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Petal 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 Petal School District

Report on the Financial Statements

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

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Petal School District, as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial

position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, the Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, and the Schedule of District Contributions on pages 5-13, 43-45, 46 and 47, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

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

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

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 6, 2017, on our consideration of the Petal School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Petal 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 Petal School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Cunningham CPAs, PLLC Belzoni, Mississippi

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November 6, 2017

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

The following discussion and analysis of Petal 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 \$3,279,440, which represents a 49% decrease from fiscal year 2016. Total net position for 2016 decreased \$1,162,910, which represents a 21% decrease from fiscal year 2015.
- General revenues amounted to \$31,355,662 and \$31,248,655, or 83% and 82% of all revenues for fiscal years 2017 and 2016, respectively. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and grants and contributions accounted for \$6,600,440, or 17% of total revenues for 2017, and \$6,677,148, or 18% of total revenues for 2016.
- The District had \$43,077,209 and \$39,258,713 in expenses for fiscal years 2017 and 2016; only \$6,600,440 for 2017 and \$6,677,148 for 2016 of these expenses was offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions. General revenues of \$31,355,662 for 2017 and \$31,248,655 for 2016 were not adequate to provide for these programs.
- Among major funds, the General Fund had \$30,379,753 in revenues and \$30,471,749 in expenditures for 2017, and \$30,506,020 in revenues and \$29,375,364 in expenditures in 2016. The General Fund's fund balance increased by \$1,019,500 from 2016 to 2017, and increased by \$175,811, including a prior period adjustment of (\$165,000) from 2015 to 2016.
- Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, decreased by \$917,083 for 2017 and decreased by \$657,557 for 2016. The decrease for 2017 was due primarily to the increase in accumulated depreciation.
- Long-term debt decreased by \$954,746 for 2017 and decreased by \$1,052,158 for 2016. This
 decrease for 2017 was due primarily to principal payments on outstanding long-term debt. The
 liability for compensated absences increased by \$9,254 for 2017 and increased by \$2,761 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.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

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.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

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

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

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

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

Notes to the financial statements

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

Required Supplementary Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents budgetary comparison schedules, Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the New Pension Liability, and Schedule of District Contributions as required supplementary information. The District adopts an annual operating budget for all governmental funds. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for the General fund and each major special revenue fund as required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

Supplementary Information

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

Other Information

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

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net position

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position. Liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded assets and deferred outflows of resources by \$9,954,767 as of June 30, 2017.

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

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

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

			Percentag	ge
	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016	Change	•
Current assets	\$ 11,711,739	\$ 10,627,114	10.21	%
Restricted assets	3,002,585	2,746,608	9.32	%
Capital assets, net	32,474,188	33,391,271	-2.75	%
Total assets	47,188,512	46,764,993	0.91	%
Deferred outflows of resources	 13,061,430	 10,918,989	19.62	%
Current liabilities	138,110	138,792	-0.49	%
Long-term debt outstanding	10,884,189	11,838,935	-8.06	%
Net pension liability	 58,946,240	51,011,495	15.55	%
Total liabilities	 69,968,539	62,989,222	11.08	%
Deferred inflows of resources	 236,170	1,370,087	-82.76	%
Net position:				
Net investment in capital assets	22,116,209	21,932,312	0.84	%
Restricted	4,407,120	4,211,624	4.64	%
Unrestricted	 (36,478,096)	(32,819,263)	-11.15	%
Total net position	\$ (9,954,767)	\$ (6,675,327)	-49.13	%

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)	\$ (36,478,096)
Less unrestricted deficit in net position resulting from	
recognition of the net pension liability, including the deferred	
outflows and deferred inflows related to pensions	46,194,569
Unrestricted net position, exclusive of the	
net pension liability effect	\$ 9,716,473

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 \$917,083.
- The principal retirement of \$1,095,000 of long-term debt.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

Changes in net position

The District's total revenues for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016 were \$37,956,102 and \$37,925,803, respectively. The total cost of all programs and services was \$43,077,209 for 2017 and \$39,258,713 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

