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**COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Audited Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Superintendent and School Board  
Columbus Municipal School District

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

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Columbus Municipal School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Columbus Municipal School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

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

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

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

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

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

### ***Opinions***

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Columbus Municipal School District, as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## ***Other Matters***

### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, schedule of the district's proportionate share of the net pension liability and schedule of district contributions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. I have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### ***Other Information***

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

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by *Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* and the Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures for Governmental Funds are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In my opinion, the accompanying supplementary information mentioned above is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated February 26, 2018, on my consideration of the Columbus Municipal School District's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Columbus Municipal School District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Columbus Municipal School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

***Charles L Shivers***

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February 26, 2018

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

The following discussion and analysis of Columbus Municipal School District's financial performance provides an overview of the School District's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2017. 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 2017 decreased \$5,352,489, including a prior period adjustment of \$350,723, which represents a 51% decrease from fiscal year 2016. Total net position for 2016 decreased \$3,794,245, including a prior period adjustment of \$25,455, which represents a 56% decrease from fiscal year 2015.
- General revenues amounted to \$32,565,831 and \$34,114,859, or 78% and 77% of all revenues for fiscal years 2017 and 2016, respectively. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and grants and contributions accounted for \$9,363,890, or 22% of total revenues for 2017, and \$9,982,531, or 23% of total revenues for 2016.
- The District had \$47,632,933 and \$47,917,090 in expenses for fiscal years 2017 and 2016; only \$9,363,890 for 2017 and \$9,982,531 for 2016 of these expenses was offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions. General revenues of \$32,565,831 for 2017 and \$34,114,859 for 2016 were not adequate to provide for these programs.
- Among major funds, the General Fund had \$30,425,605 in revenues and \$30,390,876 in expenditures for 2017, and \$31,315,711 in revenues and \$32,243,592 in expenditures in 2016. The General Fund's fund balance decreased by \$705,542 from 2016 to 2017, and decreased by \$65,415 from 2015 to 2016, including a prior period adjustment of \$54,708.
- Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, decreased by \$126,499 for 2017 and increased by \$556,606 for 2016. The decrease for 2017 was due to the disposal of land, buildings, improvements other than buildings, and furniture and equipment, coupled with the increase in accumulated depreciation.
- Long-term debt decreased by \$2,143,883 for 2017 and decreased by \$1,163,599 for 2016. The decrease for 2017 was due primarily to principal payments on outstanding long-term debt. The liability for compensated absences increased by \$11,359 for 2017 and decreased by \$27,125 for 2016.

## OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

### Government-wide Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

## **Fund Financial Statements**

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

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

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

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

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

## **Reconciliation of Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements**

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

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

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

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

A net pension liability results in a liability on the government-wide financial statements but is not reported on governmental funds financial statements.

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

## **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 \$15,932,078 as of June 30, 2017.

The District's financial position is a product of several financial transactions including the net result of activities, the 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, 2017 and June 30, 2016.

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

	<b>June 30, 2017</b>	<b>June 30, 2016</b>	<b>Percentage Change</b>
Current assets	\$ 8,410,460	\$ 9,380,395	(10.34) %
Restricted assets	4,520,015	5,733,983	(21.17) %
Capital assets, net	46,232,626	46,359,125	(0.27) %
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>59,163,101</b>	<b>61,473,503</b>	<b>(3.76) %</b>
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>	<b>9,728,433</b>	<b>7,537,040</b>	<b>29.07 %</b>
Current liabilities	3,652,087	3,943,753	(7.40) %
Long-term debt outstanding	20,079,047	22,222,930	(9.65) %
Net pension liability	59,607,867	52,199,905	14.19 %
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>83,339,001</b>	<b>78,366,588</b>	<b>6.35 %</b>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>1,484,611</b>	<b>1,223,544</b>	<b>21.34 %</b>
<b>Net position:</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	26,917,043	24,991,603	7.70 %
Restricted	3,123,906	4,212,302	(25.84) %
Unrestricted	(45,973,027)	(39,783,494)	(15.56) %
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ (15,932,078)</b>	<b>\$ (10,579,589)</b>	<b>(50.59) %</b>

Additional information on unrestricted net position:

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

Total unrestricted net position (deficit)	\$ (45,973,027)
Less unrestricted deficit in net position resulting from recognition of the net pension liability, including the deferred outflows and deferred inflows related to pensions	51,364,045
Unrestricted net position, exclusive of the net pension liability effect	<u>\$ 5,391,018</u>

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

- Decrease in net capital assets in the amount of \$126,499.
- The principal retirement of \$2,155,242 of long-term debt.

### Changes in net position

The District's total revenues for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016 were \$41,929,721 and \$44,097,390, respectively. The total cost of all programs and services was \$47,632,933 for 2017 and \$47,917,090 for 2016.

Table 2 presents a summary of the changes in net position for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016.

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

	<b>Year Ended June 30, 2017</b>	<b>Year Ended June 30, 2016</b>	<b>Percentage Change</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 290,907	\$ 348,968	(16.64) %
Operating grants and contributions	9,072,983	9,633,563	(5.82) %
General revenues:			
Property taxes	12,407,362	12,508,240	(0.81) %
Grants and contributions not restricted	19,856,687	21,216,473	(6.41) %
Investment earnings	11,125	76,076	(85.38) %
Sixteenth section sources	31,735	26,540	19.57 %
Other	258,922	287,530	(9.95) %
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u><b>41,929,721</b></u>	<u><b>44,097,390</b></u>	<b>(4.92) %</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Instruction	19,951,383	21,269,811	(6.20) %
Support services	14,821,731	15,733,840	(5.80) %
Non-instructional	3,269,722	2,644,078	23.66 %
Pension expense	8,890,081	7,511,209	18.36 %
Interest on long-term liabilities	700,016	758,152	(7.67) %
<b>Total expenses</b>	<u><b>47,632,933</b></u>	<u><b>47,917,090</b></u>	<b>(0.59) %</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in net position</b>	<u><b>(5,703,212)</b></u>	<u><b>(3,819,700)</b></u>	<b>(49.31) %</b>
<b>Net Position, July 1, as previously reported</b>	<u><b>(10,579,589)</b></u>	<u><b>(6,785,344)</b></u>	<b>(55.92) %</b>
<b>Prior Period Adjustment</b>	<u><b>350,723</b></u>	<u><b>25,455</b></u>	<b>1,277.82 %</b>
<b>Net Position, July 1, as restated</b>	<u><b>(10,228,866)</b></u>	<u><b>(6,759,889)</b></u>	<b>(51.32) %</b>
<b>Net Position, June 30</b>	<u><b>\$ (15,932,078)</b></u>	<u><b>\$ (10,579,589)</b></u>	<b>(50.59) %</b>

