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LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Superintendent and School Board
Lawrence County School District

Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Lawrence 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 Lawrence County School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinions

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Lawrence 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, schedule of the district's proportionate share of the net pension liability and schedule of district contributions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. I have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

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

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

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated April 23, 2018, on my consideration of the Lawrence County School District's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Lawrence 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 Lawrence County School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Charles L Shivers

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Ridgeland, MS
April 23, 2018

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2017

The following discussion and analysis of Lawrence 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 decreased \$971,687, including a prior period adjustment of \$12,513, which represents a 9.94% decrease from fiscal year 2016. Total net position for 2016 increased \$683,488, including a prior period adjustment of (\$3,144), which represents a 6.5% increase from fiscal year 2015.
- General revenues amounted to \$17,720,431 and \$16,800,298, or 84% and 83% 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 \$3,372,901, or 16% of total revenues for 2017, and \$3,347,554, or 17% of total revenues for 2016.
- The District had \$22,077,532 and \$19,461,220 in expenses for fiscal years 2017 and 2016; only \$3,372,901 for 2017 and \$3,347,554 for 2016 of these expenses was offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions. General revenues of \$17,720,431 for 2017 were not adequate to provide for these programs. General revenues of \$16,800,298 for 2016 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- Among major funds, the General Fund had \$17,587,385 in revenues and \$15,345,520 in expenditures for 2017, and \$17,118,044 in revenues and \$15,951,510 in expenditures in 2016. The General Fund's fund balance increased by \$1,559,550 from 2016 to 2017, and increased by \$279,152, including a prior period adjustment of (\$3,144), from 2015 to 2016.
- Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, decreased by \$262,473 for 2017 and decreased by \$174,513 for 2016. The decrease for 2017 was due to the disposal of capital assets coupled with the increase in accumulated depreciation.
- Long-term debt decreased by \$90,300 for 2017 and increased by \$2,748 for 2016. This decrease for 2017 was due primarily to principal payments on outstanding long-term debt. The liability for compensated absences decreased by \$4,300 for 2017 and decreased by \$9,793 for 2016.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

Government-wide Financial Statements

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

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

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

The government-wide financial statements outline functions of the District that are principally supported by property taxes and

intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities). The governmental activities of the District include instruction, support services, non-instructional, 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:

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

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

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

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

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

Notes to the financial statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found immediately following the basic financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents budgetary comparison schedules, Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, and Schedule of District Contributions as required supplementary information. The District adopts an annual operating budget for all governmental funds. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for the General Fund 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 \$10,750,510 as of June 30, 2017.

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

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

Table 1
Condensed Statement of Net Position

	<u>June 30, 2017</u>	<u>June 30, 2016</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Current assets	\$ 8,612,516	\$ 7,098,735	21.32 %
Restricted assets	3,298,639	2,804,604	17.62 %
Capital assets, net	8,223,956	8,486,429	(3.09) %
Total assets	20,135,111	18,389,768	9.49 %
 Deferred outflows of resources	 4,875,212	 3,737,893	 30.43 %
 Current liabilities	 1,074,746	 1,082,113	 (0.68) %
Long-term debt outstanding	4,395,277	4,485,577	(2.01) %
Net pension liability	29,714,442	25,784,764	15.24 %
Total liabilities	35,184,465	31,352,454	12.22 %
 Deferred inflows of resources	 576,368	 554,030	 4.03 %
 Net position:			
Net investment in capital assets	3,948,643	4,125,116	(4.28) %
Restricted	3,085,562	2,629,929	17.32 %
Unrestricted	(17,784,715)	(16,533,868)	(7.57) %
Total net position	\$ (10,750,510)	\$ (9,778,823)	(9.94) %

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)	\$ (17,784,715)
Less unrestricted deficit in net position resulting from recognition of the net pension liability, including the deferred outflows and deferred inflows related to pensions	25,415,598
Unrestricted net position, exclusive of the net pension liability effect	<u>\$ 7,630,883</u>

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

- Decrease in net capital assets in the amount of \$262,473.
- The principal retirement of \$86,000 of long-term debt.

Changes in net position

The District's total revenues for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016 were \$21,093,332 and \$20,147,852, respectively. The total cost of all programs and services was \$22,077,532 for 2017 and \$19,461,220 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>
Revenues:			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 599,598	\$ 656,519	(8.67) %
Operating grants and contributions	2,773,303	2,691,035	3.06 %
General revenues:			
Property taxes	6,064,071	5,873,377	3.25 %
Grants and contributions not restricted	10,792,574	10,505,476	2.73 %
Investment earnings	60,615	34,090	77.81 %
Sixteenth section sources	420,311	372,604	12.80 %
Other	382,860	14,751	2,495.49 %
Total revenues	<u>21,093,332</u>	<u>20,147,852</u>	4.69 %
Expenses:			
Instruction	10,105,627	10,149,981	(0.44) %
Support services	6,273,333	6,527,676	(3.90) %
Non-instructional	1,047,005	1,069,232	(2.08) %
Sixteenth section	56,934	37,160	53.21 %
Pension expense	4,490,581	1,571,501	185.75 %
Interest on long-term liabilities	104,052	105,670	(1.53) %
Total expenses	<u>22,077,532</u>	<u>19,461,220</u>	13.44 %
Increase (Decrease) in net position	<u>(984,200)</u>	<u>686,632</u>	(243.34) %
Net Position, July 1, as previously reported	<u>(9,778,823)</u>	<u>(10,462,311)</u>	6.53 %
Prior Period Adjustment	<u>12,513</u>	<u>(3,144)</u>	498.00 %
Net Position, July 1, as restated	<u>(9,766,310)</u>	<u>(10,465,455)</u>	6.68 %
Net Position, June 30	<u>\$ (10,750,510)</u>	<u>\$ (9,778,823)</u>	(9.94) %