	Year Ended June 30, 2017	 Year Ended June 30, 2016	Percentaç Change	ge
Revenues:				
Program revenues:				
Charges for services	\$ 1,363,365	\$ 1,362,275	0.08	%
Operating grants and contributions	5,237,075	5,314,873	(1.46)	%
General revenues:				
Property taxes	10,799,689	10,740,519	0.55	%
Grants and contributions not restricted	19,647,881	19,774,388	(0.64)	%
Investment earnings	130,198	79,756	63.25	%
Sixteenth section sources	198,417	190,569	4.12	%
Other	 579,477	 463,423	25.04	%
Total revenues	 37,956,102	 37,925,803	0.08	%
Expenses:				
Instruction	18,630,218	18,639,198	(0.05)	%
Support services	13,710,943	11,931,840	14.91	%
Non-instructional	2,586,297	2,867,519	(9.81)	%
Sixteenth section	279	4,172	(93.31)	%
Pension expense	7,933,931	5,571,604	42.40	%
Interest on long-term liabilities	 215,541	244,380	(11.80)	%
Total expenses	43,077,209	39,258,713	9.73	%
Special items:				
Insurance loss recoveries	 1,841,667	 	N/A	%
Increase (Decrease) in net position	 (3,279,440)	 (1,332,910)	(146.04)	%
Net Position, July 1, as previously reported	(6,675,327)	(5,512,417)	(21.10)	%
Prior Period Adjustment	<u>-</u>	170,000	(100.00)	%
Net Position, July 1, as restated	(6,675,327)	(5,342,417)	(24.95)	%
Net Position, June 30	\$ (9,954,767)	\$ (6,675,327)	(49.13)	%

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.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

Table 3 Net Cost of Governmental Activities

		Percentage			
		2017		2016	Change
Instruction	\$	18,630,218	\$	18,639,198	(0.05) %
Support services		13,710,943		11,931,840	14.91 %
Non-instructional		2,586,297		2,867,519	(9.81) %
Sixteenth section		279		4,172	(93.31) %
Pension Expense		7,933,931		5,571,604	42.40 %
Interest on long-term liabilities		215,541		244,380	(11.80) %
Total expenses		43,077,209	\$	39,258,713	9.73 %
		Net (Expe	nse)	Revenue	Percentage
		Net (Expe	nse)	Revenue 2016	Percentage Change
Instruction	<u> </u>	-	nse) 		•
Instruction Support services	\$	2017		2016	Change
_	\$	2017 (16,201,198)		2016 (16,114,035)	Change 0.54 %
Support services	\$	2017 (16,201,198) (12,319,401)		2016 (16,114,035) (10,550,922)	Change 0.54 % 16.76 %
Support services Non-instructional	\$	2017 (16,201,198) (12,319,401) 202,581		2016 (16,114,035) (10,550,922) (96,452)	Change 0.54 % 16.76 % (310.03) %
Support services Non-instructional Sixteenth section	\$	2017 (16,201,198) (12,319,401) 202,581 (279)		2016 (16,114,035) (10,550,922) (96,452) (4,172)	Change 0.54 % 16.76 % (310.03) % (93.31) %

- Net cost of governmental activities (\$36,476,769 for 2017 and \$32,581,565 for 2016) was financed by general revenue, which is primarily made up of property taxes (\$10,799,689 for 2017 and \$10,740,519 for 2016) and state and federal revenues (\$19,647,881 for 2017 and \$19,774,388 for 2016). In addition, there was \$198,417 and \$190,569 in Sixteenth Section sources for 2017 and 2016, respectively.
- Investment earnings amounted to \$130,198 for 2017 and \$79,756 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 \$14,637,803, an increase of \$1,334,063, which includes an increase in inventory of \$42,693. \$6,196,602 or 42% 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 \$8,441,201 or 58% 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.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

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 \$1,019,500. The fund balance of Other Governmental Funds showed an increase in the amount of \$367,945, which includes an increase in reserve for inventory of \$42,693, due primarily to normal operations. The increase (decrease) in the fund balances for the other major funds were as follows:

<u>Major Fund</u>	Increase (Decrease)
Title I Fund	No increase or decrease
IDEA Part B Fund	No increase or decrease
Three Mill Debt Service Fund	\$ (53,382)

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

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

A schedule showing the original and final budget amounts compared to the District's actual financial activity for the General Fund and each major special revenue 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 \$51,304,093, including land, school buildings, building improvements, buses, other school vehicles, furniture and equipment, and any intangible assets. This amount represents an increase of \$267,024 from 2016. Total accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2017, was \$18,829,905, and total depreciation expense for the year was \$1,197,608, resulting in total net capital assets of \$32,474,188.