### Governmental activities

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



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

	<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>Percentage Change</b>
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	
Instruction	\$ 19,951,383	\$ 21,269,811	(6.20) %
Support services	14,821,731	15,733,840	(5.80) %
Non-instructional	3,269,722	2,644,078	23.66 %
Pension Expense	8,890,081	7,511,209	18.36 %
Interest on long-term liabilities	700,016	758,152	(7.67) %
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 47,632,933</b>	<b>\$ 47,917,090</b>	<b>(0.59) %</b>

	<b>Net (Expense) Revenue</b>		<b>Percentage Change</b>
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	
Instruction	\$ (15,909,235)	\$ (17,002,933)	(6.43) %
Support services	(13,252,269)	(13,914,235)	(4.76) %
Non-instructional	482,558	1,251,970	(61.46) %
Pension Expense	(8,890,081)	(7,511,209)	18.36 %
Interest on long-term liabilities	(700,016)	(758,152)	(7.67) %
<b>Total net (expense) revenue</b>	<b>\$ (38,269,043)</b>	<b>\$ (37,934,559)</b>	<b>0.88 %</b>

- Net cost of governmental activities (\$38,269,043 for 2017 and \$37,934,559 for 2016) was financed by general revenue, which is primarily made up of property taxes (\$12,407,362 for 2017 and \$12,508,240 for 2016) and state and federal revenues (\$19,856,687 for 2017 and \$21,216,473 for 2016). In addition, there was \$31,735 and \$26,540 in Sixteenth Section sources for 2017 and 2016, respectively.
- Investment earnings amounted to \$11,125 for 2017 and \$76,076 for 2016.

## FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

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

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

The financial performance of the District as a whole is reflected in its governmental funds. As the District completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$10,450,881, a decrease of \$1,803,723, which includes a prior period adjustment of (\$6,454) and an increase in inventory of \$1,093. \$6,080,168, or 58% 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 \$4,370,713, or 42% is either nonspendable, restricted, committed or assigned to indicate that it is not available for spending except only for the purposes to which it is restricted, committed or assigned.

The General Fund is the principal operating fund of the District. The decrease in fund balance in the General Fund for the fiscal year was \$705,542. The fund balance of Other Governmental Funds showed a decrease in the amount of \$365,819, which includes a prior period adjustment of (\$6,454). The increase (decrease) in the fund balances for the other major funds were as follows:

<u>Major Fund</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
School Food Service Fund	\$ (1,090,739)
Title I, Part A 2017 Fund	no increase or decrease
QZAB Loan Fund	\$ 358,377

## 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 made during the fiscal 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, 2017, the District's total capital assets were \$73,004,489, including land, school buildings, building improvements and other improvements, buses, other school vehicles, and furniture and equipment. This amount represents a gross decrease of \$833,644 from 2016. Total accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2017, was \$26,771,863, and total depreciation expense for the year was \$1,644,576, resulting in total net capital assets of \$46,232,626.

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

	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016	Percentage Change
Land	\$ 3,210,988	\$ 3,267,436	(1.73) %
Construction in Progress	0	1,454,949	(100.00) %
Buildings	38,131,549	39,246,191	(2.84) %
Building improvements	1,498,821	0	N/A
Improvements other than buildings	1,419,117	387,808	265.93 %
Mobile equipment	1,622,415	1,620,053	0.15 %
Furniture and equipment	349,736	382,688	(8.61) %
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 46,232,626</b>	<b>\$ 46,359,125</b>	<b>(0.27) %</b>

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

**Debt Administration.** At June 30, 2017, the District had \$20,079,047 in outstanding long-term debt, of which \$2,168,831 is due within one year. During the fiscal year, the District made principal payments totaling \$2,155,242 on outstanding long-term debt. The liability for compensated absences increased \$11,359 from the prior year.

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

	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016	Percentage Change
General obligation bonds payable	\$ 14,000,000	\$ 15,525,000	(9.82) %
Three mill notes payable	835,000	1,260,000	(33.73) %
Obligations under capital leases	508,284	713,526	(28.76) %
Qualified zone academy bonds payable	1,480,583	1,480,583	0 %
Qualified school construction bonds payable	3,000,000	3,000,000	0 %
Compensated absences payable	255,180	243,821	4.66 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 20,079,047</b>	<b>\$ 22,222,930</b>	<b>(9.65) %</b>

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

## CURRENT ISSUES

The Columbus Municipal 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 Columbus Municipal School District, P.O. Box 1308, Columbus, MS 39703.

## BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2017

Exhibit A

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,005,459
Due from other governments	1,388,533
Inventories	16,468
Restricted assets (Note 4)	4,520,015
Non-depreciable capital assets (Note 5)	3,210,988
Depreciable capital assets, net (Note 5)	43,021,638
Total Assets	<u>59,163,101</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Deferred outflow - pensions (Note 7)	9,728,433
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>9,728,433</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	2,478,194
Interest payable on long-term liabilities	1,172,493
Other payables	1,400
Long-term liabilities (Due within one year) (Note 6)	
Capital related liabilities	1,950,000
Non-capital related liabilities	218,831
Long-term liabilities (Due beyond one year) (Note 6)	
Capital related liabilities	17,365,583
Non-capital related liabilities	544,633
Net pension liability (Note 7)	59,607,867
Total Liabilities	<u>83,339,001</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Deferred inflows - pensions (Note 7)	1,484,611
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>1,484,611</u>
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	26,917,043
Restricted net position	
Expendable	
School-based activities	1,518,832
Debt service	1,432,181
Unemployment benefits	172,893
Unrestricted	<u>(45,973,027)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (15,932,078)</u>

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

COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Exhibit B

Functions / Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Position
				Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities				
Instruction	\$ 19,951,383	188,748	3,853,400	(15,909,235)
Support services	14,821,731	13,995	1,555,467	(13,252,269)
Non-instructional	3,269,722	88,164	3,664,116	482,558
Pension expense	8,890,081			(8,890,081)
Interest on long-term liabilities	700,016			(700,016)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>47,632,933</u>	<u>290,907</u>	<u>9,072,983</u>	<u>(38,269,043)</u>
General Revenues				
Taxes				
General purpose levies 10,879,754				
Debt purpose levies 1,527,608				
Unrestricted grants and contributions				
State 19,254,699				
Federal 601,988				
Unrestricted investment earnings 11,125				
Sixteenth section sources 31,735				
Other 258,922				
Total General Revenues <u>32,565,831</u>				
Changes in Net Position <u>(5,703,212)</u>				
Net Position - Beginning, as previously reported (10,579,589)				
Prior Period Adjustments (Note 9) 350,723				
Net Position - Beginning - as restated <u>(10,228,866)</u>				
Net Position - Ending \$ (15,932,078)				