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

	Total Expenses		Percentage Change
	2017	2016	
Instruction	\$ 10,105,627	\$ 10,149,981	(0.44) %
Support services	6,273,333	6,527,676	(3.90) %
Non-instructional	1,047,005	1,069,232	(2.08) %
Sixteenth section	56,934	37,160	53.21 %
Pension Expense	4,490,581	1,571,501	185.75 %
Interest on long-term liabilities	104,052	105,670	(1.53) %
Total expenses	\$ 22,077,532	\$ 19,461,220	13.44 %

	Net (Expense) Revenue		Percentage Change
	2017	2016	
Instruction	\$ (8,610,963)	\$ (8,704,612)	(1.08) %
Support services	(5,779,286)	(5,983,934)	(3.42) %
Non-instructional	337,185	289,211	16.59 %
Sixteenth section	(56,934)	(37,160)	53.21 %
Pension Expense	(4,490,581)	(1,571,501)	185.75 %
Interest on long-term liabilities	(104,052)	(105,670)	(1.53) %
Total net (expense) revenue	\$ (18,704,631)	\$ (16,113,666)	16.08 %

- Net cost of governmental activities (\$18,704,631 for 2017 and \$16,113,666 for 2016) was financed by general revenue, which is primarily made up of property taxes (\$6,064,071 for 2017 and \$5,873,377 for 2016) and state and federal revenues (\$10,792,574 for 2017 and \$10,505,476 for 2016). In addition, there was \$420,311 and \$372,604 in Sixteenth Section sources for 2017 and 2016, respectively.
- Investment earnings amounted to \$60,615 for 2017 and \$34,090 for 2016.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

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

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

The financial performance of the District as a whole is reflected in its governmental funds. As the District completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$10,900,663, an increase of \$2,013,867, which includes a decrease in inventory of \$1,448. \$7,552,268 or 69% 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 \$3,348,395 or 31% is either nonspendable, restricted, committed or assigned to indicate that it is not available for spending except only for the purposes to which it is restricted, committed or assigned.

The General Fund is the principal operating fund of the District. The increase in fund balance in the General Fund for the fiscal year was \$1,559,550. The fund balance of Other Governmental Funds showed an increase in the amount of \$249,837, which includes a decrease in reserve for inventory of \$1,448. The increase in the fund balance for the QSCB Repayment Fund was \$204,480.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

During the year, the District revised the annual operating budget. Budget revisions were made to address and correct the original

budgets to reflect more accurately the sources and uses of funding for the School District.

A schedule showing the original and final budget amounts compared to the District's actual financial activity for the General Fund 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 \$18,192,345, including land, school buildings, building improvements, buses, other school vehicles and furniture and equipment. This amount represents a decrease of \$45,133 from 2016. Total accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2017, was \$9,968,389, and total depreciation expense for the year was \$447,200, resulting in total net capital assets of \$8,223,956.

Table 4
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation

	<u>June 30, 2017</u>	<u>June 30, 2016</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Land	\$ 214,837	\$ 214,837	0.00 %
Buildings	4,814,867	4,951,016	(2.75) %
Building improvements	1,978,970	2,084,004	(5.04) %
Improvements other than buildings	169,818	184,681	(8.05) %
Mobile equipment	983,190	899,462	9.31 %
Furniture and equipment	62,274	75,293	(17.29) %
Leased property under capital leases	0	77,136	(100.00) %
Total	\$ 8,223,956	\$ 8,486,429	(3.09) %

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

Debt Administration. At June 30, 2017, the District had \$4,395,277 in outstanding long-term debt, of which \$9,597 is due within one year. The liability for compensated absences decreased \$4,300 from the prior year.

Table 5
Outstanding Long-Term Debt

	<u>June 30, 2017</u>	<u>June 30, 2016</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Obligations under capital leases	0	86,000	(100.00) %
Obligations under energy efficiency leases	1,275,313	1,275,313	0.00 %
Qualified school construction bonds payable	3,000,000	3,000,000	0.00 %
Compensated absences payable	119,964	124,264	(3.46) %
Total	\$ 4,395,277	\$ 4,485,577	(2.01) %

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

CURRENT ISSUES

The Lawrence 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.

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 Lawrence County School District, 346 Jolly Drive, Monticello, MS 39654.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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LARWENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2017

Exhibit A

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,276,984
Due from other governments	284,761
Other receivables, net	6,064
Inventories	23,828
Prepaid items	20,879
Restricted assets (Note 4)	3,298,639
Non-depreciable capital assets (Note 5)	214,837
Depreciable capital assets, net (Note 5)	8,009,119
Total Assets	<u>20,135,111</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Deferred outflow - pensions (Note 7)	4,875,212
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>4,875,212</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	959,116
Interest payable on long-term liabilities	64,254
Other payables	51,376
Long-term liabilities (Due within one year) (Note 6)	
Capital related liabilities	0
Non-capital related liabilities	9,597
Long-term liabilities (Due beyond one year) (Note 6)	
Capital related liabilities	4,275,313
Non-capital related liabilities	110,367
Net pension liability (Note 7)	29,714,442
Total Liabilities	<u>35,184,465</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Deferred inflows - pensions (Note 7)	576,368
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>576,368</u>
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	3,948,643
Restricted net position	
Expendable	
School-based activities	510,220
Debt service	2,238,342
Forestry improvements	222,606
Unemployment benefits	50,776
Non-expendable	
Sixteenth section	63,618
Unrestricted	<u>(17,784,715)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (10,750,510)</u>

