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COVINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Audited Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

COVINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Superintendent and School Board  
Covington County School District

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### ***Opinion***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Covington County 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, the Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, and the Schedule of District Contributions on pages 4-12 and 40-44 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### *Other Information*

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

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

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

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 28, 2018, on our consideration of the Covington County School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Covington County School District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Covington County School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

McKenzie CPA, PLLC  
Brandon, Mississippi  
March 28, 2018



## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS



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Management's Discussion and Analysis  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

The following discussion and analysis of Covington County 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 increased \$140,018, including a prior period adjustment of \$1,330, which represents a 5% increase from fiscal year 2016. Total net position for 2016 increased \$367,103, including a prior period adjustment of (\$4,823), which represents an 11% increase from fiscal year 2015.
- General revenues amounted to \$22,371,823 and \$22,150,510, or 78% and 78% 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 \$6,478,620, or 22% of total revenues for 2017, and \$6,253,709, or 22% of total revenues for 2016.
- The District had \$28,711,755 and \$28,032,293 in expenses for fiscal years 2017 and 2016; only \$6,478,620 for 2017 and \$6,253,709 for 2016 of these expenses was offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions. General revenues of \$22,371,823 for 2017 and \$22,150,510 for 2016 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- Among major funds, the General Fund had \$22,270,901 in revenues and \$19,802,794 in expenditures for 2017, and \$21,927,766 in revenues and \$20,269,153 in expenditures in 2016. The General Fund's fund balance increased by \$1,839,225 from 2016 to 2017, including a prior period adjustment of \$1,330, and increased by \$924,422 from 2015 to 2016, including a prior period adjustment of (\$2,937).
- Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, increased by \$422,084 for 2017 and decreased by \$508,059 for 2016. The increase for 2017 was due to the addition of various items of mobile equipment and furniture and equipment.
- Long-term debt, including the liability for compensated absences, decreased by \$25,708 for 2017 and decreased by \$18,276 for 2016. The decrease for 2017 was due to the decrease in the liability for compensated absences.

## **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 non-fiduciary 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.

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

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

### **Fund Financial Statements**

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

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

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

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

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

### **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:

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

### **Supplementary Information**

Additionally, a Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and a Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures for governmental funds can be found in this report.

### **Other Information**

Although not a required part of the basic financial statements, the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances—General Fund, Last Four Years and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances—All Governmental Funds, Last Four Years, is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Mississippi Department of Education.

## **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

### **Net position**

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position. Liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded assets and deferred outflows of resources by \$2,936,275 as of June 30, 2017.

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

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Table 1 presents a summary of the District's net position at June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016.

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

	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016	Percentage Change
Current assets	\$ 11,099,655	\$ 9,497,748	16.87 %
Restricted assets	12,292,729	11,598,240	5.99 %
Capital assets, net	11,215,237	10,793,153	3.91 %
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>34,607,621</b>	<b>31,889,141</b>	<b>8.52 %</b>
 <b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>	 <b>8,882,513</b>	 <b>6,594,089</b>	 <b>34.70 %</b>
 Current liabilities	 294,747	 541,298	 (45.55) %
Long-term debt outstanding	3,269,828	3,295,536	(0.78) %
Net pension liability	42,606,164	36,452,503	16.88 %
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>46,170,739</b>	<b>40,289,337</b>	<b>14.60 %</b>
 <b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>	 <b>255,670</b>	 <b>1,270,186</b>	 <b>(79.87) %</b>
 <b>Net position:</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	8,215,237	7,793,153	5.42 %
Restricted	16,076,120	15,372,398	4.58 %
Unrestricted	(27,227,632)	(26,241,844)	(3.76) %
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ (2,936,275)</b>	<b>\$ (3,076,293)</b>	<b>4.55 %</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)	\$ (27,227,632)
Less unrestricted deficit in net position resulting from recognition of the net pension liability, including the deferred outflows and deferred inflows related to pensions	33,979,321
Unrestricted net position, exclusive of the net pension liability effect	<u>\$ 6,751,689</u>

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

- Increase in net capital assets in the amount of \$422,084.
- Recognition of the net pension liability in the amount of \$42,606,164.

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**Changes in net position**

The District's total revenues for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016 were \$28,850,443 and \$28,404,219, respectively. The total cost of all programs and services was \$28,711,755 for 2017 and \$28,032,293 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**

	<u>Year Ended</u> <u>June 30, 2017</u>	<u>Year Ended</u> <u>June 30, 2016</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Change</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 755,870	\$ 829,206	(8.84) %
Operating grants and contributions	5,722,750	5,424,503	5.50 %
General revenues:			
Property taxes	7,291,054	6,851,087	6.42 %
Grants and contributions not restricted	14,284,391	14,030,523	1.81 %
Investment earnings	90,431	320,367	(71.77) %
Sixteenth section sources	506,185	730,704	(30.73) %
Other	199,762	217,829	(8.29) %
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u><b>28,850,443</b></u>	<u><b>28,404,219</b></u>	<b>1.57 %</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Instruction	14,077,435	14,267,304	(1.33) %
Support services	7,220,757	8,217,605	(12.13) %
Non-instructional	1,848,176	1,721,783	7.34 %
Sixteenth section	235,552	362,442	(35.01) %
Pension expense	5,245,828	3,370,782	55.63 %
Interest on long-term liabilities	84,007	92,377	(9.06) %
<b>Total expenses</b>	<u><b>28,711,755</b></u>	<u><b>28,032,293</b></u>	<b>2.42 %</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in net position</b>	<u><b>138,688</b></u>	<u><b>371,926</b></u>	<b>(62.71) %</b>
<b>Net Position, July 1, as previously reported</b>	<u><b>(3,076,293)</b></u>	<u><b>(3,443,396)</b></u>	10.66 %
<b>Prior Period Adjustment</b>	<u><b>1,330</b></u>	<u><b>(4,823)</b></u>	127.58 %
<b>Net Position, July 1, as restated</b>	<u><b>(3,074,963)</b></u>	<u><b>(3,448,219)</b></u>	<b>10.82 %</b>
<b>Net Position, June 30</b>	<u><b>\$ (2,936,275)</b></u>	<u><b>\$ (3,076,293)</b></u>	<b>4.55 %</b>

