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Hazlehurst City School District
Audited Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

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Certified Public Accountants

Hazlehurst City School District

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FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT

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

Superintendent and School Board
Hazlehurst City School District

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Hazlehurst City School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Hazlehurst City School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

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Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Hazlehurst City 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, the Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, and the Schedule of District Contributions on pages 8 to 15 and 45 to 51, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Hazlehurst City School District's basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, the Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures for Governmental Funds, and the other information section, which includes the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - General Fund, Last Four Years and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - All Governmental Funds, Last Four Years are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, and the Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures for Governmental Funds are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures

applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying supplementary information mentioned above is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 11, 2017, on our consideration of the Hazlehurst City School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Hazlehurst City School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC
July 11, 2017

Certified Public Accountants

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

HAZLEHURST CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

The following discussion and analysis of Hazlehurst City 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 increased \$2,442,944, including a prior period adjustment of \$1,107, which represents a 49% increase from fiscal year 2015. Total net position for 2015 decreased \$12,823,881, including a prior period adjustment of (\$15,583,368) due primarily to the recording of the net pension liability, which represents a 163% decrease from fiscal year 2014.
- General revenues amounted to \$10,873,399 and \$10,590,715, or 73% and 79% 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 \$4,087,848, or 27% of total revenues for 2016, and \$2,871,983, or 21% of total revenues for 2015.
- The District had \$12,519,410 and \$10,703,211 in expenses for fiscal years 2016 and 2015; only \$4,087,848 for 2016 and \$2,871,983 for 2015 of these expenses was offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions. General revenues of \$10,873,399 for 2016 and \$10,590,715 for 2015 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- Among major funds, the General Fund had \$10,702,789 in revenues and \$9,009,143 in expenditures for 2016, and \$10,235,462 in revenues and \$8,436,582 in expenditures in 2015. The General Fund's fund balance increased by \$1,440,930 from 2015 to 2016, and increased by \$2,790,009, including a fund reclassification of \$972,290 and a prior period adjustment of (\$172), from 2014 to 2015.
- Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, increased by \$8,263 for 2016 and decreased by \$355,251 for 2015. The increase for 2016 was due to the net effect of the additions to improvements other than buildings and furniture and equipment, the disposal of mobile equipment, and the increase in accumulated depreciation.
- Total long-term debt, including compensated absences, decreased by \$208,982 for 2016 and decreased by \$250,870 for 2015. The decrease for 2016 was due primarily to principal payments on outstanding long-term debt. The liability for compensated absences increased by \$15,955 for 2016 and decreased by \$4,639 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.

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

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

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

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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 Net 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. Liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded assets and deferred outflows of resources by \$2,524,500 as of

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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	\$ 8,764,780	\$ 7,107,042	23.33 %
Restricted assets	1,181,149	987,787	19.58 %
Capital assets, net	6,132,046	6,123,783	0.13 %
Total assets	16,077,975	14,218,612	13.08 %
 Deferred outflows of resources	 2,715,258	 1,167,436	 132.58 %
Current liabilities	166,260	172,578	(3.66) %
Long-term debt outstanding	3,907,249	4,116,231	(5.08) %
Net pension liability	15,242,079	12,642,146	20.57 %
Total liabilities	19,315,588	16,930,955	14.08 %
 Deferred inflows of resources	 2,002,145	 3,422,537	 (41.50) %
 Net position:			
Net investment in capital assets	2,293,046	2,087,783	9.83 %
Restricted	2,161,582	1,694,474	27.57 %
Unrestricted	(6,979,128)	(8,749,701)	20.24 %
Total net position	\$ (2,524,500)	\$ (4,967,444)	49.18 %

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)	\$ (6,979,128)
Less unrestricted deficit in net position resulting from recognition of the net pension liability, including the deferred outflows and deferred inflows related to pensions	14,528,966
Unrestricted net position, exclusive of the net pension liability effect	<u>\$ 7,549,838</u>

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

- Increase in net capital assets in the amount of \$8,263.
- The principal retirement of \$224,937 of long-term debt.
- Recognition of the net pension liability in the amount of \$15,242,079.

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Changes in net position

The District's total revenues for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015 were \$14,961,247 and \$13,462,698, respectively. The total cost of all programs and services was \$12,519,410 for 2016 and \$10,703,211 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

	<u>Year Ended</u> <u>June 30, 2016</u>	<u>Year Ended</u> <u>June 30, 2015</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Change</u>
Revenues:			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 214,246	\$ 166,338	28.80 %
Operating grants and contributions	3,873,602	2,705,645	43.17 %
General revenues:			
Property taxes	3,625,799	3,464,061	4.67 %
Grants and contributions not restricted	6,880,071	6,572,411	4.68 %
Investment earnings	7,553	5,057	49.36 %
Sixteenth section sources	320,180	537,241	(40.40) %
Other	39,796	11,945	233.16 %
Total revenues	<u>14,961,247</u>	<u>13,462,698</u>	<u>11.13 %</u>
Expenses:			
Instruction	5,440,842	5,064,564	7.43 %
Support services	5,280,456	4,321,808	22.18 %
Non-instructional	954,770	866,896	10.14 %
Sixteenth section	82,248	70,033	17.44 %
Pension expense	673,082	284,273	136.77 %
Interest on long-term liabilities	88,012	95,637	(7.97) %
Total expenses	<u>12,519,410</u>	<u>10,703,211</u>	<u>16.97 %</u>
Increase (Decrease) in net position	<u>2,441,837</u>	<u>2,759,487</u>	<u>(11.51) %</u>
Net Position, July 1, as previously reported	<u>(4,967,444)</u>	<u>7,856,437</u>	<u>(163.23) %</u>
Prior Period Adjustment	<u>1,107</u>	<u>(15,583,368)</u>	<u>100.01 %</u>
Net Position, July 1, as restated	<u>(4,966,337)</u>	<u>(7,726,931)</u>	<u>35.73 %</u>
Net Position, June 30	<u>\$ (2,524,500)</u>	<u>\$ (4,967,444)</u>	<u>49.18 %</u>

Governmental activities

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

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Table 3
Net Cost of Governmental Activities

	Total Expenses		Percentage
	2016	2015	Change
Instruction	\$ 5,440,842	\$ 5,064,564	7.43 %
Support services	5,280,456	4,321,808	22.18 %
Non-instructional	954,770	866,896	10.14 %
Sixteenth section	82,248	70,033	17.44 %
Pension expense	673,082	284,273	136.77 %
Interest on long-term liabilities	88,012	95,637	(7.97) %
Total expenses	\$ 12,519,410	\$ 10,703,211	16.97 %

	Net (Expense) Revenue		Percentage
	2016	2015	Change
Instruction	\$ (4,136,893)	\$ (4,346,861)	4.83 %
Support services	(3,672,560)	(3,300,616)	(11.27) %
Non-instructional	195,258	228,392	(14.51) %
Sixteenth section	(56,273)	(32,233)	(74.58) %
Pension expense	(673,082)	(284,273)	(136.77) %
Interest on long-term liabilities	(88,012)	(95,637)	7.97 %
Total net (expense) revenue	\$ (8,431,562)	\$ (7,831,228)	(7.67) %