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

COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds  
June 30, 2017

Exhibit C

	<u>Major Funds</u>					
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>School Food Service Fund</u>	<u>Title I, Part A 2017 Fund</u>	<u>QZAB Loan Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Assets</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 7,005,459	1,443,093		110,335	713,825	9,272,712
Cash with fiscal agent (Note 2)				265,233		265,233
Investments (Note 2)				1,833,888	153,641	1,987,529
Due from other governments	425,733		450,481	8,231	504,088	1,388,533
Due from other funds (Note 3)	615,104					615,104
Inventories		16,468				16,468
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>8,046,296</u>	<u>1,459,561</u>	<u>450,481</u>	<u>2,217,687</u>	<u>1,371,554</u>	<u>13,545,579</u>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>						
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	1,891,840	169,771	195,386		221,197	2,478,194
Due to other funds (Note 3)			255,095		360,009	615,104
Other payables					1,400	1,400
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>1,891,840</u>	<u>169,771</u>	<u>450,481</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>582,606</u>	<u>3,094,698</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>						
<b>Nonspendable</b>						
Inventory		16,468				16,468
<b>Restricted</b>						
Debt service				2,217,687	386,987	2,604,674
Unemployment benefits					172,893	172,893
Grant activities		1,273,322			229,042	1,502,364
<b>Assigned</b>						
School activities	74,288					74,288
Capital improvements					26	26
<b>Unassigned</b>	6,080,168					6,080,168
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<u>6,154,456</u>	<u>1,289,790</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,217,687</u>	<u>788,948</u>	<u>10,450,881</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<u>\$ 8,046,296</u>	<u>1,459,561</u>	<u>450,481</u>	<u>2,217,687</u>	<u>1,371,554</u>	<u>13,545,579</u>

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

COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2017

Exhibit C-1

		<u>Amount</u>
Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds		\$ 10,450,881
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds:		
Land	3,210,988	
Buildings	58,278,320	
Building Improvements	1,561,272	
Improvement other than buildings	1,922,163	
Mobile equipment	5,990,287	
Furniture and equipment	2,041,459	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(26,771,863)</u>	46,232,626
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		(59,607,867)
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	9,728,433	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	<u>(1,484,611)</u>	8,243,822
Long-term liabilities and related accrued interest are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:		
General obligation bonds	(14,000,000)	
Qualified zone academy bonds	(1,480,583)	
Qualified school construction bonds	(3,000,000)	
Three mile notes	(835,000)	
Capital lease obligations	(508,284)	
Compensated absences	(255,180)	
Accrued interest payable	<u>(1,172,493)</u>	<u>(21,251,540)</u>
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities		<u>\$ (15,932,078)</u>

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



## COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Exhibit D

	Major Funds					
	General Fund	School Food Service Fund	Title I, Part A 2017 Fund	QZAB Loan Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues						
Local sources	\$ 11,245,015	82,691		364,215	1,159,177	12,851,098
State sources	18,546,868	29,336			1,716,146	20,292,350
Federal sources	601,988	3,490,172	2,574,305		1,972,140	8,638,605
Sixteenth section sources	31,734					31,734
Total Revenues	30,425,605	3,602,199	2,574,305	364,215	4,847,463	41,813,787
Expenditures						
Instruction	16,414,458		1,693,614		2,670,977	20,779,049
Support services	13,249,484	3,169	783,109		783,838	14,819,600
Noninstructional services	9,873	3,444,023	47,582		77,582	3,579,060
Facilities acquisition and construction	501,331	929,000			251,360	1,681,691
Debt service						
Principal (Note 6)	205,242				1,950,000	2,155,242
Interest	10,488				585,987	596,475
Other				5,838	9,189	15,027
Total Expenditures	30,390,876	4,376,192	2,524,305	5,838	6,328,933	43,626,144
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	34,729	(773,993)	50,000	358,377	(1,481,470)	(1,812,357)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Insurance loss recoveries (Note 14)	13,995					13,995
Operating transfers in (Note 3)	478,836				1,421,388	1,900,224
Operating transfers out (Note 3)	(1,233,102)	(317,839)	(50,000)		(299,283)	(1,900,224)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(740,271)	(317,839)	(50,000)	0	1,122,105	13,995
Net Change in Fund Balances	(705,542)	(1,091,832)	0	358,377	(359,365)	(1,798,362)
Fund Balances						
July 1, 2016, as previously reported	6,859,998	2,380,529	0	1,859,310	1,154,767	12,254,604
Prior period adjustments (Note 9)					(6,454)	(6,454)
July 1, 2016, as restated	6,859,998	2,380,529	0	1,859,310	1,148,313	12,248,150
Increase in reserve for inventory		1,093				1,093
June 30, 2017	\$ 6,154,456	1,289,790	0	2,217,687	788,948	10,450,881

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

COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures  
and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Exhibit D-1

	<u>Amount</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	\$ (1,798,362)

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

Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. In the current period, those amounts are:

Capital outlay	1,768,349	
Depreciation expense	<u>(1,644,576)</u>	123,773

In the Statement of Activities, only the gain/loss on the sale of assets is reported, while in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the sale increases financial resources. Thus, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balance by the cost of the asset sold.

(607,449)

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	2,155,242	
Accrued interest payable	<u>(88,514)</u>	2,066,728

Reconciling items applicable to pension liability and related accounts:

Pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement date	3,310,506	
Pension expense for the current year	<u>(8,890,081)</u>	(5,579,575)

Some items reported in the Statement of Activities do not provide or require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as revenues/expenditures in the governmental funds. These activities include:

Change in compensated absences	(11,359)	
Change in inventory reserve	1,093	
Amortization of deferred charges, premiums and discounts	<u>101,939</u>	<u>91,673</u>

Changes in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ (5,703,212)</u>
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The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Statement of Net Position - Fiduciary Funds  
June 30, 2017

Exhibit E

	Private-Purpose Trust Funds	Agency Funds
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 6,646	604,203
Total Assets	6,646	604,203
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		566,213
Due to student clubs		37,990
Total Liabilities	0	604,203
<b>Net Position</b>		
Reserved for endowments	6,646	
Total Net Position	\$ 6,646	

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

COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Exhibit F

	<u>Private-Purpose Trust Funds</u>
Additions	
Total Additions	\$ <u>0</u>
Deductions	
Total Deductions	<u>0</u>
Changes in Net Position	<u>0</u>
Net Position	
July 1, 2016	<u>6,646</u>
June 30, 2017	\$ <u><u>6,646</u></u>

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

## COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Notes to the Financial Statements

For Year Ended June 30, 2017

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

##### B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

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

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

1. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and reduced by outstanding balances of bonds, notes and other debt attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.
2. Restricted net position results when constraints placed on net position use are either externally imposed or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
3. Unrestricted net position consists of net position not meeting the definition of the two preceding categories. Unrestricted net position often has constraints on resources imposed by management which can be removed or modified.