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**Governmental activities**

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

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

	<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>Percentage Change</b>
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	
Instruction	\$ 14,077,435	\$ 14,267,304	(1.33) %
Support services	7,220,757	8,217,605	(12.13) %
Non-instructional	1,848,176	1,721,783	7.34 %
Sixteenth section	235,552	362,442	(35.01) %
Pension Expense	5,245,828	3,370,782	55.63 %
Interest on long-term liabilities	84,007	92,377	(9.06) %
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 28,711,755</b>	<b>\$ 28,032,293</b>	<b>2.42 %</b>

  

	<b>Net (Expense) Revenue</b>		<b>Percentage Change</b>
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	
Instruction	\$ (11,206,032)	\$ (11,646,163)	3.78 %
Support services	(5,756,762)	(6,737,143)	14.55 %
Non-instructional	284,430	387,903	26.67 %
Sixteenth section	(224,936)	(320,022)	29.71 %
Pension Expense	(5,245,828)	(3,370,782)	(55.63) %
Interest on long-term liabilities	(84,007)	(92,377)	9.06 %
<b>Total net (expense) revenue</b>	<b>\$ (22,233,135)</b>	<b>\$ (21,778,584)</b>	<b>(2.09) %</b>

- Net cost of governmental activities (\$22,233,135 for 2017 and \$21,778,584 for 2016) was financed by general revenue, which is primarily made up of property taxes (\$7,291,054 for 2017 and \$6,851,087 for 2016) and state and federal revenues (\$14,284,391 for 2017 and \$14,030,523 for 2016). In addition, there was \$506,185 and \$730,704 in Sixteenth Section sources for 2017 and 2016, respectively.
- Investment earnings amounted to \$90,431 for 2017 and \$320,367 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.

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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 \$23,117,521, an increase of \$2,542,947, which includes a prior period adjustment of \$1,330 and a decrease in inventory of \$2,939. \$6,760,630, or 29% 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 \$16,356,891, or 71% is either non-spendable, restricted, committed or assigned to indicate that it is not available for spending except only for the purposes to which it is restricted, committed or assigned.

The General Fund is the principal operating fund of the District. The increase/decrease in fund balance in the General Fund for the fiscal year was \$1,839,225, which includes a prior period adjustment of \$1,330. The fund balance of Other Governmental Funds showed an increase in the amount of \$428,177, which includes a decrease in inventory of \$2,939. The increase (decrease) in the fund balances for the other major funds were as follows:

<u>Major Fund</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Sixteenth Section Principal Fund	\$ 275,545

## BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

During the year, the District revised the annual operating budget. Budget revisions were made to address and correct the original budgets to reflect more accurately the sources and uses of funding for the School District. Budget revisions during the fiscal year were routine in nature and were insignificant when compared to 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 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 \$24,318,153, including land, school buildings, building improvements and other improvements, buses, other school vehicles, and furniture and equipment. This amount represents a gross increase of \$1,003,502 from 2016, due primarily to the purchase of eleven school buses and various other items of mobile equipment and furniture and equipment. Total accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2017, was \$13,102,916, and total depreciation expense for the year was \$591,667, resulting in total net capital assets of \$11,215,237.

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

	<u>June 30, 2017</u>	<u>June 30, 2016</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Change</u>
Land	\$ 113,504	\$ 113,504	- %
Buildings	6,813,365	7,031,271	(3.10) %
Building improvements	2,722,736	2,874,313	(5.27) %
Improvements other than buildings	72,957	78,438	(6.99) %
Mobile equipment	1,275,623	512,152	149.07 %
Furniture and equipment	217,052	183,475	18.30 %
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 11,215,237</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 10,793,153</u></b>	<b>3.91 %</b>

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

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**Debt Administration.** At June 30, 2017, the District had \$3,269,828 in outstanding long-term debt, of which \$13,491 is due within one year. The liability for compensated absences decreased \$25,708 from the prior year.

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

	<u>June 30, 2017</u>	<u>June 30, 2016</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Change</u>
Qualified school construction bonds payable	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000	- %
Compensated absences payable	<u>269,828</u>	<u>295,536</u>	(8.70) %
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,269,828</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 3,295,536</u></b>	<b>(0.78) %</b>

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

## **CURRENT ISSUES**

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

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

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

## **CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Superintendent's Office of the Covington County School District, P.O. Box 1269, Collins, MS 39428.



## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**COVINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2017**

**Exhibit A**

	Governmental Activities
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,441,236
Due from other governments	550,521
Accrued interest receivable	43,605
Inventories	64,293
Restricted assets	12,292,729
Capital assets, non-depreciable:	
Land	113,504
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:	
Buildings	6,813,365
Building improvements	2,722,736
Improvements other than buildings	72,957
Mobile equipment	1,275,623
Furniture and equipment	217,052
Total Assets	<u>34,607,621</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	
Deferred outflow related to pensions	8,882,513
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>8,882,513</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	128,550
Due to other governments	33,406
Unearned revenue	112,907
Interest payable on long-term liabilities	19,884
Long-term liabilities, due within one year:	
Non-capital related liabilities	13,491
Long-term liabilities, due beyond one year:	
Capital related liabilities	3,000,000
Non-capital related liabilities	256,337
Net pension liability	42,606,164
Total Liabilities	<u>46,170,739</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	
Deferred inflow related to pensions	255,670
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>255,670</u>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	8,215,237
Restricted for:	
Expendable:	
School-based activities	2,077,485
Debt service	1,583,211
Forestry improvements	121,011
Unemployment benefits	56,409
Non-expendable:	
Sixteenth section	12,238,004
Unrestricted	(27,227,632)
Total Net Position (deficit)	<u>\$ (2,936,275)</u>

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

**COVINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Statement of Activities**

**For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**

**Exhibit B**

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense)
		Charges for	Operating	Capital	Revenue and
		Services	Grants and	Grants and	Changes in
			Contributions	Contributions	Net Position
					Governmental
					Activities
Governmental Activities:					
Instruction	\$ 14,077,435	\$ 360,639	\$ 2,510,764	\$ -	\$ (11,206,032)
Support services	7,220,757	12,332	1,451,663	-	(5,756,762)
Non-instructional	1,848,176	372,283	1,760,323	-	284,430
Sixteenth section	235,552	10,616	-	-	(224,936)
Pension expense	5,245,828	-	-	-	(5,245,828)
Interest on long-term liabilities	84,007	-	-	-	(84,007)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 28,711,755</u>	<u>\$ 755,870</u>	<u>\$ 5,722,750</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (22,233,135)</u>
General Revenues:					
Taxes:					
General purpose levies					7,023,122
Debt purpose levies					267,932
Unrestricted grants and contributions:					
State					14,112,076
Federal					172,315
Unrestricted investment earnings					90,431
Sixteenth section sources					506,185
Other					199,762
Total General Revenues					<u>22,371,823</u>
Change in Net Position					<u>138,688</u>
Net Position - Beginning, as previously reported					(3,076,293)
Prior Period Adjustments					<u>1,330</u>
Net Position - Beginning, as restated					<u>(3,074,963)</u>
Net Position (deficit) - Ending					<u>\$ (2,936,275)</u>

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

**COVINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Balance Sheet**

**Exhibit C**

**June 30, 2017**

	Major Funds			
	General	Sixteenth	Other	Total
	Fund	Section Principal	Governmental	Governmental
	Fund	Fund	Funds	Funds
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,853,001	\$ 3,081,506	\$ 2,588,235	\$ 13,522,742
Cash with fiscal agents	-	391,486	11,389	402,875
Investments	-	7,753,348	1,055,000	8,808,348
Due from other governments	230,057	-	297,117	527,174
Accrued interest receivable	-	34,597	9,008	43,605
Due from other funds	272,410	55,481	1,637	329,528
Advance to other funds	-	1,185,327	-	1,185,327
Inventories	-	-	64,293	64,293
Total assets	\$ 8,355,468	\$ 12,501,745	\$ 4,026,679	\$ 24,883,892
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>				
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 126,316	\$ -	\$ 2,234	\$ 128,550
Due to other funds	22,308	-	317,279	339,587
Advances from other funds	1,185,327	-	-	1,185,327
Unavailable revenue - federal programs	-	-	112,907	112,907
Total Liabilities	1,333,951	-	432,420	1,766,371
<b>Fund Balances:</b>				
<b>Nonspendable:</b>				
Inventory	-	-	64,293	64,293
Permanent fund principal	-	11,052,677	-	11,052,677
Advances	-	1,185,327	-	1,185,327
<b>Restricted:</b>				
Debt service	-	-	1,603,095	1,603,095
Forestry improvement purposes	-	-	121,011	121,011
Grant activities	-	-	113,155	113,155
Unemployment benefits	-	-	56,409	56,409
Food Service	-	-	1,165,980	1,165,980
Wood Endowment	-	-	470,316	470,316
School based activities	-	263,741	-	263,741
<b>Assigned:</b>				
Activity/Athletic funds	260,887	-	-	260,887
<b>Unassigned</b>				
	6,760,630	-	-	6,760,630
Total Fund Balances	7,021,517	12,501,745	3,594,259	23,117,521
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 8,355,468	\$ 12,501,745	\$ 4,026,679	\$ 24,883,892

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

**COVINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Governmental Funds**

**Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position**  
**June 30, 2017**

**Exhibit C-1**

**Total fund balances for governmental funds** **\$ 23,117,521**

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

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

Land	\$ 113,504	
Buildings	14,303,435	
Building improvements	3,789,436	
Improvements other than buildings	137,034	
Mobile equipment	4,940,068	
Furniture and equipment	1,034,676	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(13,102,916)</u>	11,215,237

2. Some liabilities, including net pension obligations, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:

Net pension liability	(42,606,164)	
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Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	8,882,513	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	<u>(255,670)</u>	(33,979,321)

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

Qualified school construction bonds payable	(3,000,000)	
Compensated absences	(269,828)	
Accrued interest payable	<u>(19,884)</u>	(3,289,712)

<b>Net Position of governmental activities</b>	<b>\$ <u>(2,936,275)</u></b>
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The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**COVINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Governmental Funds**