- Net cost of governmental activities (\$8,431,562 for 2016 and \$7,831,228 for 2015) was financed by general revenue, which is primarily made up of property taxes (\$3,625,799 for 2016 and \$3,464,061 for 2015) and state and federal revenues (\$6,880,071 for 2016 and \$6,572,411 for 2015). In addition, there was \$320,180 and \$537,241 in Sixteenth Section sources for 2016 and 2015, respectively.
- Investment earnings amounted to \$7,553 for 2016 and \$5,057 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 \$9,836,262, an increase of \$1,853,428, which includes a prior period adjustment of \$1,107 and an increase in inventory of \$4,277. \$7,567,855, or 77% of the fund balance is unassigned, which represents the residual classification for the General Fund's fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. The remaining fund balance of \$2,268,407, or 23% is either nonspendable, restricted or assigned to indicate that it is not available for spending except only for the purposes to which it is restricted or assigned.

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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 \$1,440,930. The fund balance of Other Governmental Funds showed an increase in the amount of \$412,498, which includes a prior period adjustment of \$1,107 and an increase in inventory of \$4,277. The increase (decrease) in the fund balances for the other major funds were as follows:

Major Fund	Increase (Decrease)
Title I Fund	no increase or decrease
Teacher/Principal Training/Recruiting Fund	no increase or decrease

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. Budget revisions during the year were routine in nature and were insignificant when compared with total revenues and expenditures of the District.

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

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets. As of June 30, 2016, the District's total capital assets were \$11,473,679, including land, school buildings, building improvements and other improvements, buses, other school vehicles, and furniture and equipment. This amount represents an increase of \$102,149 from 2015, due primarily to the completion of football field lighting improvements and the purchase of various items of furniture and equipment. During the fiscal year, the District disposed of mobile equipment totaling \$336,767. Total accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2016, was \$5,341,633, and total depreciation expense for the year was \$396,976, resulting in total net capital assets of \$6,132,046.

Table 4
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation

	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2015	Percentage Change
Land	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	0.00 %
Buildings	1,774,667	1,824,178	(2.71) %
Building improvements	3,441,573	3,616,972	(4.85) %
Improvements other than buildings	241,440	-	N/A %
Mobile equipment	458,848	571,406	(19.70) %
Furniture and equipment	190,518	86,227	120.95 %
Total	\$ 6,132,046	\$ 6,123,783	0.13 %

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

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Debt Administration. At June 30, 2016, the District had \$3,907,249 in outstanding long-term debt, of which \$205,412 is due within one year. During the fiscal year, the District made principal payments totaling \$224,937 on outstanding long-term debt. The liability for compensated absences increased \$15,955 from the prior year.

Table 5
Outstanding Long-Term Debt

	<u>June 30, 2016</u>	<u>June 30, 2015</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Transportation equipment loans payable	\$ 146,000	\$ 287,000	(49.13) %
Shortfall notes payable	-	27,937	(100.00) %
Qualified school construction bonds payable	3,693,000	3,749,000	(1.49) %
Compensated absences payable	68,249	52,294	30.51 %
Total	<u>\$ 3,907,249</u>	<u>\$ 4,116,231</u>	<u>(5.08) %</u>

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

CURRENT ISSUES

The Hazlehurst City 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 Hazlehurst City School District, 119 Robert McDaniel Drive, Hazlehurst, MS 39083.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

HAZLEHURST CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2016**

Exhibit A

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,034,914
Due from other governments	705,890
Inventories	23,976
Restricted assets	1,181,149
Capital assets, non-depreciable:	
Land	25,000
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:	
Buildings	1,774,667
Building improvements	3,441,573
Improvements other than buildings	241,440
Mobile equipment	458,848
Furniture and equipment	190,518
Total Assets	<u>16,077,975</u>
 Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Deferred outflow related to pensions	<u>2,715,258</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>2,715,258</u>
 Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	103,180
Due to other governments	2,639
Unearned revenue	3,848
Interest payable on long-term liabilities	56,593
Long-term liabilities, due within one year:	
Capital related liabilities	202,000
Non-capital related liabilities	3,412
Long-term liabilities, due beyond one year:	
Capital related liabilities	3,637,000
Non-capital related liabilities	64,837
Net pension liability	<u>15,242,079</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>19,315,588</u>
 Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Deferred inflow related to pensions	<u>2,002,145</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>2,002,145</u>
 Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	2,293,046
Restricted for:	
Expendable:	
School-based activities	596,397
Debt service	1,183,268
Forestry improvements	172,627
Ad valorem	50,620
Unemployment benefits	26,883
Non-expendable:	
Sixteenth section	131,787
Unrestricted	<u>(6,979,128)</u>
Total Net Position (deficit)	<u>\$ (2,524,500)</u>

HAZLEHURST CITY 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	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities:				
Instruction	\$ 5,440,842	\$ 122,316	\$ 1,181,633	\$ (4,136,893)
Support services	5,280,456	-	1,607,896	(3,672,560)
Non-instructional	954,770	65,955	1,084,073	195,258
Sixteenth section	82,248	25,975	-	(56,273)
Pension expense	673,082	-	-	(673,082)
Interest on long-term liabilities	88,012	-	-	(88,012)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 12,519,410</u>	<u>\$ 214,246</u>	<u>\$ 3,873,602</u>	<u>\$ (8,431,562)</u>
General Revenues:				
Taxes:				
General purpose levies				3,385,380
Debt purpose levies				240,419
Unrestricted grants and contributions:				
State				6,701,217
Federal				178,854
Unrestricted investment earnings				7,553
Sixteenth section sources				320,180
Other				39,796
Total General Revenues				<u>10,873,399</u>
Change in Net Position				<u>2,441,837</u>
Net Position (Deficit) - Beginning, as previously reported				(4,967,444)
Prior Period Adjustments				<u>1,107</u>
Net Position (Deficit) - Beginning, as restated				<u>(4,966,337)</u>
Net Position (Deficit) - Ending				<u>\$ (2,524,500)</u>

HAZLEHURST CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Governmental Funds