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

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:

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

**School Food Service Fund** - This Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the federal, state, and funds whose use are restricted for food service activities.

**Title I Part A 2017 Fund** - This Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the Federal funds whose use is restricted for services associated with providing supplemental educational service to students.

**QZAB Loan Fund** - This Debt Service Fund is used to account for the resources that will be used to retire the QZAB debt at such time the balloon debt payment becomes due and payable.

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

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

The District's fiduciary funds include the following:

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

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

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

**McKellar Scholarship Fund** - This private purpose fund is used to provide scholarships for selective student each year.

Additionally, the school district reports the following fund types:

#### GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

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

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

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

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

#### FIDUCIARY FUNDS

**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

## COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Notes to the Financial Statements

For Year Ended June 30, 2017

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.

Ad valorem property taxes are levied by the governing authorities of the county and 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 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, 2014*, issued by the U.S. Department of Education.

#### **D. Encumbrances**

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

COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to the Financial Statements

For Year Ended June 30, 2017

**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."

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 16<sup>th</sup> Section Principal fund is not available for use by the district except as provided for under state statute for loans from this fund.



# COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### 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:

	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

### 7. Deferred outflows/inflows of resources

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

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The deferred inflows are directly related to pension reporting.

### 8. Compensated Absences

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

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

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9. Long-term Liabilities

In the government-wide financial statements outstanding debt is reported as liabilities.

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 documented in the board minutes of the school board. Currently there is no committed fund balance for this school district.

*Assigned fund balance* includes amounts that are constrained by the District's intent to be used for a specific purpose, but are neither restricted nor committed. For governmental funds, other than the general fund, this is the residual amount within the fund that is not restricted or committed. Assignments of fund balance are created by the superintendent of education and/or the business manager pursuant to authorization established by the school board.

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

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

It is the policy of the Columbus Municipal School District to maintain a minimum fund balance in the General Fund that is not less than 7% of the total revenues of the school district.

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

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

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

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

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The carrying amount of the school district's deposits with financial institutions reported in the governmental funds and fiduciary funds was \$ 9,272,712 and \$610,849, respectively.

**Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits.** Custodial credit risk is defined as the risk that, in the event of the failure of a financial institution, the district will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The district does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Deposits above FDIC coverage are collateralized by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the name of the Mississippi State Treasurer on behalf of the district.

**Cash with Fiscal Agents**

The carrying amount of school district's cash with fiscal agents held by financial institutions was \$265,233.

**Investments**

As of June 30, 2017, the district had the following investments.

Investment Type	Rating	Maturities (in years)	Fair Value
QSCB Construction Bonds Common Trust Fund	Aaa	< 1 year	\$ 153,641
U. S. Treasury Notes	N/A	1 to 5	1,833,888
Total			<u>\$ 1,987,529</u>

The district categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted

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prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

The district has the following recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2017:

- The listed investments of \$1,987,529 are valued using quoted market prices (Level 1 inputs)

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

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

*Custodial Credit Risk - Investments.* Custodial credit risk is defined as the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the district will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The district does not have a formal investment policy that addresses custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2017, the district did not have any investments to which this would apply.

**Note 3 – Inter-fund Receivables, Payables and Transfers**

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

**A. Due From/To Other Funds**

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General Fund	Major Fund - Title I, Part A 2017 Fund	\$ 255,095
	Other governmental funds	360,009
Total		<u>\$ 615,104</u>

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

**B. Inter-fund Transfers**

Transfers Out	Transfers In	Amount
General Fund	Other governmental funds	\$ 1,233,102
Major fund - School Food Service Fund	General Fund	317,839
Major fund - Title I, Part A 2017 Fund	General Fund	50,000
Other governmental funds	General Fund	110,997
	Other governmental funds	188,286
Total		<u>\$ 1,900,224</u>

The transfer out of the General Fund was for the purpose of funding the unemployment compensation fund, JROTC program and debt service funds in the Other Governmental Funds. The transfers from the Major Funds and Other Governmental Funds to the General Fund were for indirect costs. The transfers within the Other Governmental Funds was to assist with debt service.

**Note 4 – Restricted Assets**

The restricted assets of an asset (cash of \$2,267,253, cash with fiscal agent of \$265,233 and investments of \$1,987,529) whose use is legally restricted and may not be used for purposes that support the district's programs, such as, debt service funds and the assets of various state and federal programs.

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**Note 5 – Capital Assets**

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

	Balance 7/1/2016	Increases	Decreases	Completed Construction	Adjustments	Balance 6/30/2017
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>						
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets:</u>						
Land	\$ 3,267,436		(56,448) *			3,210,988
Construction-in-progress	1,454,949	251,360		(1,706,309)		
Total non-depreciable capital assets	4,722,385	251,360	(56,448)	(1,706,309)	0	3,210,988
<u>Depreciable capital assets:</u>						
Buildings	60,506,431		(2,710,963) *	482,852		58,278,320
Building improvements		1,430,331		130,941		1,561,272
Improvements other than buildings	860,408		(30,761)	1,092,516		1,922,163
Mobile equipment	5,571,387				418,900	5,990,287
Furniture and equipment	2,177,522	86,658	(150,677)		(72,044)	2,041,459
Total depreciable capital assets	69,115,748	1,516,989	(2,892,401)	1,706,309	346,856	69,793,501
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>						
Buildings	21,260,240	1,055,301	(2,168,770)			20,146,771
Building improvements		62,451				62,451
Improvements other than buildings	472,600	55,055	(24,609)			503,046
Mobile equipment	3,951,334	355,536			61,002	4,367,872
Furniture and equipment	1,794,834	116,233	(148,021)		(71,323)	1,691,723
Total accumulated depreciation	27,479,008	1,644,576	(2,341,400)	0	(10,321)	26,771,863
Total depreciable capital assets, net	41,636,740	(127,587)	(551,001)	1,706,309	357,177	43,021,638
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 46,359,125	123,773	(607,449)	0	357,177	46,232,626

\* Assets were donated to a not for profit organization by the school board in accordance with state law.