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

LARWENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Exhibit B

Functions / Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position	
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	
Governmental Activities					
Instruction	\$ 10,105,627	366,438	1,128,226	(8,610,963)	
Support services	6,273,333		494,047	(5,779,286)	
Non-instructional	1,047,005	233,160	1,151,030	337,185	
Sixteenth section	56,934			(56,934)	
Pension expense	4,490,581			(4,490,581)	
Interest on long-term liabilities	104,052			(104,052)	
Total Governmental Activities	<u>22,077,532</u>	<u>599,598</u>	<u>2,773,303</u>	<u>(18,704,631)</u>	
General Revenues					
Taxes					
General purpose levies					6,064,071
Unrestricted grants and contributions					
State					10,450,474
Federal					342,100
Unrestricted investment earnings					60,615
Sixteenth section sources					420,311
Other					382,860
Total General Revenues					<u>17,720,431</u>
Changes in Net Position					(984,200)
Net Position - Beginning, as previously reported					(9,778,823)
Prior Period Adjustments (Note 9)					12,513
Net Position - Beginning - as restated					<u>(9,766,310)</u>
Net Position - Ending					<u>\$ (10,750,510)</u>

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

LARWENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
June 30, 2017

Exhibit C

	<u>Major Funds</u>			
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>QSCB Repayment Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 8,276,984	3,526	909,074	9,189,584
Cash with fiscal agent (Note 2)	25,519	32,470		57,989
Investments (Note 2)		1,400,000	928,050	2,328,050
Due from other governments	133,527		151,234	284,761
Due from other funds (Note 3)	115,955			115,955
Advances to other funds (Note 3)	6,000			6,000
Inventories			23,828	23,828
Prepaid items	20,879			20,879
Total Assets	<u>8,578,864</u>	<u>1,435,996</u>	<u>2,012,186</u>	<u>12,027,046</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances				
Liabilities				
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	828,017		131,099	959,116
Due to other funds (Note 3)			115,891	115,891
Other payables		3,526	47,850	51,376
Total Liabilities	<u>828,017</u>	<u>3,526</u>	<u>294,840</u>	<u>1,126,383</u>
Fund Balances				
Nonspendable				
Inventory			23,828	23,828
Permanent fund principal			63,618	63,618
Advances	6,000			6,000
Prepaid items	20,879			20,879
Restricted				
Debt service		1,432,470	870,126	2,302,596
Forestry improvements			222,606	222,606
Unemployment benefits			50,776	50,776
Grant activities			486,392	486,392
Assigned				
School activities	171,700			171,700
Unassigned	7,552,268			7,552,268
Total Fund Balances	<u>7,750,847</u>	<u>1,432,470</u>	<u>1,717,346</u>	<u>10,900,663</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 8,578,864</u>	<u>1,435,996</u>	<u>2,012,186</u>	<u>12,027,046</u>

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

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

Exhibit C-1

		<u>Amount</u>
Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds		\$ 10,900,663
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds:		
Land	214,837	
Buildings	11,080,874	
Building improvements	2,625,859	
Improvement other than buildings	557,213	
Mobile equipment	2,890,014	
Furniture and equipment	823,548	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(9,968,389)</u>	8,223,956
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		(29,714,442)
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	4,875,212	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	<u>(576,368)</u>	4,298,844
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	(3,000,000)	
Obligations under energy efficiency leases	(1,275,313)	
Compensated absences	(119,964)	
Accrued interest payable	<u>(64,254)</u>	(4,459,531)
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities		<u>\$ (10,750,510)</u>

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Exhibit D

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

	Major Funds			Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	QSCB Repayment Fund	Other Governmental Funds	
Revenues				
Local sources	\$ 6,440,862	32,471	251,167	6,724,500
State sources	10,451,244		480,030	10,931,274
Federal sources	275,179		2,291,246	2,566,425
Sixteenth section sources	420,100		68,173	488,273
Total Revenues	17,587,385	32,471	3,090,616	20,710,472
Expenditures				
Instruction	9,450,946		1,467,812	10,918,758
Support services	5,710,594		988,525	6,699,119
Noninstructional services	4,024		1,207,814	1,211,838
Sixteenth section	16,171		40,763	56,934
Debt service				
Principal (Note 6)	86,000			86,000
Interest	76,535	26,400		102,935
Other	1,250	1,183		2,433
Total Expenditures	15,345,520	27,583	3,704,914	19,078,017
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	2,241,865	4,888	(614,298)	1,632,455
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Insurance loss recoveries (Note 17)	379,615			379,615
Sale of transportation equipment	3,424			3,424
Operating transfers in (Note 3)	212	199,592	930,974	1,130,778
Operating transfers out (Note 3)	(1,065,566)		(65,212)	(1,130,778)
Other financing uses			(179)	(179)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(682,315)	199,592	865,583	382,860
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,559,550	204,480	251,285	2,015,315
Fund Balances				
July 1, 2016	6,191,297	1,227,990	1,467,509	8,886,796
Decrease in reserve for inventory			(1,448)	(1,448)
June 30, 2017	\$ 7,750,847	1,432,470	1,717,346	10,900,663

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

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Exhibit D-1

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

	<u>Amount</u>	
Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds		\$ 2,015,315
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. In the current period, those amounts are:		
Capital outlay	197,086	
Depreciation expense	<u>(447,200)</u>	(250,114)
In the Statement of Activities, only the gain/loss on the sale of assets is reported, while in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the sale increases financial resources. Thus, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balance by the cost of the asset sold.		
		(24,872)
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts and the difference between the carrying value of refunded debt and the acquisition cost of refunded debt when debt is first issued. These amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities:		
Payments of debt principal	86,000	
Accrued interest payable	<u>1,316</u>	87,316
Reconciling items applicable to pension liability and related accounts:		
Pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement date	1,675,884	
Pension expense for the current year	<u>(4,490,581)</u>	(2,814,697)
Some items reported in the Statement of Activities do not provide or require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as revenues/expenditures in the governmental funds. These activities include:		
Change in compensated absences	4,300	
Change in inventory reserve	<u>(1,448)</u>	2,852
Changes in Net Position of Governmental Activities		<u>\$ (984,200)</u>

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

LARWENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities
June 30, 2017

Exhibit E

	<u>Agency Funds</u>
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	<u>\$ 57,728</u>
Total Assets	<u> 57,728</u>
Liabilities	
Due to other funds (Note 3)	64
Due to student clubs	51,664
Advances to other funds (Note 3)	<u>6,000</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 57,728</u>

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

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LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Notes to the Financial Statements
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Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

A. Financial Reporting Entity

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

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

B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Fund Financial Statements - Separate financial statements are provided for governmental, proprietary 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.