Balance Sheet

Exhibit C

June 30, 2016

	Major Funds					
	General Fund	Title I Fund	Teacher/Principal Training/Recruiting Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds	
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,039,142	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,127,559	\$ 8,166,701	
Cash with fiscal agents	38,339	-	-	1,011,023	1,049,362	
Due from other governments	132,463	374,254	103,760	91,210	701,687	
Due from other funds	563,881	-	-	-	563,881	
Inventories	-	-	-	23,976	23,976	
Total assets	<u>\$ 7,773,825</u>	<u>\$ 374,254</u>	<u>\$ 103,760</u>	<u>\$ 2,253,768</u>	<u>\$ 10,505,607</u>	
Liabilities and Fund Balances						
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 102,479	\$ 643	\$ -	\$ 58	\$ 103,180	
Due to other funds	2,639	373,611	103,760	82,307	562,317	
Unavailable revenue - federal programs	-	-	-	3,848	3,848	
Total Liabilities	<u>105,118</u>	<u>374,254</u>	<u>103,760</u>	<u>86,213</u>	<u>669,345</u>	
Fund Balances:						
Nonspendable:						
Inventory	-	-	-	23,976	23,976	
Permanent fund principal	-	-	-	131,787	131,787	
Restricted:						
Debt service	-	-	-	1,239,861	1,239,861	
Forestry improvement purposes	-	-	-	172,627	172,627	
Grant activities	-	-	-	95,613	95,613	
Ad valorem	50,620	-	-	-	50,620	
Unemployment benefits	-	-	-	26,883	26,883	
Food service	-	-	-	476,808	476,808	
Assigned:						
Activity funds	50,232	-	-	-	50,232	
Unassigned	<u>7,567,855</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,567,855</u>	
Total Fund Balances	<u>7,668,707</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,167,555</u>	<u>9,836,262</u>	
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 7,773,825</u>	<u>\$ 374,254</u>	<u>\$ 103,760</u>	<u>\$ 2,253,768</u>	<u>\$ 10,505,607</u>	

HAZLEHURST CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Governmental Funds**Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2016****Exhibit C-1**

Total fund balances for governmental funds \$ 9,836,262

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of Net Position are different because:

1. Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds:

Land	\$ 25,000	
Buildings	4,621,662	
Building improvements	4,384,975	
Improvements other than buildings	251,500	
Mobile equipment	1,433,245	
Furniture and equipment	757,297	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(5,341,633)</u>	6,132,046

2. 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	(15,242,079)	
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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	2,715,258	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	<u>(2,002,145)</u>	(14,528,966)

3. Long-term liabilities and related accrued interest are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:

QSCB bonds payable	(3,693,000)	
Transportation equipment loans payable	(146,000)	
Compensated absences	(68,249)	
Accrued interest payable	<u>(56,593)</u>	(3,963,842)

Net Position of governmental activities

\$ (2,524,500)

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Governmental Funds

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016**

Exhibit D

	Major Funds				
	General Fund	Title I Fund	Teacher/Principal Training/Recruiting Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:					
Local sources	\$ 3,551,145	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 308,616	\$ 3,859,761
State sources	6,601,708	-	-	431,245	7,032,953
Federal sources	228,395	1,652,238	213,425	1,626,660	3,720,718
Sixteenth section sources	321,541	-	-	26,274	347,815
Total Revenues	10,702,789	1,652,238	213,425	2,392,795	14,961,247
Expenditures:					
Instruction	4,514,182	719,823	-	727,535	5,961,540
Support services	4,201,417	828,709	213,425	504,845	5,748,396
Noninstructional services	-	63,706	-	940,374	1,004,080
Sixteenth section	40,921	-	-	41,327	82,248
Debt service:					
Principal	197,000	-	-	27,937	224,937
Interest	55,623	-	-	34,890	90,513
Other	-	-	-	1,489	1,489
Total Expenditures	9,009,143	1,612,238	213,425	2,278,397	13,113,203
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	1,693,646	40,000	-	114,398	1,848,044
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Payments held by escrow agent	-	-	-	205,989	205,989
Payment to QSCB debt escrow agent	-	-	-	(205,989)	(205,989)
Operating transfers in	76,020	-	-	370,928	446,948
Operating transfers out	(328,736)	(40,000)	-	(78,212)	(446,948)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(252,716)	(40,000)	-	292,716	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,440,930	-	-	407,114	1,848,044
Fund Balances:					
July 1, 2015, as previously reported	6,227,777	-	-	1,755,057	7,982,834
Prior period adjustments	-	-	-	1,107	1,107
July 1, 2015, as restated	6,227,777	-	-	1,756,164	7,983,941
Increase (Decrease) in inventory	-	-	-	4,277	4,277
June 30, 2016	\$ 7,668,707	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,167,555	\$ 9,836,262

HAZLEHURST CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Governmental Funds

**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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds \$ 1,848,044

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

1. 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, these amounts are:

Capital outlay	\$ 438,916	
Depreciation expense	<u>(396,976)</u>	41,940

2. 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 assets sold. (33,677)

3. 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:

Payments of debt principal	224,937	
Accrued interest payable	<u>3,990</u>	228,927

4. Some items reported in the statement of activities relating to the implementation of GASB 68 are not reported in the governmental funds. These activities include:

Recording of pension expense for the current period	(673,082)	
Recording of contributions made subsequent to the measurement date	<u>1,041,363</u>	368,281

5. 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 governmental funds. These activities include:

Change in compensated absences	(15,955)	
Change in inventory	<u>4,277</u>	(11,678)

Change in Net Position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 2,441,837</u>	
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HAZLEHURST CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fiduciary Funds

Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
June 30, 2016

Exhibit E

	Private-Purpose Trust Funds	Agency Funds
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 29,110	\$ 350,298
Other receivables	-	853
Due from other funds	-	2,639
Total Assets	<u>29,110</u>	<u>\$ 353,790</u>
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		\$ 349,587
Due to other funds		4,203
Total Liabilities		<u>\$ 353,790</u>
Net Position		
Reserved for endowments	<u>29,110</u>	
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 29,110</u>	

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Fiduciary Funds

Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

Exhibit F

	Private-Purpose Trust Funds
Additions	
Contributions and donations from private sources	\$ 2,500
Total Additions	<u>2,500</u>
Deductions	
Scholarships awarded	<u>2,500</u>
Total Deductions	<u>2,500</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>-</u>
Net Position	
July 1, 2015	<u>29,110</u>
June 30, 2016	<u><u>\$ 29,110</u></u>

Hazlehurst City School District

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

HAZLEHURST CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to the Financial Statements For Year Ended 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 an "other stand-alone government." The school district is a related organization of, but not a component unit of, the city of Hazlehurst since the governing authority of the city selects a majority of the school district's board but does not have financial accountability for the school district.

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

B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

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

The school district reports the following major governmental funds:

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

Title I Fund - This is a special revenue fund that accounts for federal sources received and expenditures incurred related to the District's Title I Program.

Teacher/Principal Training/Recruiting Fund - This is a special revenue fund that accounts for federal sources received and expenditures incurred related to the District's Title II-A Improving Teacher Quality Program.

All other governmental funds not meeting the criteria established for major funds are presented in the other governmental column of the fund financial statements.

The school district also reports fiduciary funds which focus on net position and changes in net position.

The District's fiduciary funds include the following:

Scholarship Fund - This is a fund used to report a trust arrangement, other than those properly reported elsewhere, in which the principal and income benefit students through the awarding of scholarships.

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

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

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.

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

Permanent Funds - Permanent Funds are used to account for and report resources that are restricted to the extent that only earnings, and not the principal, may be used for purposes that

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support the district's programs.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 city 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

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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 not maintained to account for commitments resulting from approved purchase orders, work orders and contracts.