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

**Exhibit D**

	Major Funds			
	General	Sixteenth	Other	Total
	Fund	Section Principal	Governmental	Governmental
	Fund	Fund	Funds	Funds
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Local sources	\$ 7,464,292	\$ -	\$ 802,944	\$ 8,267,236
State sources	14,356,722	-	831,550	15,188,272
Federal sources	172,315	-	4,646,555	4,818,870
Sixteenth section sources	277,572	275,545	10,616	563,733
Total Revenues	22,270,901	275,545	6,291,665	28,838,111
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Instruction	12,687,303	-	2,792,748	15,480,051
Support services	6,890,150	-	1,782,884	8,673,034
Noninstructional services	-	-	1,833,243	1,833,243
Sixteenth section	168,586	-	66,966	235,552
Debt service:				
Interest	56,755	-	25,200	81,955
Other	-	-	2,052	2,052
Total Expenditures	19,802,794	-	6,503,093	26,305,887
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	2,468,107	275,545	(211,428)	2,532,224
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>				
Insurance recovery	12,332	-	-	12,332
Payments held by escrow agent	-	-	224,439	224,439
Payment to QSCB debt escrow agent	-	-	(224,439)	(224,439)
Operating transfers in	-	-	652,157	652,157
Operating transfers out	(642,544)	-	(9,613)	(652,157)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(630,212)	-	642,544	12,332
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,837,895	275,545	431,116	2,544,556
<b>Fund Balances:</b>				
July 1, 2016, as previously reported	5,182,292	12,226,200	3,166,082	20,574,574
Prior period adjustments	1,330	-	-	1,330
July 1, 2016, as restated	5,183,622	12,226,200	3,166,082	20,575,904
Increase (Decrease) in inventory	-	-	(2,939)	(2,939)
June 30, 2017	\$ 7,021,517	\$ 12,501,745	\$ 3,594,259	\$ 23,117,521

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

**COVINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Governmental Funds**

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

**Exhibit D-1**

**Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds** \$ 2,544,556

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

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

Capital outlay	\$ 1,013,855	
Depreciation expense	<u>(591,667)</u>	422,188

2. In the statement of activities, only the gain/loss on the sale of assets is reported, while in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the sale increases financial resources. Thus, the change in Net Position differs from the change in fund balance by the cost of the assets sold. (104)

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

Recording of pension expense for the current period	(5,245,828)	
Recording of contributions made subsequent to the measurement date	<u>2,395,107</u>	(2,850,721)

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

Change in compensated absences	25,708	
Change in inventory	<u>(2,939)</u>	22,769

<b>Change in Net Position of governmental activities</b>	<u><u>\$ 138,688</u></u>	
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The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**COVINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Fiduciary Funds**

**Statement of Fiduciary Net Position**  
**June 30, 2017**

**Exhibit E**

	Private-Purpose Trust Funds	Agency Funds
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 212	\$ 1,221,848
Due from other funds	-	43,600
	<u>212</u>	<u>43,600</u>
Total Assets	<u>212</u>	<u>\$ 1,265,448</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	-	\$ 1,167,774
Due to other funds	-	33,541
Due to student clubs	-	64,133
	<u>-</u>	<u>64,133</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 1,265,448</u>
<b>Net Position</b>		
Held in trust	<u>212</u>	
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 212</u>	

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



**COVINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Fiduciary Funds**

**Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**

**Exhibit F**

	Private-Purpose Trust Funds
<b>Additions</b>	
Interest on investments	\$ -
Contributions and donations from private sources	-
Total Additions	-
<b>Deductions</b>	
Scholarships awarded	10
Total Deductions	10
Change in Net Position	(10)
<b>Net Position</b>	
July 1, 2016	222
June 30, 2017	\$ 212

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

COVINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the 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 a "primary government." The school district is governed by a five member board to which each member is elected by the citizens of each defined county district.

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

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

Government-wide Financial Statements – The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the District. 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.

COVINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

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

The school district reports the following major governmental funds:

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

Sixteenth Section Principal Fund - This is a permanent fund that accounts for the non-expendable revenues associated with earnings on sixteenth section lands and the investment earnings of these non-expendable resources.

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 fund for payroll type transactions.

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

Future Teacher Endowment Fund - This fund serves as a private-purpose trust fund used to report a trust arrangement, other than those properly reported elsewhere, in which the principal and income benefit individuals.

Scholarship Funds - These various funds serve as private-purpose trust funds used to report trust arrangements, other than those properly reported elsewhere, in which scholarships are provided to students of the school district.

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

Additionally, the school district reports the following fund types:

#### GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

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

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.

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FIDUCIARY FUNDS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Property taxes, intergovernmental revenues (shared revenues, grants and reimbursements from other governments) and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual.

Ad valorem property taxes are levied by the governing authority of the county on behalf of the school district based upon an order adopted by the school board of the school district requesting an ad valorem tax effort in dollars. Since the taxes are not levied and collected by the school district, the revenues to be generated by the annual levies are not recognized until the taxes are actually collected by the tax levying authority.

Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the District funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there is both restricted and unrestricted net position available to finance the program. It is the District's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs and then general revenues.

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

COVINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

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

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

**1. Cash, Cash equivalents and Investments**

Cash and cash equivalents

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

Investments

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

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

Investments for the district are reported at fair market value.

**2. Receivables and payables**

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

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.

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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.

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

See Note 5 for details.

COVINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
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7. Deferred outflows/inflows of resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The school district has incurred a deferred outflow which is presented as a deferred outflow related to pensions. See Note 14 for further details.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The school district has incurred a deferred inflow which is presented as a deferred inflow related to pensions. See Note 14 for further details.

8. Compensated Absences

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

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

9. Long-term Liabilities and Bond Discounts/Premiums

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

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

10. Pensions

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

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

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

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

*Committed fund balance* includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by a formal action of the School Board, the District's highest level of decision-making authority. Currently there is no committed fund balance for this school district.