Depreciation expense was charged to the following governmental functions:

	Amount
<b>Governmental activities:</b>	
Instruction	\$ 1,150,687
Support services	384,994
Non-instructional	108,895
Total depreciation expense - Governmental activities	\$ 1,644,576

**Note 6 – Long-term Liabilities**

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

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	Balance 7/1/2016	Additions	Reductions	Balance 6/30/2017	Amounts due within one year
A. General obligation bonds payable	\$ 15,525,000		1,525,000	14,000,000	1,525,000
B. Three mill notes payable	1,260,000		425,000	835,000	425,000
C. Obligations under capital leases	713,526		205,242	508,284	206,072
D. Qualified zone academy bonds payable	1,480,583			1,480,583	0
E. Qualified school construction bonds payable	3,000,000			3,000,000	0
F. Compensated absences payable	243,821	11,359		255,180	12,759
Total	<u>\$ 22,222,930</u>	<u>11,359</u>	<u>\$ 2,155,242</u>	<u>20,079,047</u>	<u>2,168,831</u>

**A. General obligation bonds payable**

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

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
1. General obligation bonds, 2008	3.75	5/9/2008	5/1/2023	\$ 9,950,000	6,150,000
2. General obligation bonds, 2009A	3.1 - 4.4	3/1/2009	3/1/2024	9,950,000	7,550,000
3. General obligation bonds, 2009B	2.5 - 3.0	5/1/2009	5/1/2018	2,100,000	300,000
Total				<u>\$ 22,000,000</u>	<u>14,000,000</u>

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

1. General obligation bond, 2008:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	750,000	207,562	957,562
2019	850,000	182,250	1,032,250
2020	1,175,000	153,562	1,328,562
2021	1,425,000	113,906	1,538,906
2022-2024	1,950,000	81,000	2,031,000
Total	<u>\$ 6,150,000</u>	<u>738,280</u>	<u>6,888,280</u>

This debt will be retired from the GO Bond Retirement Fund (Debt Service Fund).

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2. General obligation bond, 2009A:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	475,000	247,275	722,275
2019	500,000	232,550	732,550
2020	650,000	217,050	867,050
2021	650,000	196,900	846,900
2022-2024	5,275,000	406,324	5,681,324
Total	<u>\$ 7,550,000</u>	<u>1,300,099</u>	<u>8,850,099</u>

This debt will be retired from the GO Bond Retirement Fund (Debt Service Fund).

3. General obligation bond, 2009B:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	300,000	8,250	308,250
Total	<u>\$ 300,000</u>	<u>8,250</u>	<u>308,250</u>

This debt will be retired from the GO Bond Retirement Fund (Debt Service Fund).

Total general obligation bond payments for all issues:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	1,525,000	463,087	1,988,087
2019	1,350,000	414,800	1,764,800
2020	1,825,000	370,612	2,195,612
2021	2,075,000	310,806	2,385,806
2022-2024	7,225,000	487,324	7,712,324
Total	<u>\$ 14,000,000</u>	<u>2,046,629</u>	<u>16,046,629</u>

The amount of bonded indebtedness that can be incurred by the school district is limited by Sections 37-59-5 and 37-59-7, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Total outstanding bonded indebtedness during a year can be no greater than 15% of the assessed value of the taxable property within such district, according to the then last completed assessment for taxation, unless certain conditions, as set forth in Section 37-59-7, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) have been met. As of June 30, 2016, the amount of outstanding bonded indebtedness was equal to 6.1% of property assessments as of October 1, 2016.

**B. Three mill notes payable**

Debt currently outstanding is as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Three mill notes, 2005	3.5 - 5.0	9/1/2014	4/1/2019	<u>\$ 6,500,000</u>	<u>835,000</u>

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

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Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	425,000	31,312	456,312
2019	410,000	15,375	425,375
Total	<u>\$ 835,000</u>	<u>46,687</u>	<u>881,687</u>

This debt will be retired from the Three Mill Note Fund (Debt Service Fund).

This debt is partially secured by an irrevocable pledge of building and bus fund revenues (\$188,104) the district receives from the State of Mississippi pursuant to the Education Enhancement Funds authorization, Section 37-61-33, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

**C. Obligations under capital leases**

The school district has entered into a lease agreement as lessee for financing the acquisition of computers at a cost of \$832,026. This lease qualifies as a capital lease for accounting purposes. The assets acquired are not capitalized since the cost of the individual assets were below the capitalization threshold amount.

Upon payment in full of all lease payments title to the equipment will transfer to the school district.

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Master Lease - Apple Computers	1.9	9/21/2015	2/2/2020	<u>\$ 832,026</u>	<u>508,284</u>

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

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest and Maintenance Charges	Total
2018	\$ 206,072	9,657	215,729
2019	209,987	5,742	215,729
2020	92,225	1,752	93,977
Total	<u>\$ 508,284</u>	<u>17,151</u>	<u>525,435</u>

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

This debt will be retired from the General Fund.

**D. Qualified zone academy bonds payable**

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

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Qualified zone academy bonds	0% *	5/15/2008	7/15/2019	<u>\$ 1,480,583</u>	<u>1,480,583</u>

\* The stated interest rate is 0% with an imputed rate of 5.25%.



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**E. Qualified school construction bonds payable**

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

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Qualified school construction bonds	0.94	11/1/2009	11/1/2024	\$ 3,000,000	3,000,000

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$	28,200	28,200
2019		28,200	28,200
2020		28,200	28,200
2021		28,200	28,200
2022		28,200	28,200
2023 - 2025	3,000,000	84,600	3,084,600
Total	\$ 3,000,000	225,600	3,225,600

This debt will be retired from the Three Mill Note Fund (Debt Service Fund).

**F. Compensated absences payable**

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

**Note 7 – 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

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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, 2017 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, 2017, 2016 and 2015 were \$3,310,506, \$3,362,290 and \$3,322,748, 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, 2017, the school district reported a liability of \$59,607,867 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016, 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, 2017 net pension liability was .333704 percent, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2016. This was a decrease of .003984 percent from its proportionate share used to calculate the June 30, 2016 net pension liability, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2015.

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the District recognized pension expense of \$8,890,081. At June 30, 2017 the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,184,858	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	3,230,511	
Changes of assumptions	2,002,558	112,880
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions		1,371,731
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	3,310,506	
Total	\$ 9,728,433	1,484,611

\$3,310,506 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, 2018. 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 Ending June 30:	
2018	\$ 1,553,932
2019	1,553,932
2020	1,017,824
2021	807,628

*Actuarial assumptions.* The total pension liability in the June 30, 2016 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

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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, 2016 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2014. The experience report is dated May 4, 2015.