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

1. Cash, Cash equivalents and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents

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

Investments

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

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

Investments for the district are reported at fair market value.

2. Receivables and payables

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

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

3. Due from Other Governments

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

4. Inventories and Prepaid Items

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

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 nonexpendable portion of the Permanent Fund, if applicable, is classified as restricted assets because the 16th Section Principal fund is not available for use by the district except as provided for under state statute for loans from this fund.

6. Capital Assets

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

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
Buildings	50,000	40 years
Building improvements	25,000	20 years
Improvements other than buildings	25,000	20 years
Mobile equipment	5,000	5-10 years
Furniture and equipment	5,000	3-7 years
Leased property under capital leases	*	*

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

7. Deferred outflows/inflows of resources

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

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 school district has incurred a deferred inflow which is presented as a deferred inflow related to pensions.

See Note 13 for further details.

8. Compensated Absences

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

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

9. Long-term Liabilities and Bond Discounts/Premiums

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

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

10. Pensions

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

11. Fund Balances

Fund balance for governmental funds is reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the 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 a resolution approved by 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 and the Business Manager pursuant to authorization established by the District's approved fund balance policy.

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

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When an expenditure/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.

It is the goal of the District to achieve and maintain an unassigned fund balance in the general fund at fiscal year end of not less than 7% of district maintenance revenues. If the unassigned fund balance at fiscal year end falls below the goal, the District shall develop a restoration plan to achieve and maintain the minimum fund balance.

Note 2 – Cash and Cash Equivalents and Cash with Fiscal Agents

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

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The carrying amount of the school district's deposits with financial institutions reported in the governmental funds and fiduciary funds was \$8,166,701 and \$379,408, respectively.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits. Custodial credit risk is defined as the risk that, in the event of the failure of a financial institution, the district will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The district does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Deposits above FDIC coverage are collateralized by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the name of the Mississippi State Treasurer on behalf of the district. As of June 30, 2016, none of the district's bank balance of \$8,987,363 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

Cash with Fiscal Agents

The carrying amount of school district's cash with fiscal agents held by financial institutions was \$1,049,362.

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Note 3 – Inter-fund Receivables, Payables and Transfers

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

A. Due From/To Other Funds

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General Fund	Title I Fund	\$ 373,611
	Teacher/Principal Training/Recruiting Fund	103,760
	Other Governmental Funds	82,307
	Fiduciary Funds	4,203
Fiduciary funds	General Fund	2,639
Total		<u>\$ 566,520</u>

The primary purpose of the inter-fund receivables and payables was to close out federal program funds as part of routine year-end closing procedures. All inter-fund receivables and payables are expected to be repaid within one year.

B. Inter-fund Transfers

Transfers Out	Transfers In	Amount
General Fund	Other governmental funds	\$ 328,736
Title I Fund	General Fund	40,000
Other governmental funds	General Fund	36,020
	Other governmental funds	42,192
Total		<u>\$ 446,948</u>

Operating transfers were primarily for the following: indirect cost transfers, the transfer of General Funds to debt service funds, and other routine operating transfers.

Note 4 – Restricted Assets

The restricted assets represent the cash balance totaling \$131,787 of the Sixteenth Section Principal Fund (Permanent Fund) which is legally restricted and may not be used for purposes that support the district's programs. In addition, the restricted assets represent the cash with fiscal agent balance totaling \$1,011,023 of the QSCB Debt Service Fund and the cash with fiscal agent balance totaling \$38,339 in the General Fund resulting from payments to a sinking fund for the repayment of the transportation equipment loan.

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Note 5 – Capital Assets

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

	Balance 7/1/2015	Increases	Decreases	Balance 6/30/2016
Governmental Activities:				
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets:</u>				
Land	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000
Total non-depreciable capital assets	25,000	-	-	25,000
<u>Depreciable capital assets:</u>				
Buildings	4,621,662			4,621,662
Building improvements	4,384,975			4,384,975
Improvements other than buildings		251,500		251,500
Mobile equipment	1,770,012		336,767	1,433,245
Furniture and equipment	569,881	187,416		757,297
Total depreciable capital assets	11,346,530	438,916	336,767	11,448,679
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>				
Buildings	2,797,484	49,511		2,846,995
Building improvements	768,003	175,399		943,402
Improvements other than buildings		10,060		10,060
Mobile equipment	1,198,606	78,881	303,090	974,397
Furniture and equipment	483,654	83,125		566,779
Total accumulated depreciation	5,247,747	396,976	303,090	5,341,633
Total depreciable capital assets, net	6,098,783	41,940	33,677	6,107,046
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 6,123,783	\$ 41,940	\$ 33,677	\$ 6,132,046

Depreciation expense was charged to the following governmental functions:

	Amount
Governmental activities:	
Instruction	\$ 61,110
Support services	326,342
Non-instructional	9,524
Total depreciation expense - Governmental activities	\$ 396,976

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. Transportation equipment loans payable	\$ 287,000	\$ -	\$ 141,000	\$ 146,000	\$ 146,000
B. Shortfall notes payable	27,937		27,937	-	-
C. Qualified school construction bonds payable	3,749,000		56,000	3,693,000	56,000
D. Compensated absences payable	52,294	15,955		68,249	3,412
Total	\$ 4,116,231	\$ 15,955	\$ 224,937	\$ 3,907,249	\$ 205,412

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A. Transportation equipment loans payable

Debt currently outstanding is as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Transportation Note, Series 2011	3.98%	6/28/2011	3/31/2017	\$ 804,400	\$ 146,000

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

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2017	\$ 146,000	5,811	151,811

This debt will be retired from the District Maintenance Fund (General Fund).

B. Shortfall notes payable

This debt was paid in full during the fiscal year and retired from the Shortfall Note 2012 Fund.

C. 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
1. QSCB, Series 2009	1.19%	11/24/2009	9/15/2024	\$ 2,865,000	\$ 2,865,000
2. QSCB, Series 2012	5.00%	10/24/2012	10/24/2027	990,000	828,000
Total				\$ 3,855,000	\$ 3,693,000

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

- QSCB, Series 2009 issued on November 24, 2009:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2017	\$ -	34,094	34,094
2018	-	34,094	34,094
2019	-	34,094	34,094
2020	-	34,094	34,094
2021	-	34,094	34,094
2022 – 2025	2,865,000	136,373	3,001,373
Total	\$ 2,865,000	306,843	3,171,843

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This debt will be retired from the Three Mill Note Fund (Debt Service Fund) and Educational Enhancement Building and Buses Fund (Special Revenue Fund).

The School District has pledged a portion of future Educational Enhancement Fund revenues to pay the annual sinking fund payments for the qualified school construction bonds payable. Proceeds of the bonds were used to improve various school facilities. The annual sinking fund payments on the bonds are expected to require 100% of future Educational Enhancement Building and Buses Fund revenues until the final sinking fund payment is made on September 15, 2024.

