</u>	<u>7,255,980</u>

This debt will be retired from the General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2013A Debt Service Fund.

5. Limited tax refunding notes, 2014:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2017	\$ 1,065,000	221,345	1,286,345
2018	1,085,000	200,045	1,285,045
2019	1,105,000	178,345	1,283,345
2020	1,110,000	156,245	1,266,245
2021	1,140,000	134,045	1,274,045
2022 – 2025	<u>3,995,000</u>	<u>357,620</u>	<u>4,352,620</u>
Total	<u>\$ 9,500,000</u>	<u>1,247,645</u>	<u>10,747,645</u>

This debt will be retired from the General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2013B Debt Service Fund.

6. Limited tax refunding notes, 2015:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2017	\$ 60,000	231,700	291,700
2018	65,000	230,980	295,980
2019	540,000	230,200	770,200
2020	550,000	219,400	769,400
2021	565,000	208,400	773,400
2022 – 2026	<u>6,025,000</u>	<u>808,650</u>	<u>6,833,650</u>
2027	<u>545,000</u>	<u>16,350</u>	<u>561,350</u>
Total	<u>\$ 8,350,000</u>	<u>1,945,680</u>	<u>10,295,680</u>

This debt will be retired from the 2011 Limited Tax Refunding Notes Debt Service Fund.

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Total three mill notes payable payments for all issues:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2017	\$ 2,820,000	1,069,379	3,889,379
2018	2,890,000	1,005,079	3,895,079
2019	2,960,000	714,733	3,674,733
2020	3,030,000	649,220	3,679,220
2021	3,105,000	580,063	3,685,063
2022 – 2026	16,085,000	1,628,185	17,713,185
2027	545,000	16,350	561,350
Total	<u>\$ 31,435,000</u>	<u>5,663,009</u>	<u>37,098,009</u>

Advance Refunding

On September 15, 2015, the district issued \$8,515,000 in Limited Tax Refunding Notes with an average interest rate of 2.37% to advance refund \$2,985,000 of outstanding Three Mill Notes, 2006 and to partially advance refund \$4,970,000 of outstanding Three Mill Notes, 2008 with an average interest rate of 4.0%. The proceeds of \$8,605,454 (purchase price of restricted acquired obligations of \$8,460,267 and initial cash deposit of \$145,187) were deposited in an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide for future debt payment requirements on the Three Mill Notes, 2006 and Three Mill Notes, 2008. Issuance cost amounted to \$65,000.

As a result, the Three Mill Notes, 2006 and partial amount of the Three Mill Notes, 2008 are considered to be defeased and the liability for those notes has been removed from long-term liabilities.

The district advance refunded the original debt issuance to reduce its total debt service payments over the remaining twelve years of the debt by approximately \$711,376 and to realize an economic gain of \$441,966.

**D. Qualified school construction bonds payable**

As more fully explained in Note 12, debt has been issued by the school district that qualifies as Qualified School Construction bonds. Debt currently outstanding is as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Qualified school construction bonds	0.44	12/22/2009	9/15/2024	<u>\$ 3,000,000</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>

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

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2017	\$	13,200	13,200
2018		13,200	13,200
2019		13,200	13,200
2020		13,200	13,200
2021		13,200	13,200
2022 – 2025	3,000,000	39,600	3,039,600
Total	<u>\$ 3,000,000</u>	<u>105,600</u>	<u>3,105,600</u>

This debt will be retired from the Qualified School Construction Debt Service Fund.

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**E. Compensated absences payable**

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

**Note 7 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan**

**General Information about the Pension Plan**

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

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

*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, 2016 was 15.75% 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 for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, 2015 and 2014 were \$23,463,820, \$22,313,369 and \$20,525,826, 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, 2016, the school district reported a liability of \$350,539,846 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2015, 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, 2016 net pension liability was 2.267688 percent, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2015. This was an increase of .134927 from its proportionate share used to calculate the June 30, 2015 net pension liability, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2014.