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

<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	100 %	

*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that Employer contributions will be made at the current employer contribution 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 members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

*Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.75 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	\$ 76,430,650	59,607,867	45,650,410

*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

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

Year Ending June 30	Amount
2018	\$ 24,056
2019	5,300
2020	5,300
2021	5,300
2022	5,300
2023 – 2027	26,500
2028 – 2032	26,500
2033 – 2037	26,500
Thereafter	8,000
Total	<u>\$ 132,756</u>

**Note 9 – Prior Period Adjustments**

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

Exhibit B - Statement of Activities

Explanation	Amount
1. To correct a prior year receivable at the governmental fund level.	\$ (6,454)
2. Adjustments were made to capital assets to properly present mobile equipment and furniture and equipment at year end.	357,177
Total	<u>\$ 350,723</u>

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

Fund	Explanation	Amount
Other governmental funds	To correct a prior year receivable	\$ (6,454)
Total		<u>\$ (6,454)</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.

**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.

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### 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 Zone Academy Bonds

Section 226 of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-34) provides for a source of capital at no or at nominal interest rates for costs incurred by certain public schools in connection with the establishment of special academic programs from kindergarten through secondary school, in partnership with the business community. The school district, in agreement with North Mississippi Health Services, has entered into such an arrangement dated May 12, 2008. North Mississippi Health Services will donate technical assistance for athletic therapy services. These contributions are to represent at least 10% of the Qualified Zone Academy Bonds loan amount.

This agreement establishes a method of repayment for a qualified interest-free debt instrument. The agreement requires the school district to deposit funds annually into a sinking fund account on or before June 30th. The amount on deposit at June 30, 2017 was \$1,833,888. The amount accumulated in the sinking fund at the end of the ten-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.

Year Ending June 30	Amount
2018	\$ 240,000

### Note 13 – Qualified School Construction Bonds

Section 1521 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 provides for a source of capital at no or at nominal interest rates for costs incurred by certain public schools in connection with the construction, rehabilitation or repair of a public school facility or for the acquisition of land where a school will be built. Investors receive Federal income tax credits at prescribed tax credit rates in lieu of interest, which essentially allows state and local governments to borrow without incurring interest costs. While 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.

The school district makes equal annual payments into a sinking fund which is used to payoff the bonds at termination. The current maturity limit of tax credit bonds is 17 years, per the U. S. Treasury Department. Under this program, ten percent of the proceeds must be subject to a binding commitment to be spent within six months of issuance and 100% must be spent within three years. Up to two percent of bond proceeds can be used to pay costs of issuance. The amount on deposit at June 30, 2017 was \$153,641. The amount accumulated in the sinking fund at the end of the seventeen-year period is expected to 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
2018	\$ 30,000
2019	30,000
2020	190,000
2021	520,000
2022	520,000
2023 – 2025	1,560,000
Total	<u>\$ 2,850,000</u>

**Note 14 - Insurance loss recoveries**

The Columbus Municipal School District received \$13,995 in insurance loss recoveries related to minor damage at a school and bus damage during the 2016-2017 fiscal year. In the government-wide Statement of Activities, the insurance loss recoveries were reported as charges for services and allocated among the expense functions based on the following percentages:

Insurance Loss		Percentage	Expense Function
Recoveries			
\$ 5,644		40%	Instruction
8,351		60%	Support services
<u>\$ 13,995</u>		<u>100%</u>	

**Note 15 – Effect of Deferred Amounts on Net Position**

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$45,973,027) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenses and revenue associated with the net pension liability and related account balances.

**Note 16 - Subsequent Events**

Events that occur after the Statement of Net Position date but before the financial statements are available to be issued must be evaluated for recognition or disclosure. The effects of subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that existed at the Statement of Net Position date are recognized in the accompanying financial statements. Subsequent events which provide evidence about conditions that existed after the Statement of Net Position date require disclosure in the accompanying notes. Management of the School District evaluated the activity of the district through February 26, 2018, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and determined that no subsequent events have occurred requiring disclosure in the notes to the financial statements.

## REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule for the General Fund  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (GAAP Basis)	Variances Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
<b>Revenues</b>					
Local sources	\$ 10,926,090	11,245,038	11,245,015	318,948	(23)
State sources	18,445,722	18,546,872	18,546,868	101,150	(4)
Federal sources	617,000	601,990	601,988	(15,010)	(2)
Sixteenth section sources	22,500	31,735	31,734	9,235	(1)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>30,011,312</b>	<b>30,425,635</b>	<b>30,425,605</b>	<b>414,323</b>	<b>(30)</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Instruction	16,889,016	16,414,631	16,414,458	474,385	173
Support services	12,972,491	13,343,695	13,249,484	(371,204)	94,211
Noninstructional services	11,353	9,876	9,873	1,477	3
Facilities acquisition and construction	0	501,331	501,331	(501,331)	0
Debt service					
Principal	0	0	205,242	0	(205,242)
Interest	10,602	6,685	10,488	3,917	(3,803)
Other	207,947	115,068	0	92,879	115,068
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>30,091,409</b>	<b>30,391,286</b>	<b>30,390,876</b>	<b>(299,877)</b>	<b>410</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	<b>(80,097)</b>	<b>34,349</b>	<b>34,729</b>	<b>114,446</b>	<b>380</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>					
Insurance loss recoveries	0	13,995	13,995	13,995	0
Operating transfers in	815,399	1,015,878	478,836	200,479	(537,042)
Operating transfers out	(1,291,000)	(1,770,144)	(1,233,102)	(479,144)	537,042
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>(475,601)</b>	<b>(740,271)</b>	<b>(740,271)</b>	<b>(264,670)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>			<b>(705,542)</b>		
<b>Fund Balances</b>					
July 1, 2016			6,859,998		
June 30, 2017			<u>\$ 6,154,456</u>		