2. QSCB, Series 2012 issued on October 24, 2012:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2017	\$ 56,000	41,400	97,400
2018	59,000	38,600	97,600
2019	59,000	35,650	94,650
2020	62,000	32,700	94,700
2021	64,000	29,600	93,600
2022 – 2026	362,000	97,150	459,150
2027 – 2028	166,000	12,550	178,550
Total	<u>\$ 828,000</u>	<u>287,650</u>	<u>1,115,650</u>

This debt will be retired from the District Maintenance Fund (General Fund).

Total other loans payments for all issues:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2017	\$ 56,000	75,494	131,494
2018	59,000	72,694	131,694
2019	59,000	69,744	128,744
2020	62,000	66,794	128,794
2021	64,000	63,694	127,694
2022 – 2026	3,227,000	233,523	3,460,523
2027 – 2028	166,000	12,550	178,550
Total	<u>\$ 3,693,000</u>	<u>594,493</u>	<u>4,287,493</u>

D. Compensated absences payable

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

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Note 7 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan Description. The school district contributes to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. PERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Plan provisions and the Board of Trustees' authority to determine contribution rates are established by Miss. Code Ann. Section 25-11-1 et seq., (1972, as amended) and may be amended only by the Mississippi Legislature. PERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report 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 \$1,041,363, \$970,222 and \$1,002,361, 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 \$15,242,079 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,

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2016 net pension liability was 0.098603 percent, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2015. This was an increase of 0.005549 percent 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 \$673,082. At June 30, 2016 the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 431,782	\$
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		940,747
Changes of assumptions	1,313,053	
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	(70,940)	1,061,398
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	1,041,363	
Total	\$ <u>2,715,258</u>	\$ <u>2,002,145</u>

\$1,041,363 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	\$ (351,575)
2018	(241,356)
2019	41,727
2020	222,954

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

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developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

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

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

	<u>1% Decrease (6.75%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (7.75%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (8.75%)</u>
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 20,090,457	\$ 15,242,079	\$ 11,218,832

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 – Sixteenth Section Lands

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

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Year Ending June 30	Amount
2017	\$ 143,179
2018	111,452
2019	77,344
2020	63,358
2021	52,078
2022 – 2026	238,054
2027 – 2031	215,568
2032 – 2036	183,591
2037 – 2041	68,061
2042 – 2046	8,329
Thereafter	2,294
Total	<u>\$ 1,163,308</u>

Note 9 – Prior Period Adjustments

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

Exhibit B - Statement of Activities

Explanation	Amount
To record reimbursement of prior year overpayment	\$ <u>1,107</u>

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

Fund	Explanation	Amount
Other governmental funds	To record reimbursement of prior year overpayment	\$ <u>1,107</u>

Note 10 – Contingencies

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

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

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Note 11 – Risk Management

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

Participation in Public Entity Risk Pool

The school district is a member of the Mississippi School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Trust (MSBAWCT). The trust is a risk-sharing pool; such a pool is frequently referred to as a self-insurance pool. The trust consists of approximately 71 school districts and covers risks of loss arising from injuries to the members' employees. The Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission requires that an indemnity agreement be executed by each member in a workers' compensation self-insurance pool for the purpose of jointly and severally binding the pool and each of the employers comprising the group to meet the workers' compensation obligations of each member. Each member of MSBAWCT contributes quarterly to a fund held in trust by Wells Fargo in Portland, Oregon. The funds in the trust account are used to pay any claim up to \$750,000. For a claim exceeding \$750,000, MSBAWCT has insurance which will pay the excess to the statutory amount required by the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission Act. If total claims during a year were to deplete the trust account, then the member school districts would be required to pay for the deficiencies. The district has not had an additional assessment for excess losses incurred by the pool.

Note 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.

When the stated interest rate on the QSCB results in interest payments that exceed the supplemental interest payments discussed in the preceding paragraph, the school district may apply for a direct cash subsidy payment from the U.S. Treasury which is intended to reduce the stated interest rate to a nominal percentage. These subsidy payments do not include the amount of any supplemental interest paid on a QSCB. For the year ended June 30, 2016, the subsidy payments amounted to \$36,498.

For the QSCB, Series 2009 issued on November 24, 2009, the school district makes equal annual payments into a sinking fund which is used to pay off 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 \$1,011,023. 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	\$ 206,000
2018	206,000
2019	206,000
2020	206,000
2021	206,000
2022 – 2025	824,000
Total	<u>\$ 1,854,000</u>

For the QSCB, Series 2012 issued on October 24, 2012, annual principal and interest payments are due on the anniversary of the date of issuance. The interest component consists of the annual interest that accrues at the per annum interest rate approved in the agreement. The district is, however, eligible for a direct cash subsidy to reimburse a portion of the interest paid on the QSCB.

Note 13 – Effect of Deferred Amounts on Net Position

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$6,979,128) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenses resulting from a deferred outflow from pensions. The \$2,715,258 balance of deferred outflow of resources, at June 30, 2016 will be recognized as an expense and will decrease the unrestricted net position over the next 3 years.

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$6,979,128) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue resulting from a deferred inflow from pensions. The \$2,002,145 balance of deferred inflow of resources, at June 30, 2016 will be recognized as a revenue and will increase the unrestricted net position over the next 4 years.

Note 14 – 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 Hazlehurst City School District evaluated the activity of the district through the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and determined that the following subsequent events has occurred that requires disclosure in the notes to the financial statements:

On December 15, 2016, the school district issued a three mill note in the amount of \$995,000 maturing on December 1, 2021. It will bear an interest rate of 2.0%.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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Required Supplementary Information

Budgetary Comparison Schedule

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	\$ 3,678,547	\$ 3,551,300	\$ 3,551,145	\$ (127,247)	\$ (155)
State sources	6,370,369	6,615,062	6,601,708	244,693	(13,354)
Federal sources	389,958	88,369	228,395	(301,589)	140,026
Sixteenth section sources	401,482	535,741	321,541	134,259	(214,200)
Total Revenues	10,840,356	10,790,472	10,702,789	(49,884)	(87,683)
Expenditures:					
Instruction	5,808,490	4,514,182	4,514,182	1,294,308	-
Support services	4,745,728	4,061,391	4,201,417	684,337	(140,026)
Sixteenth section	31,100	40,921	40,921	(9,821)	-
Debt service:					
Principal	190,000	194,300	197,000	(4,300)	(2,700)
Interest	63,735	58,323	55,623	5,412	2,700
Total Expenditures	10,839,053	8,869,117	9,009,143	1,969,936	(140,026)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	1,303	1,921,355	1,693,646	1,920,052	(227,709)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Operating transfers in	449,656	794,571	76,020	344,915	(718,551)
Operating transfers out	(345,112)	(1,047,287)	(328,736)	(702,175)	718,551
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	104,544	(252,716)	(252,716)	(357,260)	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	105,847	1,668,639	1,440,930	1,562,792	(227,709)
Fund Balances:					
July 1, 2015, as previously reported	6,259,980	6,013,646	6,227,777	(246,334)	214,131
Prior period adjustments	(1,543)	-	-	1,543	-
July 1, 2015, as restated	6,258,437	6,013,646	6,227,777	(244,791)	214,131
June 30, 2016	\$ 6,364,284	\$ 7,682,285	\$ 7,668,707	\$ 1,318,001	\$ (13,578)