Table 4
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation

	 June 30, 2017	 June 30, 2016	Percentage Change
Land	\$ 1,454,260	\$ 1,454,260	0.00 %
Buildings	27,377,440	28,155,164	(2.76) %
Improvements other than buildings	2,189,277	2,332,887	(6.16) %
Mobile equipment	1,199,125	1,200,513	(0.12) %
Furniture and equipment	254,086	248,447	2.27 %
Total	\$ 32,474,188	\$ 33,391,271	(2.75) %

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

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

Debt Administration. At June 30, 2017, the District had \$10,884,189 in outstanding long-term debt, of which \$1,482,086 is due within one year. The liability for compensated absences increased \$9,254 from the prior year.

Table 5
Outstanding Long-Term Debt

		June 30, 2017	J	une 30, 2016	Percenta Change	J
Our and abligation bonds assumble	Φ.	4 000 000	Φ.	F 40F 000	(44.00)	0/
General obligation bonds payable	\$	4,830,000	\$	5,465,000	(11.62)	
Premium on bonds		141,568		155,725	(9.09)	%
Limited obligation bonds payable		635,000		965,000	(34.20)	%
Three mill notes payable		1,825,000		1,955,000	(6.65)	%
Shortfall notes payable		145,157		-	N/A	%
Qualified school construction bonds payable		3,000,000		3,000,000	0.00	%
Compensated absences payable		307,464		298,210	3.10	%
Total	\$	10,884,189	\$	11,838,935	(8.06)	%

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

CURRENT ISSUES

The Petal 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 are well regarded. The District plans to continue its sound fiscal management to meet the challenges of the future.

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

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Superintendent's Office of the Petal School District, P.O. Box 523, Petal, MS 39465.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Net Position	Exhibit A
June 30, 2017	 Governmental Activities
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,256,087
Due from other governments	1,330,622
Inventories	125,030
Restricted assets	3,002,585
Capital assets, non-depreciable:	4 454 000
Land Capital assets, not of accumulated depreciation:	1,454,260
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:	27 277 440
Buildings Improvements other than buildings	27,377,440 2,189,277
Mobile equipment	1,199,125
Furniture and equipment	254,086
Total Assets	 47,188,512
	 47,100,312
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Deferred outflows - pensions	12,987,841
Deferred outflows - refunding	 73,589
Total deferred outflows of resources	 13,061,430
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	76,521
Interest payable on long-term liabilities	61,589
Long-term liabilities, due within one year:	
Capital related liabilities	1,434,157
Non-capital related liabilities	47,929
Long-term liabilities, due beyond one year:	
Capital related liabilities	8,997,411
Non-capital related liabilities	404,692
Net pension liability	 58,946,240
Total Liabilities	 69,968,539
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Deferred inflows - pensions	236,170
Total deferred inflows of resources	 236,170
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	22,116,209
Restricted for:	
Expendable:	4 4 = 4 004
School-based activities	1,154,801
Debt service	2,580,143
Forestry improvements	58,288
Unemployment benefits	71,355
Non-expendable:	
Sixteenth section principal	542,533
Unrestricted	(36,478,096)
Total Net Position	\$ (9,954,767)