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

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

The District's fiduciary funds include the following:

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

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

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

Additionally, the school district reports the following fund types:

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

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

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

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

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

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The account classifications used in the financial statements conform to the broad classifications recommended in *Governmental Accounting, Auditing, and Financial Reporting*, issued in 2012 by the Government Finance Officers Association and are consistent with the broad classifications recommended in *Financial Accounting for Local and State School Systems, 2014*, issued by the U.S. Department of Education.

D. Encumbrances

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

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.

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2. Receivables and payables

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

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

3. Due from Other Governments

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

4. Inventories and Prepaid Items

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

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

5. Restricted Assets

Certain resources set aside for repayment of debt are classified as restricted assets on the Statement of Net Position because their use is limited by applicable debt statutes, e.g. Qualified Zone Academy Bond sinking funds. Also, the nonexpendable portion of the Permanent Fund is classified as restricted assets because the 16th Section Principal fund is not available for use by the district except as provided for under state statute for loans from this fund.

6. Capital Assets

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

Capital acquisition and construction are reflected as expenditures in the Governmental Fund statements and the related assets are reported as capital assets in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements.

Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line basis for all assets, except land.

The following schedule details the capitalization thresholds:

	Capitalization Policy	Estimated Useful Life
Land	\$ 0	0
Buildings	50,000	40 years
Building improvements	25,000	20 years

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	Capitalization Policy	Estimated Useful Life
Improvements other than buildings	25,000	20 years
Mobile equipment	5,000	5-10 years
Furniture and equipment	5,000	3-7 years
Leased property under capital leases	*	*

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

7. Deferred outflows/inflows of resources

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

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

8. Compensated Absences

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

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

9. Long-term Liabilities

In the government-wide financial statements, outstanding debt is reported as liabilities. See Note 6 for details.

10. Pensions

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

11. Fund Balances

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

It is the policy of the School District to maintain a minimum fund balance in the General Fund that is not less than 7.5% of the revenues of the district maintenance fund (General Fund).

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

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

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

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

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Investment income of less than \$100 can be credited to the General Fund.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The carrying amount of the school district's deposits with financial institutions reported in the governmental funds and fiduciary funds was \$9,253,202 (which includes \$63,618 of certificates of deposit with original maturities beyond three months and reported on the Balance Sheet as investments) and \$57,728, respectively.

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

Cash with Fiscal Agents

The carrying amount of school district's cash with fiscal agents held by financial institutions was \$57,989.

Investments

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

Investment Type	Rating	Maturities (in years)	Fair Value
USG-SLG Certificate of Indebtedness	N/A	5 to 10	\$ 1,400,000
QSCB Construction Bonds Common Trust	AAAm	Less than 1	864,432
Certificates of deposit	N/A	Less than 1	63,618
Total			<u>\$ 2,328,050</u>

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

The district has the following recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2017: The investments listed 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. As of June 30, 2017, the district had the following investments:

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Issuer	Fair Value	% of Total Investments
Trustmark - QSCB Construction Bonds Common Trust	<u>\$ 864,432</u>	<u>37.1%</u>

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	\$ 115,891
	Fiduciary funds	<u>64</u>
Total		<u>\$ 115,955</u>

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

B. Advances To/From Other Funds

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General Fund	Fiduciary funds	<u>\$ 6,000</u>

The purpose of the advance was to provide cash on hand in the payroll and accounts payable clearing accounts for unanticipated expenditures.

C. Inter-fund Transfers

Transfers Out	Transfers In	Amount
General Fund	Major fund - QSCB Repayment Fund	\$ 134,592
	Other governmental funds	930,974
Other governmental funds	General Fund	212
	Major fund - QSCB Repayment Fund	<u>65,000</u>
Total		<u>\$ 1,130,778</u>

The transfer out of the General Fund was for the purpose of funding the Major Fund - QSCB Repayment Fund and the Vocational program and Energy Efficiency Debt Service in the Other Governmental Funds. The transfer from the Other Governmental Funds was to fund the Major Fund - QSCB Repayment Fund.

Note 4 – Restricted Assets

Restricted assets consist of assets (cash of \$912,600, cash with fiscal agent of \$57,989 and investments of \$2,328,050) whose use is legally restricted and may not be used for purposes that support the district's programs, such as 16th Section Principal Fund, debt service funds and grant activities.

Note 5 – Capital Assets

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

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	Balance 7/1/2016	Increases	Decreases	Adjustments	Balance 6/30/2017
Governmental Activities:					
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets:</u>					
Land	\$ 214,837				214,837
Total non-depreciable capital assets	<u>214,837</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>214,837</u>
<u>Depreciable capital assets:</u>					
Buildings	11,080,874				11,080,874
Building improvements	2,625,859				2,625,859
Improvements other than buildings	557,213				557,213
Mobile equipment	2,880,306	173,000	(248,057)	84,765	2,890,014
Furniture and equipment	793,624	24,086	(6,675)	12,513	823,548
Leased property under capital leases	84,765			(84,765)	0
Total depreciable capital assets	<u>18,022,641</u>	<u>197,086</u>	<u>(254,732)</u>	<u>12,513</u>	<u>17,977,508</u>
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>					
Buildings	6,129,858	136,149			6,266,007
Building improvements	541,855	105,034			646,889
Improvements other than buildings	372,532	14,863			387,395
Mobile equipment	1,980,844	141,603	(223,252)	7,629	1,906,824
Furniture and equipment	718,331	49,551	(6,608)		761,274
Leased property under capital leases	7,629			(7,629)	0
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>9,751,049</u>	<u>447,200</u>	<u>(229,860)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,968,389</u>
Total depreciable capital assets, net	<u>8,271,592</u>	<u>(250,114)</u>	<u>(24,872)</u>	<u>12,513</u>	<u>8,009,119</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 8,486,429</u>	<u>(250,114)</u>	<u>(24,872)</u>	<u>12,513</u>	<u>8,223,956</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to the following governmental functions:

	Amount
Governmental activities:	
Instruction	\$ 203,437
Support services	225,108
Non-instructional	18,655
Total depreciation expense - Governmental activities	<u>\$ 447,200</u>

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	0
B. Obligations under energy efficiency leases	1,275,313			1,275,313	0
C. Obligations under capital leases	86,000		86,000	0	
D. Compensated absences payable	124,264		4,300	119,964	9,597
Total	<u>\$ 4,485,577</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>90,300</u>	<u>4,395,277</u>	<u>9,597</u>

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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	0.88	1/26/2010	9/15/2024	<u>\$ 3,000,000</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>

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

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$	26,400	26,400
2019		26,400	26,400
2020		26,400	26,400
2021		26,400	26,400
2022		26,400	26,400
2023 – 2025	<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>79,200</u>	<u>3,079,200</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,000,000</u>	<u>211,200</u>	<u>3,211,200</u>

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

This debt is partially secured by an irrevocable pledge of building and bus fund revenues (\$66,292) the district receives from the State of Mississippi pursuant to the Education Enhancement Funds authorization, Section 37-61-33, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

B. Obligations under energy efficiency leases

As more fully explained in Note 13, debt has been issued by the school district that qualifies as Obligations Under Energy Efficiency Leases. Debt currently outstanding is as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Energy efficiency lease, series C	5.89%	12/15/2010	12/15/2019	<u>\$ 1,275,313</u>	<u>1,275,313</u>

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

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$	75,116	75,116
2019		75,116	75,116
2020	<u>1,275,313</u>	<u>75,116</u>	<u>1,350,429</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,275,313</u>	<u>225,348</u>	<u>1,500,661</u>

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

An energy efficiency lease agreement dated December 1, 2010, was executed by and between the district, the lessee, and

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Trustmark National Bank, the lessor.

The agreement authorized the borrowing of \$1,275,313 for the purchase of energy efficiency equipment, machinery, supplies, building modifications and other energy saving items. Payments of the lease shall be made from the District Maintenance Fund (General Fund) and the QSCB Energy Retirement Fund (Debt Service Fund) and not exceed ten (10) years.

The district entered into this energy efficiency lease agreement under the authority of Section 31-7-14, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

Upon written notice to the lessor, the lessee has the option of repaying the total amount due as set forth by the agreement.

C. Obligations under capital leases

The obligations under capital leases were paid in full during the fiscal year.

D. Compensated absences payable

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

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 \$1,675,884, \$1,676,099 and \$1,641,313, respectively, which equaled the required contributions for each year.

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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 \$29,714,442 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 .166351 percent, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2016. This was a decrease of .000454 percent from its proportionate share used to calculate the June 30, 2016 net pension liability, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2015.

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the District recognized pension expense of \$4,490,581. At June 30, 2017 the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 590,650	0
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	1,610,405	0
Changes of assumptions	998,273	56,270
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	0	520,098
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	1,675,884	0
Total	<u>\$ 4,875,212</u>	<u>576,368</u>

\$1,675,884 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	\$ 833,521
2019	833,521
2020	553,317
2021	402,601

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.

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.

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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	\$ 38,100,577	29,714,442	22,756,669

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

Note 8 – Sixteenth Section Lands

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

<u>Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2018	\$ 36,610
2019	22,315
2020	13,852
2021	9,961
2022	9,961
2023 – 2027	7,548
Thereafter	14,250
Total	<u>\$ 114,497</u>

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Note 9 – Prior Period Adjustments

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

Exhibit B - Statement of Activities

Explanation	Amount
Error correction - adjustment to capital assets	<u>\$ 12,513</u>

Note 10 – Contingencies

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

Note 11 – Risk Management

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

Participation in Public Entity Risk Pool

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

Property Trust

The school district is a member of the Mississippi School Boards Association Property Trust (MSBAPT). The Trust is a risk sharing pool; such a pool is frequently referred to as a self-insurance pool. The Trust consist of approximately 39 school districts and covers losses associated with property damage to the physical assets (property and automobiles) owned by the member districts as well as Crime and Cyber coverage. An indemnity agreement is executed by each member in the Trust for the purposes of jointly and severally binding the pool and each of the members/districts to meet the financial obligations of each member. Each member of the Trust contributes quarterly to a fund held in trust by Amegy Bank, Houston, TX. The funds in the trust account are used to pay any claim up to \$150,000 per occurrence for property losses and \$100,000 per occurrence for automobile physical damage losses. For a claim/occurrence exceeding the \$150,000 and \$100,000 respectively, the Trust has secured excess insurance. If total claims during a year were to deplete the trust account, then the member school districts would be required to pay for the deficiencies.

Casualty Trust

The school district is a member of the Mississippi School Boards Association Casualty Trust (MSBACT). The Trust is a risk sharing pool; such a pool is frequently referred to as a self-insurance pool. The Trust consist of approximately 39 school districts and covers losses associated with liability related claims (General Liability, Automobile Liability, School Board Legal Liability and Employment Practices). An indemnity agreement is executed by each member in the Trust for the purposes of jointly and severally binding the pool and each of the members/districts to meet the financial obligations of each member. Each member of the Trust contributes quarterly to a fund held in trust by Amegy Bank, Houston, TX. The funds in the trust account are used to pay any claim up to \$150,000 per

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occurrence. For a claim/occurrence exceeding \$150,000 the Trust has secured excess insurance. If total claims during a year were to deplete the trust account, then the member school districts would be required to pay for the deficiencies.