HAZLEHURST CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Required Supplementary Information

Budgetary Comparison Schedule

Title I 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	\$ 1,045,819	\$ 1,983,199	\$ 1,652,238	\$ 937,380	\$ (330,961)
Total Revenues	1,045,819	1,983,199	1,652,238	937,380	(330,961)
Expenditures:					
Instruction	332,056	917,729	719,823	(585,673)	197,906
Support services	533,516	858,465	828,709	(324,949)	29,756
Noninstructional services	66,768	63,706	63,706	3,062	-
Total Expenditures	932,340	1,839,900	1,612,238	(907,560)	227,662
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	113,479	143,299	40,000	29,820	(103,299)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Operating transfers out	(113,479)	(61,271)	(40,000)	52,208	21,271
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(113,479)	(61,271)	(40,000)	52,208	21,271
Net Change in Fund Balances	-	82,028	-	82,028	(82,028)
Fund Balances:					
July 1, 2015	-	-	-	-	-
June 30, 2016	\$ -	\$ 82,028	\$ -	\$ 82,028	\$ (82,028)

HAZLEHURST CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Required Supplementary Information

Budgetary Comparison Schedule

Teacher/Principal Training/Recruiting 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	\$ 224,202	\$ 224,202	\$ 213,425	\$ -	\$ (10,777)
Total Revenues	224,202	224,202	213,425	-	(10,777)
Expenditures:					
Instruction	53,951	53,951	-	-	53,951
Support services	160,976	482,748	213,425	(321,772)	269,323
Total Expenditures	214,927	536,699	213,425	(321,772)	323,274
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	9,275	(312,497)	-	(321,772)	312,497
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Operating transfers out	(9,275)	(15,075)		(5,800)	15,075
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(9,275)	(15,075)	-	(5,800)	15,075
Net Change in Fund Balances	-	(327,572)	-	(327,572)	327,572
Fund Balances:					
July 1, 2015	-	-	-	-	-
June 30, 2016	\$ -	\$ (327,572)	\$ -	\$ (327,572)	\$ 327,572

Hazlehurst City School District

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

PERS

Last 10 Fiscal Years*

		2016	2015
District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	\$	15,242,079	12,642,146
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)		0.098603%	0.104152%
District's covered - employee payroll		6,160,140	6,364,197
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered - employee payroll		247.43%	198.64%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability		61.70%	67.21%

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

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

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

Hazlehurst City School District
Schedule of District Contributions
PERS
Last 10 Fiscal Years*

	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,041,363	970,222
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	1,041,363	970,222
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	-
District's covered - employee payroll	6,611,829	6,160,140
Contributions as a percentage of covered - employee payroll	15.75%	15.75%

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

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

NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Hazlehurst City School District

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

Budgetary Comparison Schedules

(1) Basis of Presentation

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

(2) Budget Amendments and Revisions

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

Pension Schedules

(1) Changes of benefit terms

None.

(2) Changes of assumptions

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

Hazlehurst City School District**Schedule 1**

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
Number

Federal
Expenditures

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education:

Child Nutrition Cluster:

School Breakfast Program	10.553	\$ 275,010
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National School Lunch Program	10.555	831,024
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Total Child Nutrition Cluster		1,106,034
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Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	1,774
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Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education		1,107,808
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Total U. S. Department of Agriculture		1,107,808
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Direct Program:

Reserve Officers' Training Corps	12.xxx	49,541
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Total U. S. Department of Defense		49,541
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Passed-through Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services:

Rehabilitation Services - Vocational Rehabilitation Grants to States	84.126	84
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Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services		84
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Passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education:

Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	1,725,963
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Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048	30,534
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Education of Homeless Children and Youth	84.196	831
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Supporting Effective Instruction State Grant	84.367	213,425
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Subtotal		1,970,753
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Special Education Cluster:

Special Education - Grants to States	84.027	410,931
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Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173	2,855
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Total Special Education Cluster		413,786
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Total passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education		2,384,539
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Total U. S. Department of Education		2,384,623
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TOTAL FOR ALL FEDERAL AWARDS		\$ 3,541,972
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The notes to the supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

Hazlehurst City School District**Schedule 2**

Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures - Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

Expenditures	Total	Instruction and Other Student	General	School	Other
		Instructional Expenditures	Administration	Administration	
Salaries and fringe benefits	\$ 9,223,459	6,200,676	844,265	662,282	1,516,236
Other	3,889,744	1,371,062	318,476	15,550	2,184,656
Total	\$ 13,113,203	7,571,738	1,162,741	677,832	3,700,892
Total number of students *	1,332				
Cost per student	\$ 9,845	5,685	873	509	2,778

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hazlehurst City School District

Notes to the Supplementary Information For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

(1) Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

- a. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of the school district and is presented on the same basis of accounting and the same significant accounting policies, as applicable, as those used for the financial statements; however, the expenditures include transfers out. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Such expenditures are recognized following, as applicable, either the cost principles in OMB Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments, or the cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the school district, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the school district.
- b. The pass-through entities did not assign identifying numbers to the school district.
- c. The school district did not elect to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate.
- d. Donated commodities of \$67,804 are included in the National School Lunch Program.

(2) Schedule of Instructional Administrative and Other Expenditures - Governmental Funds

- a. This schedule is presented on the same basis of accounting and the same significant accounting policies, as applicable, as those used for the financial statements.

OTHER INFORMATION

HAZLEHURST CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**"UNAUDITED"**

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

General Fund

Last Four Years

	2016	2015*	2014*	2013*
Revenues:				
Local sources	\$ 3,551,145	3,355,066	3,618,206	3,020,893
State sources	6,601,708	6,224,270	6,275,704	5,981,924
Federal sources	228,395	118,098	191,328	36,259
Sixteenth section sources	321,541	538,028		
Total Revenues	<u>10,702,789</u>	<u>10,235,462</u>	<u>10,085,238</u>	<u>9,039,076</u>
Expenditures:				
Instruction	4,514,182	4,736,522	4,906,969	4,952,482
Support services	4,201,417	3,429,957	3,882,939	3,626,869
Sixteenth section	40,921	16,368		
Debt service:				
Principal	197,000	190,000	183,000	128,000
Other	55,623	63,735	71,549	27,144
Total Expenditures	<u>9,009,143</u>	<u>8,436,582</u>	<u>9,044,457</u>	<u>8,734,495</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>1,693,646</u>	<u>1,798,880</u>	<u>1,040,781</u>	<u>304,581</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Notes issued				81,641
Operating transfers in	76,020	49,128	143,982	262,505
Operating transfers out	(328,736)	(30,117)	(103,499)	(552,528)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(252,716)</u>	<u>19,011</u>	<u>40,483</u>	<u>(208,382)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>1,440,930</u>	<u>1,817,891</u>	<u>1,081,264</u>	<u>96,199</u>
Fund Balances:				
July 1, as previously reported	6,227,777	3,437,768	2,368,586	2,317,910
Fund reclassification		972,290		
Prior period adjustment		(172)	(12,082)	(45,523)
July 1, as restated	<u>6,227,777</u>	<u>4,409,886</u>	<u>2,356,504</u>	<u>2,272,387</u>
June 30,	\$ <u><u>7,668,707</u></u>	<u><u>6,227,777</u></u>	<u><u>3,437,768</u></u>	<u><u>2,368,586</u></u>