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

COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Budgetary Comparison Schedule for the Major Special Revenue Fund - School Food Service Fund  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (GAAP Basis)	Variances Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
Revenues					
Local sources	\$ 114,850	82,700	82,691	(32,150)	(9)
State sources	27,900	29,338	29,336	1,438	(2)
Federal sources	3,257,250	3,490,191	3,490,172	232,941	(19)
Total Revenues	<u>3,400,000</u>	<u>3,602,229</u>	<u>3,602,199</u>	<u>202,229</u>	<u>(30)</u>
Expenditures					
Support services	93,550	3,169	3,169	90,381	0
Noninstructional services	3,306,450	3,444,082	3,444,023	(137,632)	59
Facilities acquisition and construction	0	929,000	929,000	(929,000)	0
Total Expenditures	<u>3,400,000</u>	<u>4,376,251</u>	<u>4,376,192</u>	<u>(976,251)</u>	<u>59</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>0</u>	<u>(774,022)</u>	<u>(773,993)</u>	<u>(774,022)</u>	<u>29</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Operating transfers out	(586,160)	(317,839)	(317,839)	268,321	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(586,160)</u>	<u>(317,839)</u>	<u>(317,839)</u>	<u>268,321</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances			<u>(1,091,832)</u>		
Fund Balances					
July 1, 2016			<u>2,380,529</u>		
Increase in reserve for inventory			<u>1,093</u>		
June 30, 2017			<u>\$ 1,289,790</u>		

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

## COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Budgetary Comparison Schedule for the Major Special Revenue Fund - Title I, Part A 2017 Fund  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (GAAP Basis)	Variances Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
Revenues					
Federal sources	\$ 2,856,574	2,574,305	2,574,305	(282,269)	0
Total Revenues	<u>2,856,574</u>	<u>2,574,305</u>	<u>2,574,305</u>	<u>(282,269)</u>	<u>0</u>
Expenditures					
Instruction	1,809,213	1,693,653	1,693,614	115,560	39
Support services	931,457	783,138	783,109	148,319	29
Noninstructional services	65,904	47,585	47,582	18,319	3
Total Expenditures	<u>2,806,574</u>	<u>2,524,376</u>	<u>2,524,305</u>	<u>282,198</u>	<u>71</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>50,000</u>	<u>49,929</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>(71)</u>	<u>71</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Operating transfers out	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	0	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances			<u>0</u>		
Fund Balances					
July 1, 2016			<u>0</u>		
June 30, 2017			<u>\$ 0</u>		

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

COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability  
PERS  
Last 10 Fiscal Years

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.333704%	0.337688%	0.335614%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	<u>\$ 59,607,867</u>	<u>52,199,905</u>	<u>40,737,394</u>
District's covered payroll	<u>\$ 21,347,873</u>	<u>21,096,813</u>	<u>20,507,765</u>
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	<u>279.22%</u>	<u>247.43%</u>	<u>198.64%</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	<u>57.47%</u>	<u>61.70%</u>	<u>67.21%</u>

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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 the 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.

COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Schedule of District Contributions  
PERS  
Last 10 Fiscal Years

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 3,310,506	3,362,290	3,322,748
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	3,310,506	3,362,290	3,322,748
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
District's covered payroll	21,019,086	21,347,873	21,096,813
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%

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This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, GASB 68 was implemented in the 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.

COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Notes to the Required Supplementary Information  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Budgetary Comparison Schedule

(1) Basis of Presentation

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

(2) Budget Amendments and Revisions

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

Pension Schedules

(1) Changes of assumptions

2015:

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

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

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

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

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

2016:

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

(2) Changes in benefit provisions

2016:

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

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## COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Federal Grantor/ Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.	Federal Expenditures
<b><u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u></b>		
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:		
Child nutrition cluster:		
School breakfast program	10.553	\$ 1,754,529
National school lunch program	10.555	2,939,502
Summer food service program for children	10.559	68,707
Total child nutrition cluster		4,762,738
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education		4,762,738
<b>Total U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>		<b>4,762,738</b>
<b><u>U.S. Department of Defense</u></b>		
Direct program:		
Reserve officers' training corps	12.xxx	38,116
<b>Total U.S. Department of Defense</b>		<b>38,116</b>
<b><u>U.S. Department of Education</u></b>		
Direct programs:		
Impact aid	84.041	4,571
Total		4,571
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:		
Title I - grants to local educational agencies	84.010	3,128,239
Career and technical education - basic grants to states	84.048	120,787
Twenty first century community learning centers	84.287	47,776
Rural education	84.358	129,013
Supporting effective instruction - state grants	84.367	126,699
Teacher and school leader incentive	84.374	37,789
Total		3,590,303
Special education cluster:		
Special education - grants to states	84.027	810,424
Special education - preschool grants	84.173	28,005
Total special education cluster		838,429
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education		4,428,732
<b>Total U.S. Department of Education</b>		<b>4,433,303</b>
Total for All Federal Awards		\$ 9,234,157

The notes to the Supplementary Information are an integral part of this schedule.

COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

(1) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of the School District under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2017. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the School District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the School District.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Negative amounts shown on the Schedule represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years.

(3) Indirect Cost Rate

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

COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures - Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Expenditures	Total	Instruction and Other Student Instructional Expenditures	General Administrative	School Administration	Other
Salaries and fringe benefits	\$ 28,276,780	21,571,577	939,166	2,037,615	3,728,422
Other	15,349,334	3,926,353	436,261	87,253	10,899,467
Total	<u>43,626,114</u>	<u>25,497,930</u>	<u>1,375,427</u>	<u>2,124,868</u>	<u>14,627,889</u>
Total number of students	<u>3,649</u>				
Cost per student	<u>\$ 11,956</u>	<u>6,988</u>	<u>377</u>	<u>582</u>	<u>4,009</u>

Notes to the schedule.

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

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

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

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

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

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## OTHER INFORMATION

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

UNAUDITED

	2017	2016*	2015*	2014*
Revenues				
Local sources	\$ 11,245,015	10,864,425	10,359,552	10,200,473
State sources	18,546,868	19,732,566	19,228,151	18,584,313
Federal sources	601,988	692,180	590,450	648,167
Sixteenth section sources	31,734	26,540	30,404	31,695
Total Revenues	<u>30,425,605</u>	<u>31,315,711</u>	<u>30,208,557</u>	<u>29,464,648</u>
Expenditures				
Instruction	16,414,458	17,287,178	17,430,927	15,846,017
Support services	13,249,484	14,521,991	13,540,113	11,624,059
Noninstructional services	9,873	8,199	15,348	16,947
Facilities acquisition and construction	501,331	304,472	0	0
Debt service				
Principal	205,242	118,500	0	0
Interest	10,488	3,252	0	0
Total Expenditures	<u>30,390,876</u>	<u>32,243,592</u>	<u>30,986,388</u>	<u>27,487,023</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>34,729</u>	<u>(927,881)</u>	<u>(777,831)</u>	<u>1,977,625</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Inception of capital leases	0	832,026	0	0
Insurance loss recoveries	13,995	13,328	3,042	1,686
Operating transfers in	478,836	309,455	1,726,284	283,898
Operating transfers out	(1,233,102)	(347,051)	(2,427,943)	(376,007)
Other financing uses	0	0	0	(13,046)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(740,271)</u>	<u>807,758</u>	<u>(698,617)</u>	<u>(103,469)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>(705,542)</u>	<u>(120,123)</u>	<u>(1,476,448)</u>	<u>1,874,156</u>
Fund Balances:				
Beginning of period, as previously reported	6,859,998	6,925,413	8,401,861	6,527,705
Prior period adjustments	0	54,708	0	0
Beginning of period, as restated	<u>6,859,998</u>	<u>6,980,121</u>	<u>8,401,861</u>	<u>6,527,705</u>
End of period	<u>\$ 6,154,456</u>	<u>6,859,998</u>	<u>6,925,413</u>	<u>8,401,861</u>

\* Source - Prior year audit reports.