For the year ended June 30, 2016, the District recognized pension expense of \$48,651,186. At June 30, 2016 the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 5,954,731	\$ 0
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	0	7,531,953
Changes of assumptions	22,080,114	0
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	19,124,911	0
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	23,463,820	0
Total	<u>\$ 70,623,576</u>	<u>\$ 7,531,953</u>

\$23,463,820 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, 2017. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:

2017	\$ 15,303,405
2018	15,303,405
2019	10,903,983
2020	(1,887,990)

*Actuarial assumptions.* The total pension liability in the June 30, 2015 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.00 percent
Salary increases	3.75-19.00 percent, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.75 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Table Projected with Scale BB to 2016, with males rates set forward one year.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2015 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2014. The experience report is dated May 4, 2015.

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

*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75 percent, a decrease of 0.25 percentage points since

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

*Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.75 percent, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.75 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.75 percent) 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	\$ 462,043,630	\$ 350,539,846	\$ 258,012,552

*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 – Prior Period Adjustments

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

##### Exhibit B - Statement of Activities

Explanation	Amount
1. Correction of error - capital assets	\$ (423,025)
2. Correction of error - prior year receivable / current year revenue	(363,158)
3. Correction of error - prior year payable / current year revenue	73,294
Total	<u>\$ (712,889)</u>

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

Fund	Explanation	Amount
General Fund	Correction of error - prior year receivable / current year revenue	\$ (69,849)
Major Fund - School Food Service Fund	Correction of error - prior year payable / current year revenue	73,294
Other governmental funds	Correction of error - prior year receivable / current year revenue	(293,309)
Total		<u>\$ (289,864)</u>

#### Note 9 – 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.

#### Note 10 – Risk Management

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



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**Participation in Self-insurance Trust**

The school district established a self-insurance trust in July 2004 which pays the first \$50,000 of property and liability claims against the school district. An initial \$150,000 was deposited into the trust account and is evaluated each year for the proper amount to be replenished. An additional \$103,970 was transferred to the fund during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. The district had no year-end liabilities and cash on hand in the trust account amounted to \$150,000. The trust is reported in the Other Governmental Funds.

**Note 11 – Trust Certificates**

A trust agreement dated December 3, 2008, was executed by and between the school district and US Bank, as trustees. The trust agreement authorized the issuance of trust certificates in the principal amount of \$10,000,000. Approximately \$9,858,000 was used to provide financing for the acquisition, construction and installation of energy efficiency improvements (the "Improvements"). The remainder of approximately \$142,000 was used to pay the cost of issuance.

Another trust agreement dated June 29, 2016, was executed by and between the school district and Whitney Bank, as trustees. The trust agreement authorized the issuance of trust certificates in the principal amount of \$10,000,000. Approximately \$9,850,000 will be used to provide financing for the renovation and improvement of school buildings and facilities (the "Project"). The remainder of approximately \$150,000 was used to pay the cost of issuance.

The project is leased to the school district in accordance with the provisions of the Emergency School Leasing Authority Act as described in Section 37-7-351, et seq., Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The lease represents a capital lease under which ownership of the project will transfer to the school district upon complete retirement of the trust certificates. The school district is obligated to make lease payments to the trustee in an amount equal to the debt service requirements for the trust certificates. The lease rental payments by the school district are used by the trustee to pay the principal and interest payments due on the trust certificates.

It is not anticipated the project will have sufficient value to satisfy the certificates in the event the school district defaults under the lease; therefore, the source of payment of the certificates is the responsibility of the school district. See Note 6 for details regarding the debt service requirement on the trust certificates.

Using the guidance provided in Section 2100 of the *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards* dealing with defining the reporting entity, the trust accounts created by this trust agreement were deemed to constitute an inseparable part of the school district. Therefore, the assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues, expenditures and other financing sources/uses of the trust accounts created by this trust agreement are part of the school district's financial statements, thereby eliminating the effects of the lease agreement for financial reporting purposes.

**Note 12 – Qualified School Construction Bonds**

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

The school district makes equal annual payments into a sinking fund which is used to payoff the bonds at termination. The current maturity limit of tax credit bonds is 17 years, per the U. S. Treasury Department. Under this program, ten percent of the proceeds must be subject to a binding commitment to be spent within six months of issuance and 100% must be spent within three years. Up to two percent of bond proceeds can be used to pay costs of issuance. The amount on deposit at June 30, 2016 was \$1,197,394. The amount accumulated in the sinking fund at the end of the seventeen-year period will be sufficient to retire the debt. The following schedule reports the annual deposits to be made to the sinking fund by the school district.