*SOURCE - PRIOR YEAR AUDIT REPORTS

HAZLEHURST CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**"UNAUDITED"**

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

All Governmental Funds

Last Four Years

	2016	2015*	2014*	2013*
Revenues:				
Local sources	\$ 3,859,761	3,608,497	3,863,324	3,250,236
State sources	7,032,953	6,861,108	6,830,723	6,598,283
Federal sources	3,720,718	2,416,947	3,716,689	5,065,398
Sixteenth section sources	347,815	576,146	527,453	467,300
Total Revenues	<u>14,961,247</u>	<u>13,462,698</u>	<u>14,938,189</u>	<u>15,381,217</u>
Expenditures:				
Instruction	5,961,540	5,582,364	6,152,202	7,017,512
Support services	5,748,396	4,336,681	5,580,012	6,078,939
Noninstructional services	1,004,080	946,900	988,948	967,080
Sixteenth section	82,248	70,033	68,954	147,009
Facilities acquisition and construction			105,052	1,741,066
Debt service:				
Principal	224,937	246,231	237,472	154,963
Interest	90,513	100,395	109,968	64,386
Other	1,489		1,432	
Total Expenditures	<u>13,113,203</u>	<u>11,282,604</u>	<u>13,244,040</u>	<u>16,170,955</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>1,848,044</u>	<u>2,180,094</u>	<u>1,694,149</u>	<u>(789,738)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Bonds and notes issued				1,071,641
Payment held by QSCB escrow agent	205,989	189,989	189,986	161,990
Payment to QSCB debt escrow agent	(205,989)	(189,989)	(189,986)	(161,990)
Operating transfers in	446,948	108,979	377,573	949,043
Operating transfers out	(446,948)	(108,979)	(377,573)	(949,043)
Other financing uses		(9,589)	(11,782)	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>0</u>	<u>(9,589)</u>	<u>(11,782)</u>	<u>1,071,641</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,848,044	2,170,505	1,682,367	281,903
Fund Balances:				
July 1, as previously reported	7,982,834	5,809,845	4,142,028	3,912,745
Prior period adjustment	1,107	(172)	(14,812)	(48,459)
July 1, as restated	<u>7,983,941</u>	<u>5,809,673</u>	<u>4,127,216</u>	<u>3,864,286</u>
Increase (Decrease) in inventory	4,277	2,656	262	(4,161)
June 30,	<u>\$ 9,836,262</u>	<u>7,982,834</u>	<u>5,809,845</u>	<u>4,142,028</u>

*SOURCE - PRIOR YEAR AUDIT REPORTS

REPORTS ON INTERNAL CONTROLS AND COMPLIANCE

FORTENBERRY & BALLARD, PC
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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

Superintendent and School Board
Hazlehurst City School District

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Hazlehurst City School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Hazlehurst City School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated July 11, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

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Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

FORTENBERRY & BALLARD, PC

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC
July 11, 2017

Certified Public Accountants

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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

Superintendent and School Board
Hazlehurst City School District

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Hazlehurst City 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 Hazlehurst City School District's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2016. The Hazlehurst City School District's major federal program is identified in the summary of the auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of Hazlehurst City School District's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the school district's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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

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Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed instances of noncompliance, which are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2016-001 and 2016-002. Our opinion on its federal program is not modified with respect to this matter.

Hazlehurst City School District's responses to the noncompliance findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying auditee's corrective action plan. Hazlehurst City School District's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the Hazlehurst City School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered Hazlehurst City 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 Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the school district's internal control over compliance.

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

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We

did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as 2016-001 and 2016-002, that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Hazlehurst City School District's responses to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying auditee's corrective action plan. Hazlehurst City School District's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

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

FORTENBERRY & BALLARD, PC

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC
July 11, 2017

Certified Public Accountants

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

FORTENBERRY & BALLARD, PC
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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

Superintendent and School Board
Hazlehurst City School District

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Hazlehurst City School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, which collectively comprise the Hazlehurst City School District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated July 11, 2017. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

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

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

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

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

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

The results of procedures performed to test compliance with certain other state laws and regulations and our audit of the financial statements disclosed the following immaterial instances of noncompliance with other state laws and regulations. Our findings and recommendations and your responses are as follows:

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Finding 1

Criteria:

Section 29-3-121, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) provides, “it shall be the duty of the Superintendent of each school district to make or cause to be made annual lists of the children enrolled in the schools of such district and who reside in such district, which lists shall be based upon the end of the first month enrollment required to be reported to the State Department of Education for the then current school year. The lists shall be made separately as to the townships in which such children reside. Such lists shall be filed by the Superintendent of the custodial school district on or before December 31 of each year, and the lists shall be used in making the division of the available funds of each township during the ensuing calendar year.”

Condition:

During our test of sixteenth section revenue, we noted that educable child list was not sent by December 31.

Cause:

The cause of the above condition is primarily due to management not prioritizing adherence with state compliance.

Effect:

Noncompliance with Section 29-3-121, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), could result in the District not receiving their pro rata share of sixteenth section revenue from other school districts or having to repay other districts.

Recommendation:

We recommend that the District implement policies and procedures to ensure all lists are prepared and sent to appropriate school districts by December 31 of each year, in accordance with Section 29-3-121, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

Response:

The District will implement procedures to ensure all lists are prepared and sent to appropriate school districts by December 31 of each year, in accordance with Section 29-3-121, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

Finding 2

Criteria:

The Mississippi Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) requires, under the re-employment provisions of Section 25-11-127, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), school districts hiring PERS service retirees to file PERS Form 4B “Certification/Acknowledgment of Re-employment of Retiree” with the PERS office within five days from the date of employment of the retiree and within five days of termination of employment.

Condition:

The District did not file PERS Form 4B within five days of re-employment.

Cause:

This causes the district to be in noncompliance with Section 25-11-127, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

Effect:

The retirees' retirement income could be affected by the district not filing PERS Form 4B upon re-employment of PERS service retirees each year. In addition, the Mississippi Public Employees Retirement System may assess a penalty per occurrence payable by the district for not filing PERS Form 4B within five days of re-employment and within five days of termination of the service retiree.