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

	UNAUDITED			
	2017	2016*	2015*	2014*
Revenues				
Local sources	\$ 12,851,098	13,102,870	13,377,153	13,610,436
State sources	20,292,350	21,551,467	21,181,825	20,497,452
Federal sources	8,638,605	9,301,243	8,810,071	8,853,778
Sixteenth section sources	31,734	26,540	30,404	31,695
Total Revenues	<u>41,813,787</u>	<u>43,982,120</u>	<u>43,399,453</u>	<u>42,993,361</u>
Expenditures				
Instruction	20,779,049	22,219,207	22,476,188	20,501,878
Support services	14,819,600	16,392,867	15,110,100	13,583,118
Noninstructional services	3,579,060	2,929,691	2,912,896	2,864,101
Facilities acquisition and construction	1,681,691	2,053,167	0	0
Debt service				
Principal	2,155,242	1,968,500	3,391,105	3,053,456
Interest	596,475	656,189	746,679	848,082
Other	15,027	13,025	12,534	12,921
Total Expenditures	<u>43,626,144</u>	<u>46,232,646</u>	<u>44,649,502</u>	<u>40,863,556</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(1,812,357)</u>	<u>(2,250,526)</u>	<u>(1,250,049)</u>	<u>2,129,805</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Inception of capital leases	0	832,026	0	0
Insurance loss recoveries	13,995	13,328	3,042	1,686
Operating transfers in	1,900,224	844,610	4,456,557	947,744
Other financing sources	0	0	0	1,625
Operating transfers out	(1,900,224)	(844,610)	(4,456,557)	(947,744)
Other financing uses	0	0	0	(13,046)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>13,995</u>	<u>845,354</u>	<u>3,042</u>	<u>(9,735)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>(1,798,362)</u>	<u>(1,405,172)</u>	<u>(1,247,007)</u>	<u>2,120,070</u>
Fund Balances:				
Beginning of period, as previously reported	12,254,604	13,633,139	14,888,922	12,779,337
Prior period adjustments	(6,454)	25,455	0	0
Beginning of period, as restated	<u>12,248,150</u>	<u>13,658,594</u>	<u>14,888,922</u>	<u>12,779,337</u>
Increase (Decrease) in reserve for inventory	<u>1,093</u>	<u>1,182</u>	<u>(8,776)</u>	<u>(10,485)</u>
End of period	<u>\$ 10,450,881</u>	<u>12,254,604</u>	<u>13,633,139</u>	<u>14,888,922</u>

\* Source - Prior year audit reports.



## REPORTS ON INTERNAL CONTROLS AND COMPLIANCE

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

### Independent Auditor's Report

Superintendent and School Board  
Columbus Municipal School District

I have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Columbus Municipal School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Columbus Municipal School District's basic financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated February 26, 2018.

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

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

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

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

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

### **Purpose of this Report**

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

*Charles L Shivers*

Charles L. Shivers, CPA, LLC  
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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

### Independent Auditor's Report

Superintendent and School Board  
Columbus Municipal School District

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

I have audited Columbus Municipal School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Columbus Municipal School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2017. Columbus Municipal School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

In my opinion, Columbus Municipal School District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2017.

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

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

compliance, I considered Columbus Municipal School District's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Columbus Municipal School District's internal control over compliance.

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

My consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that I consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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

*Charles L Shivers*

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February 26, 2018

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

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

Superintendent and School Board  
Columbus Municipal School District

I have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Columbus Municipal School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, which collectively comprise Columbus Municipal School District's basic financial statements and have issued my report thereon dated February 26, 2018. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

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

The results of my procedures performed to test compliance with the requirements of Section 37-61-33(3)(a)(iii), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), disclosed no instances of noncompliance.

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

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

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

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

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

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February 26, 2018

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## SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

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COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
June 30, 2017

Section I: Summary of Auditor's Results

**Financial Statements:**

- |    |   |               |
|----|---|---------------|
| 1. | Type of auditor's report issued on the basic financial statements:                      | Unmodified    |
| 2. | Noncompliance material to the basic financial statements noted?                         | No            |
| 3. | Internal control over financial reporting:  |               |
|    | a. Material weaknesses identified?  | No            |
|    | b. Significant deficiency identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? | None Reported |

**Federal Awards:**

- |    |  |               |
|----|--|---------------|
| 4. | Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs:                            | Unmodified    |
| 5. | Internal control over major programs:  |               |
|    | a. Material weaknesses identified?   | No            |
|    | b. Significant deficiency identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?              | None Reported |
| 6. | Any audit finding(s) disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? | No            |
| 7. | Federal program identified as major program:   |               |
|    | a. Title I grants to local educational agencies  |               |
|    | CFDA #: 84.010   |               |
|    | b. Special education cluster   |               |
|    | CFDA #: 84.027   |               |
|    | CFDA#: 84.173  |               |
| 8. | The dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:                         | \$750,000     |
| 9. | Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee?   | No            |

Section II: Financial Statement Findings

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

Section III: Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

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

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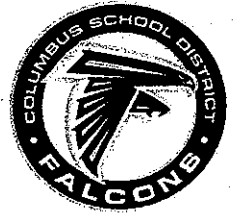
## SUMMARY OF PRIOR FEDERAL AUDIT FINDINGS

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Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

February 26, 2018

As required by 2 CFR 200.511(b), the Columbus Municipal School District has prepared and hereby submits the following Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings as of June 30, 2017.

<u>Finding</u>	<u>Status</u>
2016-002	Corrected
2016-003	Corrected

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jammie Asprey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jammie" and last name "Asprey" clearly distinguishable.

School Business Administrator