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

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

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.

## **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



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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 \$13,522,742 and \$1,222,060, respectively. The carrying amount of deposits in the government-wide financial statements was reported as cash and cash equivalents in the amount of \$10,441,236 and a portion of restricted assets in the amount of \$3,081,506 (see Note 4).

*Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits.* Custodial credit risk is defined as the risk that, in the event of the failure of a financial institution, the district will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The district does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Deposits above FDIC coverage are collateralized by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the name of the Mississippi State Treasurer on behalf of the district. As of June 30, 2017, none of the district's bank balance of \$15,657,934 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

#### Cash with Fiscal Agents

The carrying amount of school district's cash with fiscal agents held by financial institutions was \$402,875.

#### Investments

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

Investment Type	Rating	Maturities (in years)	Fair Value
U.S. Treasury SLGS Deposit	N/A	5 to 10 years	\$ 1,055,000
Fidelity Investment Bonds	Various	Various	7,753,348
Total			<u>\$ 8,808,348</u>

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

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

- U.S. Treasury SLGS deposits of \$1,055,000 are valued using quoted market prices (Level 1 inputs)
- Fidelity Investment Bonds of \$7,753,348 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.

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

### 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	Other governmental funds	\$ 249,863
	Fiduciary funds	22,547
Sixteenth Section Principal Fund	Other governmental funds	55,481
Other governmental funds	General Fund	837
	Fiduciary funds	800
Fiduciary funds	General Fund	21,471
	Other governmental funds	11,935
	Fiduciary funds	10,194
Total		<u>\$ 373,128</u>

The primary purpose of the inter-fund balances is to eliminate deficit cash balances in certain special revenue funds caused by negative federal award program cash flows. All balances are expected to be repaid within one year.

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**B. Advances To/From Other Funds**

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
Sixteenth Section Principal Fund	General Fund	\$ 1,185,327
Total		<u>\$ 1,185,327</u>

Sixteenth section principal loans payable

The sixteenth section principal loans payable are not reflected on the Statement of Net Position because these funds were borrowed by the General Fund from the Sixteenth Section Trust Fund (Permanent Trust) in accordance with Section 29-3-113, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The revenues and expenditures associated with these transactions are reflected on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. The interest rate on the sixteenth section principal loans payable as of June 30, 2017 is four percent.

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

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$ 242,876	\$ 47,413	\$ 290,289
2019	252,590	37,699	290,289
2020	262,694	27,595	290,289
2021	273,202	17,087	290,289
2022	49,323	6,158	55,481
2023 - 2024	104,642	6,319	110,961
Total	<u>\$ 1,185,327</u>	<u>\$ 142,271</u>	<u>\$ 1,327,598</u>

**C. Inter-fund Transfers**

Transfers Out	Transfers In	Amount
General Fund	Other governmental funds	\$ 642,544
Other governmental funds	Other governmental funds	9,613
Total		<u>\$ 652,157</u>

Operating transfers were primarily for vocational and special education expenditure transfers and other routine operating transfers.

**Note 4 – Restricted Assets**

The restricted assets represent the cash balance, cash with fiscal agent balance, and investment balance, totaling \$3,081,506, \$391,486, and \$7,753,348, respectively, of the Sixteenth Section Principal Fund (Permanent Fund) which is legally restricted and may not be used for purposes that support the district's programs. In addition, the restricted assets represent the cash with fiscal agent balance and investment balance, totaling \$11,389 and \$1,055,000, respectively, of the QSCB Bond Retirement Fund.

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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	Balance 6/30/2017
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>				
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets:</u>				
Land	\$ 113,504	\$	\$	\$ 113,504
Construction-in-progress				-
Total non-depreciable capital assets	113,504	-	-	113,504
<u>Depreciable capital assets:</u>				
Buildings	14,303,435			14,303,435
Building improvements	3,789,436			3,789,436
Improvements other than buildings	137,034			137,034
Mobile equipment	4,031,421	908,647		4,940,068
Furniture and equipment	939,821	105,208	10,353	1,034,676
Total depreciable capital assets	23,201,147	1,013,855	10,353	24,204,649
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>				
Buildings	7,272,164	217,906		7,490,070
Building improvements	915,123	151,577		1,066,700
Improvements other than buildings	58,596	5,481		64,077
Mobile equipment	3,519,269	145,176		3,664,445
Furniture and equipment	756,346	71,527	10,249	817,624
Total accumulated depreciation	12,521,498	591,667	10,249	13,102,916
Total depreciable capital assets, net	10,679,649	422,188	104	11,101,733
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 10,793,153	\$ 422,188	\$ 104	\$ 11,215,237

Depreciation expense was charged to the following governmental functions:

	Amount
<b>Governmental activities:</b>	
Instruction	\$ 280,349
Support services	291,581
Non-instructional	19,737
Total depreciation expense - Governmental activities	\$ 591,667

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**Note 6 – Long-term Liabilities**

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

	Balance 7/1/2016	Additions	Reductions	Balance 6/30/2017	Amounts due within one year
A. Qualified school construction bonds payable	\$ 3,000,000	\$	\$	\$ 3,000,000	\$ -
B. Compensated absences payable	295,536		25,708	269,828	13,491
Total	\$ 3,295,536	\$ -	\$ 25,708	\$ 3,269,828	\$ 13,491

**A. Qualified school construction bonds payable**

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

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Qualified School Construction Bonds, Series 2010	0.84%	1/15/2010	9/15/2024	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000
Total				<u>\$ 3,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,000,000</u>

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

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$ -	\$ 25,200	\$ 25,200
2019	-	25,200	25,200
2020	-	25,200	25,200
2021	-	25,200	25,200
2022	-	25,200	25,200
2023 – 2025	3,000,000	75,600	3,075,600
Total	<u>\$ 3,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 201,600</u>	<u>\$ 3,201,600</u>

**B. Compensated absences payable**

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

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**Note 7 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan**

**General Information about the Pension Plan**

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

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

*Contributions.* PERS members are required to contribute 9.00% of their annual covered salary, and the school district is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The employer's rate as of June 30, 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 \$2,395,106, \$2,403,271 and \$2,320,357, 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 \$42,606,164 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 0.238523 percent, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2016. This was an increase of 0.002707 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.