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Year Ending June 30	Amount
2017	\$ 200,000
2018	200,000
2019	200,000
2020	200,000
2021	200,000
2022 - 2024	600,000
Total	<u>\$ 1,600,000</u>

**Note 13 - Insurance loss recoveries**

The School District received \$114,593 in insurance loss recoveries related to building and bus damage during the 2015-2016 fiscal year. In the government-wide Statement of Activities, the insurance loss recoveries were reported as charges for services and allocated among the expense functions based on the following percentages:

Insurance Loss Recoveries	Percentage	Expense Function
\$ 0	0%	Instruction
114,593	100%	Support services
0	0%	Non-instructional
<u>\$ 114,593</u>	<u>100%</u>	

**Note 14 - Effect of Deferred Amounts on Net Position**

The net investment in capital assets of \$224,317,571 includes the effects of deferring the expenses associated with the advance refunding of bonds. The unrestricted net position amount of (\$194,405,200) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenses and revenue associated with the net pension liability and related account balances.

**Note 15 - 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 School District evaluated the activity of the district through February 27, 2017, 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 statements.

## REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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 Budgetary Comparison Schedule for the General Fund  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (GAAP Basis)	Variances Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
Revenues					
Local sources	\$ 69,223,195	69,549,443	72,646,208	326,248	3,096,765
State sources	153,358,155	153,358,155	153,548,211	0	190,056
Federal sources	950,000	950,000	665,528	0	(284,472)
Total Revenues	<u>223,531,350</u>	<u>223,857,598</u>	<u>226,859,947</u>	<u>326,248</u>	<u>3,002,349</u>
Expenditures					
Instruction	143,725,884	144,155,665	135,640,234	(429,781)	8,515,431
Support services	90,175,590	93,083,472	80,315,830	(2,907,882)	12,767,642
Noninstructional services	886,964	873,313	874,021	13,651	(708)
Facilities acquisition and construction	0	0	1,632,541	0	(1,632,541)
Total Expenditures	<u>234,788,438</u>	<u>238,112,450</u>	<u>218,462,626</u>	<u>(3,324,012)</u>	<u>19,649,824</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>(11,257,088)</u>	<u>(14,254,852)</u>	<u>8,397,321</u>	<u>(2,997,764)</u>	<u>22,652,173</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Insurance loss recoveries	0	0	114,314	0	114,314
Operating transfers in	35,731,885	35,662,493	363,208	(69,392)	(35,299,285)
Operating transfers out	(41,819,729)	(41,903,208)	(7,469,023)	(83,479)	34,434,185
Other financing uses	0	0	(3,990)	0	(3,990)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(6,087,844)</u>	<u>(6,240,715)</u>	<u>(6,995,491)</u>	<u>(152,871)</u>	<u>(754,776)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances			<u>1,401,830</u>		
Fund Balances					
July 1, 2015, as previously reported			93,350,267		
Prior period adjustments			(69,849)		
July 1, 2015, as restated			<u>93,280,418</u>		
June 30, 2016			<u>\$ 94,682,248</u>		

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

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule for the Major Special Revenue Fund - School Food Service Fund  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (GAAP Basis)	Variances Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
Revenues					
Local sources	\$ 4,485,600	4,885,600	3,970,453	400,000	(915,147)
State sources	160,000	160,000	162,367	0	2,367
Federal sources	10,480,550	10,480,550	10,556,366	0	75,816
Total Revenues	<u>15,126,150</u>	<u>15,526,150</u>	<u>14,689,186</u>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>(836,964)</u>
Expenditures					
Support services	3,078,880	3,078,880	2,397,351	0	681,529
Noninstructional services	16,121,635	16,182,953	13,848,341	(61,318)	2,334,612
Total Expenditures	<u>19,200,515</u>	<u>19,261,833</u>	<u>16,245,692</u>	<u>(61,318)</u>	<u>3,016,141</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>(4,074,365)</u>	<u>(3,735,683)</u>	<u>(1,556,506)</u>	<u>338,682</u>	<u>2,179,177</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Operating transfers in	0	61,317	61,317	(61,317)	0
Operating transfers out	(500,000)	(500,000)	0	0	500,000
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(500,000)</u>	<u>(438,683)</u>	<u>61,317</u>	<u>(61,317)</u>	<u>500,000</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances			<u>(1,495,189)</u>		
Fund Balances					
July 1, 2015			3,814,013		
Prior period adjustments			73,294		
July 1, 2015, as restated			<u>3,887,307</u>		
Decrease in reserve for inventory			<u>(75,806)</u>		
June 30, 2016			<u>\$ 2,316,312</u>		