Recommendation:

We recommend the district implement procedures to ensure that the district files PERS Form 4B "Certification/Acknowledgment of Re-employment of Retiree" for all retirees rehired by the school district within five days of the employment and within five days of termination.

Response:

The district will implement procedures to ensure that the district files PERS Form 4B "Certification/Acknowledgment of Re-employment of Retiree" for all retirees rehired by the school district within five days of the employment and within five days of termination.

Finding 3

Criteria:

Section 27-105-5, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) requires a public depositor to file an annual report with the State Treasurer that contains the name of the public depositor, its tax identification number and provide a list of all bank accounts that held by that depositor within 30 days of fiscal year end. The public depositor is also required to review the information on quarterly reports received by the public depositor from the State Treasurer to ensure that the information regarding accounts held by the public depositor are being correctly reported to the State Treasurer Office.

Condition:

Per our audit procedures performed we noted no evidence that the annual report to be submitted to the State Treasurer's Office was prepared or that anyone was reviewing the accuracy of quarterly reports received from the State Treasurer's office.

Cause:

The cause of the above condition is primarily due to management not prioritizing adherence with state compliance.

Effect:

The district was not in compliance with the Section 27-105-5, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

Recommendation:

We recommend the district comply with Section 27-105-5, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) which requires a public depositor to file an annual report with the State Treasurer that contains the name of the public depositor, its tax identification number and provide a list of all bank accounts that are held by that depositor within 30 days of fiscal year end. District personnel should also

review the information on quarterly reports received by the public depositor from the State Treasurer to ensure that the information regarding accounts held by the public depositor are being correctly reported to the State Treasurer Office.

Response:

The District will comply with Section 27-105-5, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), which requires a public depositor to file an annual report with the State Treasurer that contains the name of the public depositor, its tax identification number and provide a list of all bank accounts that are held by that depositor within 30 days of fiscal year end. District personnel will review the information on quarterly reports received by the public depositor from the State Treasurer to ensure that the information regarding accounts held by the public depositor are being correctly reported to the State Treasurer's Office.

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

The Hazlehurst City School District's responses to the findings included in this report were not audited and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

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

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC
July 11, 2017

Certified Public Accountants

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Hazlehurst City School District

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

Section I: Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements:

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

Federal Awards:

4. Internal control over major programs:
 - a. Material weakness(es) identified? No.
 - b. Significant deficiency(ies) identified? Yes.
5. Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: Unmodified.
6. Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? Yes.
7. Identification of major programs:

<u>CFDA Numbers</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
84.010	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies

8. Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$750,000.
9. Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? No.

Section II: Financial Statement Findings

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

Section III: Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

The results of our tests disclosed the following finding and questioned cost related to the federal awards.

Significant Deficiencies and Noncompliance

Finding 2016-001

Program: Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies
CFDA# 84.010

Compliance requirement: Allowable Cost/Cost Principles

Criteria:

Management is responsible for establishing a proper internal control system to ensure proper financial accountability and safeguarding of the federal program assets.

Condition:

During the course of our audit, we noted a couple of areas of the budget where expenditures exceeded the budgeted amount in excess of the 10% allowable costs.

Context:

We noted two areas of the budget where expenditures exceeded the budgeted in the amount of \$8,367.

Questioned Costs:

None.

Effect:

As a result, the school district is not in compliance with the federal regulations and could result in repaying the Mississippi Department of Education for excess funds received during the year.

Whether sampling was statically valid:

No.

Repeat Finding:

No.

Cause:

Controls were not in place to ensure the carryover amount did not exceed the 10% allowable costs.

Recommendation:

The school district must develop policies and procedures, which strengthen its internal controls over cash management to ensure federal funds are not drawn down in excess of the local education agencies immediate cash needs.

View of responsible officials:

The Business Manager and Federal Programs Coordinator will develop policies and procedures to strengthen internal controls over cash management and ensure proper financial accountability and the safeguarding of federal assets. The Business Manager will monitor the awarded federal budget on a monthly basis and meet with the Federal Programs Coordinator to ensure that expenditures do not exceed the approved budgeted amount.

Finding 2016-002

Program: Supporting Effective State Instruction Grant
CFDA# 84.367

Compliance requirement: Matching, Level of Effect, Earmarking

Criteria:

The school district should calculate student teacher ratios to ensure federal funds are used to supplement and not supplant state and local funds when funding teacher salaries.

Condition:

Per Mississippi State Department of Education monitoring report, the Hazlehurst City School District used federal funds to supplant state and local funds when funding teacher salaries.

Context:

Mississippi State Department of Education review of the local education agency student teacher ratios revealed federal funds were used to supplant state and local funds when funding teacher salaries.

Questioned Costs:

\$64,604

Effect:

Per Mississippi Department of Education monitoring report, the school district incurred in question costs that will have to be remitted to the Mississippi Department of Education and payable to the MS State Treasury for the amounts mentioned above.

Whether sampling was statically valid:

No.

Repeat Finding:

No.

Cause:

Lack of policies and procedures for calculating student teacher ratios.

Recommendation:

The Hazlehurst City School District must develop policies and procedures for calculating student teacher ratios to ensure federal funds are used to supplement and not supplant state and local funds when funding teacher salaries.

View of responsible officials:

The Hazlehurst City School District will develop policies and procedures for calculating student teacher ratios to ensure federal funds are used to supplement and not supplant state and local funds when funding teacher salaries.

AUDITEE'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN



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May 31, 2017

AUDITEE'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

As required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (UG), the Hazlehurst City School District has prepared and hereby submits the following corrective action plan for the findings included in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Cost for the year ended June 30, 2016:

<u>Finding</u>	<u>Corrective Action Plan Details</u>
2016-001	<p>a. Name of Contact Person Responsible for Corrective Action</p> <p>Name: Sherry Terry and Dr. Kelsey Blumenberg Phone Number: 601-574-2764</p> <p>b. Corrective Action Planned: The Business Manager and Federal Programs Coordinator will develop policies and procedures to strengthen internal controls over cash management and ensure proper financial accountability and the safeguarding of federal assets. The Business Manager will monitor the awarded federal budget on a monthly basis and meet with the Federal Programs Coordinator to ensure that expenditures do not exceed the approved budgeted amount.</p> <p>c. Anticipated Completion Date: June 30, 2017</p>



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<u>Finding</u>	<u>Corrective Action Plan Details</u>
2016-002	<p>a. Name of Contact Person Responsible for Corrective Action</p> <p>Name: Sherry Terry and Dr. Kelsey Blumenberg Phone Number: 601-574-2764</p> <p>b. Corrective Action Planned: The Business Manager and Federal Programs Coordinator will develop policies and procedures for calculating student teacher ratios to ensure federal funds are used to supplement and not supplant state and local funds when funding teacher salaries. The Business Manager will calculate student teacher ratios as stated in the Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards Act during the budgeting process of each fiscal year to insure that salaries paid for Class Size Reduction Teacher are to supplement and not supplant.</p> <p>c. Anticipated Completion Date: July 30, 2017</p>