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For the year ended June 30, 2017, the District recognized pension expense of \$5,245,828. At June 30, 2017 the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,181,522	\$
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	2,914,446	
Changes of assumptions	1,985,752	113,218
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	405,687	142,452
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	2,395,106	
Total	\$ <u>8,882,513</u>	\$ <u>255,670</u>

\$2,395,106 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	\$ 2,115,780
2019	1,732,018
2020	1,542,245
2021	841,694

*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:

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.

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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	\$ 54,630,654	\$ 42,606,164	\$ 32,629,734

*Pension plan fiduciary net position.* Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued PERS financial report.



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**Note 8 – Sixteenth Section Lands**

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

Year Ending June 30	Amount
2018	\$ 225,535
2019	211,198
2020	203,835
2021	200,895
2022	188,781
2023 – 2027	791,429
2028 – 2032	717,027
2033 – 2037	575,391
2038 – 2042	288,173
Thereafter	563,333
Total	<u>\$ 3,965,597</u>

**Note 9 – Prior Period Adjustments**

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

Exhibit B - Statement of Activities

Explanation	Amount
To write off old outstanding checks at the governmental fund level	\$ 1,330
Total	<u>\$ 1,330</u>

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

Fund	Explanation	Amount
General Fund	To write off old outstanding checks	\$ 1,330
Total		<u>\$ 1,330</u>

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**Note 10 – Contingencies**

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

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

**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. 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.

**Note 12 – Qualified School Construction Bonds**

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

When the stated interest rate on the QSCB results in interest payments that exceed the supplemental interest payments discussed in the preceding paragraph, the school district may apply for a direct cash subsidy payment from the U.S. Treasury which is intended to reduce the stated interest rate to a nominal percentage. These subsidy payments do not include the amount of any supplemental interest paid on a QSCB. For the year ended June 30, 2017, the subsidy payments amounted to \$0.

The school district makes equal annual payments into a sinking fund which is used to pay off the bonds at termination. The current maturity limit of tax credit bonds is 17 years, per the U. S. Treasury Department. Under this program, ten percent of the proceeds must be subject to a binding commitment to be spent within six months of issuance and 100% must be spent within three years. Up to two percent of bond proceeds can be used to pay costs of issuance. The amount on deposit at June 30, 2017 was \$1,075,397, which includes accrued interest of \$9,008. 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	\$ 243,200
2019	243,200
2020	243,200
2021	243,200
2022	243,200
2023 – 2025	729,600
Total	<u>\$ 1,945,600</u>

**Note 13 - Insurance loss recoveries**

The Covington County School District received \$12,332 in insurance loss recoveries during the fiscal year related to vehicle damages. In the government-wide Statement of Activities, the insurance loss recoveries were reported as charges for services and allocated to the support services expense function.

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

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$27,227,632) includes the effect of deferred inflows/outflows of resources related to pensions. A portion of the deferred outflow of resources related to pensions in the amount of \$2,395,106 resulting from the District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2018. The \$6,487,407 balance of the deferred outflow of resources related to pensions at June 30, 2017 will be recognized as pension expense and will decrease the unrestricted net position amount over the next 4 years. The \$255,670 balance of the deferred inflow of resources related to pensions at June 30, 2017 will be recognized as a reduction of pension expense and will increase the unrestricted net position amount over the next 3 years.

**Note 15 - Subsequent Events**

Events that occur after the Statement of Net Position date but before the financial statements are available to be issued must be evaluated for recognition or disclosure. The effects of subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that existed at the Statement of Net Position date are recognized in the accompanying financial statements. Subsequent events which provide evidence about conditions that existed after the Statement of Net Position date require disclosure in the accompanying notes. Management of the Covington County School District evaluated the activity of the district through March 28, 2018, (the date the financial statements were available to be issued), and determined that there were no subsequent events that have occurred requiring disclosure in the notes to the financial statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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**Budgetary Comparison Schedule**  
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	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (GAAP Basis)	Variances Positive (Negative)	
				Original	Final
	Original	Final		to Final	to Actual
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Local sources	\$ 7,892,471	\$ 7,468,689	\$ 7,464,292	\$ (423,782)	\$ (4,397)
State sources	14,423,990	14,356,722	14,356,722	(67,268)	-
Federal sources	50,000	172,315	172,315	122,315	-
Sixteenth section sources	252,555	277,572	277,572	25,017	-
Total Revenues	22,619,016	22,275,298	22,270,901	(343,718)	(4,397)
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Instruction	13,467,016	12,697,881	12,687,303	769,135	10,578
Support services	8,494,862	6,968,507	6,890,150	1,526,355	78,357
Sixteenth section	290,461	168,586	168,586	121,875	-
Debt service:					
Principal	275,347	-	-	275,347	-
Interest	56,755	56,755	56,755	-	-
Total Expenditures	22,584,441	19,891,729	19,802,794	2,692,712	88,935
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	34,575	2,383,569	2,468,107	2,348,994	84,538
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>					
Capital leases issued	886,200	-	-	(886,200)	-
Insurance recovery	11,332	12,332	12,332	1,000	-
Operating transfers in	3,469,198	2,971,021	-	(498,177)	(2,971,021)
Operating transfers out	(4,168,721)	(3,613,565)	(642,544)	555,156	2,971,021
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	198,009	(630,212)	(630,212)	(828,221)	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	232,584	1,753,357	1,837,895	1,520,773	84,538
<b>Fund Balances:</b>					
July 1, 2016, as previously reported	5,656,368	5,182,292	5,182,292	(474,076)	-
Prior period adjustments	-	1,330	1,330	1,330	-
July 1, 2016, as restated	5,656,368	5,183,622	5,183,622	(472,746)	-
June 30, 2017	\$ 5,888,952	\$ 6,936,979	\$ 7,021,517	\$ 1,048,027	\$ 84,538