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

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule for the Major Special Revenue Fund - Title I Basic Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (GAAP Basis)	Variances Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
Revenues					
Federal sources	\$ 5,131,018	5,579,626	4,520,825	448,608	(1,058,801)
Total Revenues	<u>5,131,018</u>	<u>5,579,626</u>	<u>4,520,825</u>	<u>448,608</u>	<u>(1,058,801)</u>
Expenditures					
Instruction	2,711,708	3,012,975	2,426,319	(301,267)	586,656
Support services	1,649,446	1,710,867	1,454,683	(61,421)	256,184
Noninstructional services	67,778	71,637	55,016	(3,859)	16,621
Total Expenditures	<u>4,428,932</u>	<u>4,795,479</u>	<u>3,936,018</u>	<u>(366,547)</u>	<u>859,461</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>702,086</u>	<u>784,147</u>	<u>584,807</u>	<u>82,061</u>	<u>(199,340)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Operating transfers out	(702,086)	(784,147)	(584,807)	82,061	199,340
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(702,086)</u>	<u>(784,147)</u>	<u>(584,807)</u>	<u>82,061</u>	<u>199,340</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances			<u>0</u>		
Fund Balances					
July 1, 2015			<u>0</u>		
June 30, 2016			<u>\$ 0</u>		

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

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

PERS

Last 10 Fiscal Years

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 350,539,846	\$ 258,878,135
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	<u>2.676880%</u>	<u>2.132761%</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 141,672,184	\$ 130,322,705
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	<u>247.43%</u>	<u>198.64%</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	<u>61.70%</u>	<u>67.21%</u>

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.



DESOTO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Schedule of District Contributions  
PERS  
Last 10 Fiscal Years

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 23,463,820	\$ 22,313,369
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	23,463,820	22,313,369
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 148,976,635	\$ 141,672,184
Contributions as a percentage of covered- employee payroll	15.75%	15.75%

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(1) Basis of Presentation.

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

(2) Budget Amendments and Revisions.

The budget is adopted by the school board and filed with the taxing authority. Amendments can be made on the approval of the school board. By statute, final budget revisions must be approved on or before October 15 following the end of the fiscal year. A budgetary comparison is presented for the general fund and each major special revenue fund on the same basis of accounting as the budget which is consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

(3) Pension Schedules

Changes of assumptions

In 2015 and later, 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. In 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. In 2015, assumed rates of salary increase were adjusted to more closely reflect actual and anticipated experience. Finally, the price inflation and investment rate of return assumptions were changed from 3.50% to 3.00% and 8.00% to 7.75% respectively.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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DESOTO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

Federal Grantor/ Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.	Federal Expenditures
<b><u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u></b>		
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:		
Child nutrition cluster:		
School breakfast program	10.553	\$ 2,440,170
National school lunch program	10.555	13,881,328
Summer food service program for children	10.559	49,624
Total child nutrition cluster		<u>16,371,122</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture		<u>16,371,122</u>
<b><u>U.S. Department of Defense</u></b>		
Direct program:		
Reserve officers' training corps	12.xxx	74,729
Total U.S. Department of Defense		<u>74,729</u>
<b><u>U.S. Department of Education</u></b>		
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:		
Title I - grants to local educational agencies	84.010	4,520,825
Title I - program for neglected and delinquent children	84.013	162,299
Career and technical education - basic grants to states	84.048	344,183
English language acquisition grants	84.365	162,219
Improving teacher quality - state grants	84.367	621,879
Total		<u>5,811,405</u>
Special education cluster:		
Special education - grants to states	84.027	5,424,321
Special education - preschool grants	84.173	145,323
Total special education cluster		<u>5,569,644</u>
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education		<u>11,381,049</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education		<u>11,381,049</u>
<b><u>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</u></b>		
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:		
Medical assistance program	93.778	167,354
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services		<u>167,354</u>
Total for All Federal Awards		<u>\$ 27,994,254</u>