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 \$68,864.

The school district makes equal annual payments into a sinking fund which is used to payoff the bonds at termination. The current maturity limit of tax credit bonds is 17 years, per the U. S. Treasury Department. Under this program, ten percent of the proceeds must be subject to a binding commitment to be spent within six months of issuance and 100% must be spent within three years. Up to two percent of bond proceeds can be used to pay costs of issuance. The amount on deposit at June 30, 2017 was \$1,432,470. The amount accumulated in the sinking fund at the end of the seventeen-year period will be sufficient to retire the debt. The following schedule reports the annual deposits to be made to the sinking fund by the school district.

Year Ending June 30	Amount
2018	\$ 200,000
2019	200,000
2020	200,000
2021	200,000
2022	200,000
2023 – 2025	600,000
Total	<u>\$ 1,600,000</u>

Note 13 – Obligations Under Energy Efficiency Lease

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 energy management services. 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.

The school district makes equal annual payments into a sinking fund which is used to payoff the bonds at termination. The amount on deposit at June 30, 2017 was \$864,432. The amount accumulated in the sinking fund at the end of the nine year period will be sufficient to retire the debt. The following schedule reports the annual deposits to be made to the sinking fund by the school district.

Year Ending June 30	Amount
2018	\$ 146,000
2019	145,000
2020	145,313
Total	<u>\$ 436,313</u>

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Note 14 – Economic Dependency

The school district is significantly economically dependent on an ad valorem tax payer (Georgia-Pacific Corporation). In the event of a loss of ad valorem taxes from this payer, the district would encounter an economic hardship.

Note 15 – Effect of Deferred Amounts on Net Position

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$17,784,715) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenses and revenue associated with the net pension liability and related account balances.

Note 16 - Subsequent Events

Events that occur after the Statement of Net Position date but before the financial statements are available to be issued must be evaluated for recognition or disclosure. The effects of subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that existed at the Statement of Net Position date are recognized in the accompanying financial statements. Subsequent events which provide evidence about conditions that existed after the Statement of Net Position date require disclosure in the accompanying notes. Management of the School District evaluated the activity of the district through April 23, 2018, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and determined that no subsequent events have occurred requiring disclosure in the notes to the financial statements.

Note 17 - Insurance loss recoveries

The School District received \$379,615 in insurance loss recoveries related to hail damage to roofs during the 2016-2017 fiscal year. In the government-wide Statement of Activities, the insurance loss recoveries were reported as charges for services and allocated among the expense functions based on the following percentages:

Insurance Loss Recoveries	Percentage	Expense Function
\$ 379,615	100%	Instruction
0	0%	Support services
0	0%	Non-instructional
<u>\$ 379,615</u>	<u>100%</u>	

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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 Budgetary Comparison Schedule for the General Fund
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	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (GAAP Basis)	Variances Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
Revenues					
Local sources	\$ 6,556,879	6,886,323	6,440,862	329,444	(445,461)
State sources	10,500,161	10,500,161	10,451,244	0	(48,917)
Federal sources	394,911	394,911	275,179	0	(119,732)
Sixteenth section sources	232,475	232,475	420,100	0	187,625
Total Revenues:	<u>17,684,426</u>	<u>18,013,870</u>	<u>17,587,385</u>	<u>329,444</u>	<u>(426,485)</u>
Expenditures					
Instruction	10,405,414	10,752,869	9,450,946	(347,455)	1,301,923
Support services	6,360,431	6,380,533	5,710,594	(20,102)	669,939
Noninstructional services	4,325	4,325	4,024	0	301
Sixteenth section	0	0	16,171	0	(16,171)
Debt service					
Principal	86,000	86,000	86,000	0	0
Interest	76,653	76,653	76,535	0	118
Other	1,250	1,250	1,250	0	0
Total Expenditures	<u>16,934,073</u>	<u>17,301,630</u>	<u>15,345,520</u>	<u>(367,557)</u>	<u>1,956,110</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>750,353</u>	<u>712,240</u>	<u>2,241,865</u>	<u>(38,113)</u>	<u>1,529,625</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Insurance loss recoveries	0	0	379,615	0	379,615
Sale of transportation equipment	0	0	3,424	0	3,424
Operating transfers in	2,105,624	2,105,624	212	0	(2,105,412)
Operating transfers out	(3,251,112)	(3,256,744)	(1,065,566)	(5,632)	2,191,178
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(1,145,488)</u>	<u>(1,151,120)</u>	<u>(682,315)</u>	<u>(5,632)</u>	<u>468,805</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances			<u>1,559,550</u>		
Fund Balances					
July 1, 2016			<u>6,191,297</u>		
June 30, 2017			<u>\$ 7,750,847</u>		

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

LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

PERS

Last 10 Fiscal Years

	2017	2016	2015
District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.166351%	0.166805%	0.168065%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	<u>\$ 29,714,442</u>	<u>25,784,764</u>	<u>20,634,887</u>
District's covered payroll	<u>\$ 10,641,898</u>	<u>10,421,035</u>	<u>10,274,311</u>
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	<u>279.22%</u>	<u>247.43%</u>	<u>200.84%</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	<u>57.47%</u>	<u>61.70%</u>	<u>67.21%</u>

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 the FYE 6-30-15, and, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the District has only presented information for the years in which information is available.

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

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,675,884	1,676,099	1,641,313
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	1,675,884	1,676,099	1,641,313
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 10,640,530	10,641,898	10,421,035
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 the FYE 6-30-15, and, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the District has only presented information for the years in which information is available.