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

**Covington County School District**  
**Required Supplementary Information**  
**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)	\$ 42,606,164	\$ 36,452,503	\$ 28,311,430
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	0.238523%	0.235816%	0.233243%
District's covered payroll	\$ 15,258,863	\$ 14,732,425	\$ 14,252,362
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	279.2224%	247.4304%	198.6438%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	57.468%	61.704%	67.208%

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

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

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

**Covington County School District**  
**Required Supplementary Information**  
**Schedule of District Contributions**  
**PERS**  
**Last 10 Fiscal Years**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 2,395,106	2,403,271	2,320,357
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	2,395,106	2,403,271	2,320,357
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
District's covered payroll	15,207,022	15,258,863	14,732,425
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%

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

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

COVINGTON COUNTY 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.



## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**COVINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Supplementary Information**

**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	\$ 468,155
National school lunch program	10.555	1,151,959
Summer Feeding	10.559	22,192
Total child nutrition cluster		<u>1,642,306</u>
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education		<u>1,642,306</u>
<b>Total U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>		<u>1,642,306</u>
<b><u>U.S. Department of Education</u></b>		
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:		
Title I grants to local educational agencies	84.010	1,719,496
Rehabilitation Services Vocational Rehabilitation Grants to States	84.126	1,386
Career and technical education - basic grants to states	84.048	43,226
Rural Education	84.358	60,147
Supporting Effective Instruction state grants	84.367	237,917
Subtotal		<u>2,062,172</u>
Special education cluster:		
Special education - grants to states	84.027	697,520
Special education - preschool grants	84.173	19,632
Special education - preschool grants, recovery act	84.392	6,357
Total special education cluster		<u>723,509</u>
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education		<u>2,785,681</u>
<b><u>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</u></b>		
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:		
Medical assistance program	93.778	119,018
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education		<u>119,018</u>
<b>Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</b>		<u>119,018</u>
Total for All Federal Awards		<u><u>\$ 4,547,005</u></u>

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

# COVINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Notes to the Supplementary Information For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

### Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

(1) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of the Covington County 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 Covington County School District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the Covington County School District.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

(3) Indirect Cost Rate

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

(4) Other Items

The pass-through entities did not assign identifying numbers to the school district.

Donated commodities are included in the National School Lunch Program.

E-rate funds have not been included on this schedule due to the fact the FCC considers the support to be in the form of providing a discount to the schools and libraries and does not consider the assistance to be direct financial support.

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

(1) Basis of Accounting

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

**Covington County School District  
Supplementary Information**

**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 Administration	School Administration	Other
Salaries and fringe benefits	\$ 20,851,942	15,600,042	1,229,597	1,618,860	2,403,443
Other	5,453,945	2,093,554	428,530	35,957	2,895,904
Total	<u>\$ 26,305,887</u>	<u>17,693,596</u>	<u>1,658,127</u>	<u>1,654,817</u>	<u>5,299,347</u>
Total number of students *	<u>2,907</u>				
Cost per student	<u>\$ 9,049</u>	<u>6,087</u>	<u>570</u>	<u>569</u>	<u>1,823</u>

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

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

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

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

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

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

## OTHER INFORMATION

**Covington County School District  
Other Information**

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**

**General Fund**

**Last Four Years**

**UNAUDITED**

	2017	2016*	2015*	2014*
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Local sources	\$ 7,464,292	\$ 7,092,657	\$ 7,152,972	\$ 6,751,431
State sources	14,356,722	14,326,171	13,406,187	13,321,075
Federal sources	172,315	1,176	164,360	-
Sixteenth Section sources	277,572	507,762	647,033	671,456
Total Revenues	22,270,901	21,927,766	21,370,552	20,743,962
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Instruction	12,687,303	13,128,895	12,676,650	12,204,574
Support services	6,890,150	6,784,895	6,920,130	6,752,892
Sixteenth section	168,586	289,626	56,547	72,599
Debt Service:				
Interest	56,755	65,737	74,373	63,236
Total Expenditures	19,802,794	20,269,153	19,727,700	19,093,301
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	2,468,107	1,658,613	1,642,852	1,650,661
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>				
Insurance recovery	12,332			
Operating transfers in			787,216	271,132
Operating transfers out	(642,544)	(730,622)	(712,087)	(744,339)
Other financing uses		(632)	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(630,212)	(731,254)	75,129	(473,207)
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,837,895	927,359	1,717,981	1,177,454
<b>Fund Balances:</b>				
July 1 , as previously reported	5,182,292	4,257,870	2,540,226	1,373,609
Prior period adjustments	1,330	(2,937)	(337)	(10,837)
July 1 , as restated	5,183,622	4,254,933	2,539,889	1,362,772
End of Period	\$ 7,021,517	\$ 5,182,292	\$ 4,257,870	\$ 2,540,226