NOTES TO SCHEDULE

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

DESOTO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures - Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Instruction and Other Student Instructional Expenditures</u>	<u>General Administrative</u>	<u>School Administration</u>	<u>Other</u>
Salaries and fringe benefits	\$ 198,533,761	152,246,419	10,158,574	12,788,301	23,340,467
Other	80,966,648	15,681,037	1,232,211	320,848	63,732,552
Total	<u>279,500,409</u>	<u>167,927,456</u>	<u>11,390,785</u>	<u>13,109,149</u>	<u>87,073,019</u>
 Total number of students	 <u>33,247</u>				
 Cost per student	 <u>\$ 8,407</u>	 <u>5,051</u>	 <u>343</u>	 <u>394</u>	 <u>2,619</u>

Notes to the schedule.

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

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

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

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

Total number of students - the ADA report submission for month 9, which is the final submission for the school year.

## OTHER INFORMATION

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DESOTO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
General Fund  
Last Four Years

UNAUDITED

	2016	2015*	2014*	2013*
Revenues				
Local sources	\$ 72,646,208	67,477,084	65,807,948	63,250,408
State sources	153,548,211	146,294,598	140,741,042	136,562,746
Federal sources	665,528	1,276,082	1,047,142	1,462,755
Total Revenues	<u>226,859,947</u>	<u>215,047,764</u>	<u>207,596,132</u>	<u>201,275,909</u>
Expenditures				
Instruction	135,640,234	130,201,285	119,544,097	114,529,295
Support services	80,315,830	77,664,593	75,733,596	69,953,623
Noninstructional services	874,021	903,760	863,845	997,556
Facilities acquisition and construction	1,632,541	2,165,276	178,455	0
Total Expenditures	<u>218,462,626</u>	<u>210,934,914</u>	<u>196,319,993</u>	<u>185,480,474</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>8,397,321</u>	<u>4,112,850</u>	<u>11,276,139</u>	<u>15,795,435</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Insurances loss recoveries	114,314	156,472	51,590	117,423
Sale of other property	0	0	20,000	95,000
Operating transfers in	363,208	1,288,208	133,886	322,165
Other financing sources	0	535,578	450,269	488,590
Operating transfers out	(7,469,023)	(6,676,382)	(6,249,947)	(6,181,625)
Other financing uses	(3,990)	(535,578)	(450,269)	(488,590)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(6,995,491)</u>	<u>(5,231,702)</u>	<u>(6,044,471)</u>	<u>(5,647,037)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>1,401,830</u>	<u>(1,118,852)</u>	<u>5,231,668</u>	<u>10,148,398</u>
Fund Balances				
July 1	93,350,267	94,469,119	89,237,451	79,089,053
Prior period adjustments	<u>(69,849)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
July 1, as restated	<u>93,280,418</u>	<u>94,469,119</u>	<u>89,237,451</u>	<u>79,089,053</u>
June 30	<u>\$ 94,682,248</u>	<u>93,350,267</u>	<u>94,469,119</u>	<u>89,237,451</u>

\* Source - Prior year audit reports.