LAWRENCE 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

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Lawrence County School District
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Federal Grantor/ Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.	Federal Expenditures
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u>		
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:		
Child nutrition cluster:		
School breakfast program	10.553	\$ 376,704
National school lunch program	10.555	926,714
Total child nutrition cluster		<u>1,303,418</u>
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education		<u>1,303,418</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture		<u>1,303,418</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Defense</u>		
Direct program:		
Reserve officers' training corps	12.xxx	59,850
Total U.S. Department of Defense		<u>59,850</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Education</u>		
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:		
Title I - grants to local educational agencies	84.010	482,111
Career and technical education - basic grants to states	84.048	29,011
Rural education	84.358	46,042
Supporting effective instruction - state grants	84.367	146,470
Total		<u>703,634</u>
Special education cluster:		
Special education - grants to states	84.027	432,024
Special education - preschool grants	84.173	18,743
Total special education cluster		<u>450,767</u>
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education		<u>1,154,401</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education		<u>1,154,401</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</u>		
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:		
Medical assistance program	93.778	14,701
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education		<u>14,701</u>
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services		<u>14,701</u>
Total for All Federal Awards		<u><u>\$ 2,532,370</u></u>

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

LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Notes to the Supplementary Information
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

(1) Basis of Presentation

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

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

(3) Indirect Cost Rate

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

LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures - Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Instruction and Other Student Instructional Expenditures</u>	<u>General Administrative</u>	<u>School Administration</u>	<u>Other</u>
Salaries and fringe benefits	\$ 14,530,349	10,753,327	907,627	1,097,425	1,771,970
Other	4,547,668	1,279,216	460,356	64,419	2,743,677
Total	<u>19,078,017</u>	<u>12,032,543</u>	<u>1,367,983</u>	<u>1,161,844</u>	<u>4,515,647</u>
Total number of students	<u>2,147</u>				
Cost per student	<u>\$ 8,885</u>	<u>5,604</u>	<u>637</u>	<u>541</u>	<u>2,103</u>

Notes to the schedule.

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

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

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

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

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

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OTHER INFORMATION

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

UNAUDITED

	2017	2016*	2015*	2014*
Revenues				
Local sources	\$ 6,440,862	6,289,812	6,107,668	6,098,136
State sources	10,451,244	10,217,265	9,866,813	9,064,720
Federal sources	275,179	287,439	280,322	255,678
Sixteenth section sources	420,100	323,528	428,522	363,943
Total Revenues	17,587,385	17,118,044	16,683,325	15,782,477
Expenditures				
Instruction	9,450,946	9,642,882	8,862,511	8,692,710
Support services	5,710,594	6,144,911	5,803,824	5,805,772
Noninstructional services	4,024	4,025	3,875	0
Sixteenth section	16,171	8,354	23,828	14,549
Facilities acquisition and construction	0	0	0	190,826
Debt service				
Principal	86,000	73,459	0	15,262
Interest	76,535	76,629	75,116	75,483
Other	1,250	1,250	1,250	0
Total Expenditures	15,345,520	15,951,510	14,770,404	14,794,602
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	2,241,865	1,166,534	1,912,921	987,875
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Inception of capital leases	0	86,000	73,459	0
Insurance loss recoveries	379,615	13,037	1,228	10,000
Sale of transportation equipment	3,424	1,064	6,773	4,396
Sale of other property	0	650	3,997	1,296
Operating transfers in	212	13,524	22,360	74,408
Operating transfers out	(1,065,566)	(998,513)	(1,053,184)	(1,069,547)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(682,315)	(884,238)	(945,367)	(979,447)
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,559,550	282,296	967,554	8,428
Fund Balances				
Beginning of period, as previously reported	6,191,297	5,912,145	4,946,030	4,940,275
Prior period adjustments	0	(3,144)	(1,439)	(2,673)
Beginning of period, as restated	6,191,297	5,909,001	4,944,591	4,937,602
End of period	\$ 7,750,847	6,191,297	5,912,145	4,946,030

* Source - Prior year audit reports.

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

	UNAUDITED			
	2017	2016*	2015*	2014*
Revenues				
Local sources	\$ 6,724,500	6,579,495	6,392,708	6,398,306
State sources	10,931,274	10,679,278	10,297,079	9,600,969
Federal sources	2,566,425	2,501,937	2,611,478	2,539,750
Sixteenth section sources	488,273	372,391	494,022	417,605
Total Revenues	20,710,472	20,133,101	19,795,287	18,956,630
Expenditures				
Instruction	10,918,758	10,962,136	10,316,026	10,131,473
Support services	6,699,119	7,075,157	6,760,081	6,905,814
Noninstructional services	1,211,838	1,222,902	1,217,970	1,204,007
Sixteenth section	56,934	37,160	52,340	43,699
Facilities acquisition and construction	0	0	0	190,826
Debt service				
Principal	86,000	73,459	0	19,375
Interest	102,935	103,029	101,516	102,024
Other	2,433	2,432	2,325	788
Total Expenditures	19,078,017	19,476,275	18,450,258	18,598,006
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,632,455	656,826	1,345,029	358,624
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Inception of capital leases	0	86,000	73,459	0
Insurance loss recoveries	379,615	13,037	1,228	10,000
Sale of transportation equipment	3,424	1,064	6,773	4,396
Sale of other property	0	650	3,997	1,296
Operating transfers in	1,130,778	1,077,037	1,140,544	1,229,682
Operating transfers out	(1,130,778)	(1,077,037)	(1,140,544)	(1,229,682)
Other financing uses	(179)	0	0	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	382,860	100,751	85,457	15,692
Net Change in Fund Balances	2,015,315	757,577	1,430,486	374,316
Fund Balances				
Beginning of period, as previously reported	8,886,796	8,130,063	6,699,017	6,325,246
Prior period adjustments	0	(3,144)	(1,439)	720
Beginning of period, as restated	8,886,796	8,126,919	6,697,578	6,325,966
Increase (Decrease) in reserve for inventory	(1,448)	2,300	1,999	(1,265)
End of period	\$ 10,900,663	8,886,796	8,130,063	6,699,017

* Source - Prior year audit reports.