\*SOURCE - PRIOR YEAR AUDIT REPORTS

**Covington County School District**  
**Other Information**

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**

**All Governmental Funds**

**Last Four Years**

**UNAUDITED**

	2017	2016*	2015*	2014*
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Local sources	\$ 8,267,236	\$ 7,880,182	\$ 7,959,669	\$ 7,454,536
State sources	15,188,272	14,774,693	13,904,868	13,813,249
Federal sources	4,818,870	4,680,334	4,387,472	4,219,681
Sixteenth section sources	563,733	1,069,010	1,682,446	1,200,702
Total Revenues	28,838,111	28,404,219	27,934,455	26,688,168
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Instruction	15,480,051	15,668,239	14,998,825	14,713,581
Support services	8,673,034	8,641,497	8,442,010	8,129,225
Noninstructional services	1,833,243	1,815,841	1,869,885	1,738,390
Sixteenth section	235,552	362,442	93,321	133,106
Debt service:				
Interest	81,955	90,937	99,573	88,436
Other	2,052	1,440	821	500
Total Expenditures	26,305,887	26,580,396	25,504,435	24,803,238
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	2,532,224	1,823,823	2,430,020	1,884,930
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>				
Insurance recovery	12,332			
Payment held by escrow agent	224,439	228,857	236,571	241,692
Payment to QSCB debt escrow agent	(224,439)	(228,857)	(236,571)	(241,692)
Operating transfers in	652,157	760,031	1,505,985	1,219,275
Operating transfers out	(652,157)	(760,031)	(1,505,985)	(1,219,275)
Other financing uses		(632)	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	12,332	(632)	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	2,544,556	1,823,191	2,430,020	1,884,930
<b>Fund Balances:</b>				
July 1, as originally reported	20,574,574	18,750,177	16,244,050	14,369,895
Prior period adjustments	1,330	(4,823)	48,793	(10,837)
Beginning of period, restated	20,575,904	18,745,354	16,292,843	14,359,058
Increase (Decrease) in reserve for inventory	(2,939)	6,029	27,314	62
End of Period	\$ 23,117,521	\$ 20,574,574	\$ 18,750,177	\$ 16,244,050

\*SOURCE - PRIOR YEAR AUDIT REPORTS

## REPORTS ON INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE





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

Superintendent and School Board  
Covington County School District

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Covington County School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Covington County School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 28, 2018.

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

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Covington County School District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Covington County School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Covington County School District's internal control. A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Covington County School District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not

express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Purpose of this Report**

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

McKenzie CPA, PLLC  
Brandon, Mississippi  
March 28, 2018

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "McKenzie CPA, PLLC". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



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### **Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance For Each Major Federal Program; Report on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance**

Superintendent and School Board  
Covington County School District

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

We have audited Covington County School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Covington County School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2017. Covington County School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

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

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

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

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of Covington County School District's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and 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 Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Covington County School District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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

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

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

Management of Covington County School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered Covington County School District's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the

circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Covington County School District's internal control over compliance.

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

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

#### **Purpose of this Report**

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

McKenzie CPA, PLLC  
Brandon, Mississippi  
March 28, 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  
Covington County School District

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Covington County School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, which collectively comprise Covington County School District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 28, 2018. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Section 37-9-18(3)(a), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), states in part, "the auditor shall test to 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, we have also performed procedures to test compliance with certain other state laws and regulations. However, providing an opinion on compliance with all state laws and regulations was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

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

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

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

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

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

McKenzie CPA, PLLC  
Brandon, Mississippi  
March 28, 2018

## SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

COVINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Section I: Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements:

- |  |                                      |               |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1.   | Type of auditor's report issued:     | Unmodified    |
| 2. Internal control over financial reporting:            |                                      |               |
| a.   | Material weaknesses identified?      | No            |
| b.   | Significant deficiencies identified? | None reported |
| 3. Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? |                                      |               |
|  |                                      | No            |

Federal Awards:

- |   |                                       |               |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| 4.  | Internal control over major programs: |               |
| a.  | Material weakness identified?         | No            |
| b.  | Significant deficiency identified?    | None reported |
| 5. Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:                                  |                                       |               |
|   |                                       | Unmodified    |
| 6. Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? |                                       |               |
|   |                                       | No            |

7. Identification of major programs:

<u>CFDA Numbers</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
84.010	Title I grants to local educational agencies
10.553; 10.555; 10.559	Child Nutrition Cluster

- |  |  |           |
|--|--|-----------|
| 8.   | Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: | \$750,000 |
| 9. Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?  |  |           |
|  |  | No        |
| 10. Prior fiscal year audit finding(s) and questioned costs relative to federal awards which would require the auditee to prepare a summary schedule of prior audit findings in accordance with 2CFR 200.511(b). |  |           |
|  |  | Yes       |



COVINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Section II: Financial Statement Findings

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

Section III: Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

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

AUDITEE'S SUMMARY OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS

**COVINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**1211 South Dogwood Avenue**  
**Collins, MS 39428**  
**Dr. Arnetta Crosby, Superintendent**  
**Emily Beach, Business Manager**

**AUDITEE'S SUMMARY OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS**

As required by Uniform Guidance, the Covington County School District has prepared and hereby submits the following summary of prior year audit findings for the year ended June 30, 2017:

<u>Finding</u>	<u>Status</u>
<b>2016-01</b>	<b>Corrected</b>
<b>2016-02</b>	<b>Corrected</b>