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

	UNAUDITED			
	2016	2015*	2014*	2013*
<b>Revenues</b>				
Local sources	\$ 95,087,217	91,623,550	90,228,461	89,527,720
Intermediate sources	0	0	35,647	31,000
State sources	156,240,137	149,610,386	143,755,961	139,487,372
Federal sources	22,782,404	26,891,848	22,085,017	22,992,331
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>274,109,758</b>	<b>268,125,784</b>	<b>256,105,086</b>	<b>252,038,423</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Instruction	146,155,009	139,894,804	128,751,231	123,815,292
Support services	89,700,394	88,188,133	85,164,456	78,867,585
Noninstructional services	14,843,397	14,145,079	14,370,572	14,084,109
Facilities acquisition and construction	6,575,351	21,048,821	14,555,731	6,745,912
Debt service				
Principal	17,610,000	16,630,000	17,105,000	16,380,000
Interest	4,518,668	5,244,547	6,006,637	6,764,452
Other	97,590	16,522	64,192	13,933
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>279,500,409</b>	<b>285,167,906</b>	<b>266,017,819</b>	<b>246,671,283</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures</b>	<b>(5,390,651)</b>	<b>(17,042,122)</b>	<b>(9,912,733)</b>	<b>5,367,140</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Proceeds of refunding bonds	8,515,000	0	0	0
Proceeds of loans	10,000,000	0	0	0
Insurances loss recoveries	114,593	156,472	51,975	117,423
Refunding Bond Issue	0	0	20,720,000	0
Payment to QSCB Escrow Agent	0	180,158	184,783	200,000
Premiums on Bonds and Refunding Bonds	0	0	189,459	0
Payment to QSCB Debt Escrow Agent	0	(180,158)	(184,783)	(200,000)
Sale of other property	0	0	20,000	95,000
Operating transfers in	9,340,907	9,055,355	7,919,468	8,031,401
Other financing sources	261,914	535,578	450,269	488,590
Operating transfers out	(9,340,907)	(9,055,355)	(7,919,468)	(8,031,401)
Payment to refunded bond escrow agent	(8,679,960)	0	(20,724,056)	0
Other financing uses	(70,824)	(536,476)	(450,269)	(488,590)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>10,140,723</b>	<b>155,574</b>	<b>257,378</b>	<b>212,423</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>4,750,072</b>	<b>(16,886,548)</b>	<b>(9,655,355)</b>	<b>5,579,563</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>				
July 1	118,956,751	135,874,883	145,533,131	139,882,618
Prior period adjustments	(289,864)	5,312	0	0
<b>July 1, as restated</b>	<b>118,666,887</b>	<b>135,880,195</b>	<b>145,533,131</b>	<b>139,882,618</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in reserve for inventory</b>	<b>(75,806)</b>	<b>(36,896)</b>	<b>(2,893)</b>	<b>70,950</b>
<b>June 30</b>	<b>\$ 123,341,153</b>	<b>118,956,751</b>	<b>135,874,883</b>	<b>145,533,131</b>

\* Source - Prior year audit reports.

## REPORTS ON INTERNAL CONTROLS 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*

### Independent Auditor's Report

Superintendent and School Board  
DeSoto County School District

I 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 DeSoto County School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise DeSoto County School District's basic financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated February 27, 2017.

### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

My 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 or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during my audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. I did identify a deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs that I consider to be a significant deficiency [2016-001].

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

### **DeSoto County School District's Response to Findings**

DeSoto County School District's response to the finding identified in my audit is described in the accompanying Auditee's Corrective Action Plan. DeSoto County School District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, I express no opinion on it.

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of my 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.

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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

### Independent Auditor's Report

Superintendent and School Board  
DeSoto County School District

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

I have audited DeSoto County School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of DeSoto County School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2016. DeSoto County School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

#### ***Management's Responsibility***

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

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

My responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of DeSoto County School District's major federal programs based on my audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. I conducted my 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 I 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 DeSoto County School District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, my audit does not provide a legal determination of DeSoto County School District's compliance.

#### ***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

In my opinion, DeSoto County School District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2016.

#### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

Management of DeSoto County School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing my audit of

compliance, I considered DeSoto 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, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of DeSoto County School District's internal control over compliance.

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

My consideration of 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. I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that I 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 my 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.