REPORTS ON INTERNAL CONTROLS AND COMPLIANCE

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

Independent Auditor's Report

Superintendent and School Board
Lawrence County School District

I have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Lawrence County School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Lawrence County School District's basic financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated April 23, 2018.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

My consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during my audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. I did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs that I consider to be significant deficiencies. [2017-001 and 2017-002].

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Lawrence County School District's Response to Findings

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

Purpose of this Report

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

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

Independent Auditor's Report

Superintendent and School Board
Lawrence County School District

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

I have audited Lawrence 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 Lawrence County School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2017. Lawrence County School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Management's Responsibility

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

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

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

My consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that I consider to be material weaknesses. However, I identified a certain deficiency in internal control over compliance, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item [2017-003] that I consider to be a significant deficiency.

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

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

Charles L Shivers

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April 23, 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
Lawrence County School District

I have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Lawrence County School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, which collectively comprise Lawrence County School District's basic financial statements and have issued my report thereon dated April 23, 2018. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

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LAWRENCE 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:

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

Federal Awards:

- | | | |
|----|--|------------|
| 4. | Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs: | Unmodified |
| 5. | Internal control over major programs: | |
| a. | Material weaknesses identified? | No |
| b. | Significant deficiency identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? | Yes |
| 6. | Any audit finding(s) disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? | Yes |
| 7. | Federal program identified as major program: | |
| | Child nutrition cluster | |
| | CFDA #: 10.553 | |
| | CFDA #: 10.555 | |
| 8. | The dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: | \$750,000 |
| 9. | Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee? | Yes |

Section II: Financial Statement Findings

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

Finding 2017-001

CONDITION: The business manager initiates, prepares, approves and enters all journal entries to correct, post, or otherwise cause the proper statement of the account balances and/or classes of transactions.

CRITERIA: An adequately designed system of accounting controls would have these duties segregated to the greatest extent possible.

CAUSE OF CONDITION: The cause of this condition is an inadequately designed system of accounting controls due to limited staffing.

EFFECT OF CONDITION: This condition could lead to errors being made and those errors not being prevented or detected.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the duties of the business manager relating to journal entries be segregated to the greatest extent possible.

Finding 2017-002

CONDITION: The payroll clerk performs all aspects of the payroll process, i.e., enters data into the accounting system, processes monthly payroll, prepares the direct deposit and reviews monthly reports. The mitigating control of the business manager's review of the accounting system exception report is not documented.

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

CRITERIA: A well designed system of accounting controls would have these duties segregated to the greatest extent possible. In the absence of this design, the mitigating controls performed by the business managers should be documented.

CAUSE OF CONDITION: The cause of the condition is an absence to document procedures performed.

EFFECT OF CONDITION: This condition could result in errors or misappropriation of district assets and those errors not being prevented or detected.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the business manager document the review of the payroll exception report on a monthly basis and make appropriate inquiries about noted variances.

Section III: Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

Significant deficiency identified that is not considered to be material weakness.

Finding 2017-003

Program CFDA No.: 10.553	CFDA program title: School Breakfast Program
10.555	National School Lunch Program
	Passed through the Mississippi Department of Education

Compliance Requirement: Allowable Cost, Cost Principles

CRITERIA: Uniform Guidance 200.400 (i), states that charges to Federal awards for salaries and wages must be based on records that accurately reflect the work performed. These records, in part, must: (vii) Support the distribution of the employee's salary or wages among specific activities or cost objectives if the employee works on more than one Federal award; a Federal award and non-Federal award; an indirect cost activity and a direct cost activity; two or more indirect activities which are allocated using different allocation bases; or an unallowable activity and a direct or indirect cost activity

CONDITION: The program director's salary was prorated based on 50% federal program funds and 50% local funds. There were no written/documented time records to support the allocation of the salary. This resulted in the federal program paying an unallowable portion of the salary.

CAUSE OF CONDITION: The cause of the condition was an absence of written documentation to support the allocated salary.

EFFECT OF CONDITION: This resulted in the federal program paying an unallowable portion of the salary.

QUESTIONED COSTS: Questioned cost of \$39,175.18 was determined based on the unallowable portion of the salary including matching fringe benefits being paid by the federal program.

PERSPECTIVE: This is considered an isolated incident.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the salary of personnel with allocated salaries (federal and nonfederal) be supported by the written time records.

AUDITEE'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

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Corrective Action Plan

April 23, 2018

As required by 2 CFR 200.511 (a), the Lawrence County School District has prepared and hereby submits the following corrective action plan for the findings included in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs for the year ended June 30, 2017.

Finding 2017-001

Corrective Action Plan

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| a. Contact person responsible for corrective action: | Business Manager |
| b. Description of correction action to be taken: | G/L entries will be entered by receptionist. Activity reconcilements will be done by the receptionist. A/P reconcilements will be done by the payroll clerk. Payroll reconciliation will be done by the A/P Clerk. Reconcilements will be approved by the business manager. State receipts will be prepared by the accounts payable clerk and entered by the receptionist and approved by the business manager. |
| c. Anticipated completion date of corrective action: | May 1, 2018 |

Finding 2017-002

Corrective Action Plan

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| a. Contact person responsible for corrective action: | Business Manager |
| b. Description of correction action to be taken: | Business manager will review, sign and date monthly edit reports and make appropriate inquires about noted variances. |
| c. Anticipated completion date of corrective action: | April 2018 |

Finding 2017-003

Corrective Action Plan

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| a. Contact person responsible for corrective action: | Business Manager |
| b. Description of correction action to be taken: | FY 2017 calendar will be reconstructed from available reports and yearly calendar and salary will be adjusted accordingly. Monthly time reports will be maintained and reviewed quarterly. |
| c. Anticipated completion date of corrective action: | May 31, 2018. |

Sincerely,



Superintendent of Education