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Ridgeland, MS  
February 27, 2017



**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  
DeSoto County School District

I have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the DeSoto County School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, which collectively comprise DeSoto County School District's basic financial statements and have issued my report thereon dated February 27, 2017. I conducted my 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 insure 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, I 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 my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

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

Section 37-9-18(3)(b), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), states in part, "the auditor shall test to insure 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 my 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, I 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 my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

The results of procedures performed to test compliance with certain other state laws and regulations and my audit of the financial statements disclosed the following immaterial instance of noncompliance with other state laws and regulations. My finding and recommendation and DeSoto County School District's response are as follows:

See Finding 2016-001 in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

The Office of the State Auditor or a public accounting firm will review, on the subsequent year's audit engagement, the finding in this report to insure that corrective action has been taken.

The DeSoto County School District's response to the finding included in this report was not audited and, accordingly, I express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the school board and management, entities with accreditation overview, 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.

*Charles L Shivers, CPA, LLC*

Ridgeland, MS  
February 27, 2017

## SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

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DESOTO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
June 30, 2016

**Section I: Summary of Auditor's Results**

**Financial Statements:**

- |    |                                                                                         |            |
|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. | Type of auditor's report issued on the basic financial statements:                      | Unmodified |
| 2. | Noncompliance material to the basic financial statements noted?                         | No         |
| 3. | Internal control over financial reporting:                                              |            |
|    | a. Material weaknesses identified?                                                      | No         |
|    | b. Significant deficiency identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? | Yes        |

**Federal Awards:**

- |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |               |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 4.  | Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs:                                                                                                                                | Unmodified    |
| 5.  | Internal control over major programs:                                                                                                                                                                    |               |
|     | a. Material weaknesses identified?                                                                                                                                                                       | No            |
|     | b. Significant deficiency identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?                                                                                                                  | None Reported |
| 6.  | Any audit finding(s) disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?                                                                                                     | No            |
| 7.  | Federal program identified as major program:                                                                                                                                                             |               |
|     | Child nutrition cluster                                                                                                                                                                                  |               |
|     | CFDA #: 10.553                                                                                                                                                                                           |               |
|     | CFDA #: 10.555                                                                                                                                                                                           |               |
|     | CFDA #: 10.559                                                                                                                                                                                           |               |
| 8.  | The dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:                                                                                                                             | \$839,828     |
| 9.  | Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee?                                                                                                                                                                 | No            |
| 10. | Prior fiscal year audit findings and questioned costs relative to federal awards which would require the auditee to prepare a summary schedule of prior audit findings as discussed in 2 CFR 200.511(b)? | No            |

**Section II: Financial Statement Findings**

Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses.

**Finding 2016-001**

CONDITION: The inspection of the band receipt account for the eight high schools revealed that five of the high schools did not report any band fees paid by students. Upon inquiry of two high school principals, it was confirmed that band fees assessed to students were paid by the student directly to the band booster club.

CRITERIA: Section 37-7-301 and 37-7-335, Mississippi Code of 1972, authorize the school board to charge reasonable fees to students for participating in extracurricular activities of the school. The school board adopted a fee schedule in August 2015 effective for the 2015 – 2016 school year. The collection of student fees as assessed by the school board must be paid to and collected by the local school in accordance with school board policy and procedures for the receipting of activity funds.

CAUSE OF CONDITION: The cause of the condition is a failure of the school district to comply with state law and school board policy.

EFFECT OF CONDITION: The effect of this condition resulted in significant public funds, based on extrapolated calculations, not being collected by the school district and accounted for in accordance with school board policy.

DESOTO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
June 30, 2016

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that student fees, as assessed by the school board, be paid to and collected by the local school in accordance with school board policy and procedures for the receipting of activity funds.

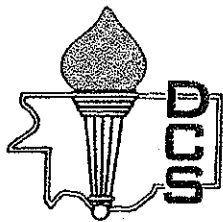
Section III: Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

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



## AUDITEE'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

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## Corrective Action Plan

February 27, 2017

As required by 2 CFR 200.511 (a), the DeSoto 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, 2016.

### Finding 2016-001

#### Corrective Action Plan

- a. Contact person responsible for corrective action: Stacey Graves
- b. Description of correction action to be taken: The district was already in the process of correcting this deficiency prior to the audit. The district will continue the plan of action to ensure all fees are properly assessed and processed in the student activity funds.
- c. Anticipated completion date of corrective action: December 2017

Sincerely,

Superintendent of Education

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