Statement of Activities									Exhibit B
For the Year Ended June 30, 20	17							ı	Net (Expense)
									Revenue and
									Changes in
				Р	rogram Revenue	es			Net Position
					Operating		Capital		
			Charges for		Grants and		Grants and		Governmental
Functions/Programs		Expenses	Services		Contributions		Contributions		Activities
Governmental Activities:									
Instruction	\$	18,630,218	\$ 611,402	\$	1,808,618	\$	-	\$	(16,210,198)
Support services		13,710,943	-		1,391,542		-		(12,319,401)
Non-instructional		2,586,297	751,963		2,036,915		-		202,581
Sixteenth section		279	-		-		-		(279)
Pension expense		7,933,931	-		-		-		(7,933,931)
Interest on long-term liabilities		215,541	-		-				(215,541)
Total Governmental Activities	\$	43,077,209	\$ 1,363,365	\$	5,237,075	\$		\$	(36,476,769)
			General Revent Taxes: General pu Debt purpo Unrestricted	urp	ose levies	outio	ons:		9,684,729 1,114,960
			State	Ū					19,464,560
			Federal						183,321
			Unrestricted	lin	vestment earnin	ıgs			130,198
			Sixteenth se	ect	ion sources				198,417
			Other						579,477
			Total Ge	ene	ral Revenues				31,355,662
			Special items:						
			Insurance los	s r	ecoveries				1,841,667
			Total Ge	ner	al Revenues an	d Sı	pecial Items		33,197,329
			Change in Net	Ро	sition				(3,279,440)
			Net Position - I	Зед	ginning				(6,675,327)
			Net Position - I	≣no	ding			\$	(9,954,767)

		Gov	ernmental Funds				
Balance Sheet							Exhibit C
June 30, 2017			Major Fu				
			- Other	Total			
		General	Title I	IDEA Part B	3 Mill Debt Service	Governmental	Governmental
		Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Funds	Funds
Assets	-						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	9,195,371 \$	- \$	- \$	306,420	\$ 2,164,149	\$ 11,665,940
Cash with fiscal agents		-	-	-	-	192,732	192,732
Investments		-	-	-	-	1,400,000	1,400,000
Due from other governments		711,870	92,962	105,194	6,561	414,035	1,330,622
Due from other funds		534,015	-	-	87,171	14,919	636,105
Advances from other funds		-	-	-	-	117,504	117,504
Inventories		=	=	=	-	125,030	125,030
Total assets		10,441,256	92,962	105,194	400,152	4,428,369	15,467,933
Liabilities and Fund Balances Liabilities:							
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	67,487 \$	- \$	- \$	-	\$ 9,034	\$ 76,521
Due to other funds		87,171	92,962	105,194	222,056	128,722	636,105
Advances to other funds		117,504	-	-	-	-	117,504
Total Liabilities		272,162	92,962	105,194	222,056	137,756	830,130
Nonspendable:							
Inventory		-	-	-	-	125,030	125,030
Permanent fund purposes		-	-	-	-	542,533	542,533
Restricted:							
Debt service		=	-	-	178,096	2,463,636	2,641,732
Grant activities		-	-	-	-	1,029,771	1,029,771
Forestry improvements		-	-	-	-	58,288	58,288
Unemployment benefits		=	-	=	-	71,355	71,355
Assigned:							
Activity funds		146,050	-	-	-	-	146,050
Capital projects		3,826,442	-	-	-	-	3,826,442
Unassigned		6,196,602	-	-	-	-	6,196,602
Total Fund Balances		10,169,094	-	-	178,096	4,290,613	14,637,803
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	10,441,256 \$	92,962 \$	105,194 \$	400,152	\$ 4,428,369	\$ 15,467,933

Governmental Funds		
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of June 30, 2017 $$	Net Position	Exhibit C-1
Total fund balances for governmental funds	\$	14,637,803
Total falla salansos isi governmenta fallas	•	1 1,007,000
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 Buildings Improvements other than buildings Mobile equipment Furniture and equipment Accumulated depreciation	\$ 1,454,260 39,689,392 3,590,245 3,785,520 2,784,676 (18,829,905)	32,474,188
 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	(58,946,240)	
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 Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	12,987,841 (236,170)	(46,194,569)
3. Long-term liabilities and related accrued interest are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:		
General obligation bonds Premium on bonds	(4,830,000) (141,568)	
Limited obligation bonds	(635,000)	
Three mill notes payable Shortfall notes payable	(1,825,000) (145,157)	
Qualified school construction bonds	(3,000,000)	
Deferred amount on refunding	73,589	
Compensated absences	(307,464)	
Accrued interest payable	(61,589)	(10,872,189)
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$</u>	(9,954,767)

PETAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Governmental Funds

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Exhibit D

Major Funds		
IDEA 3 Mill	Other	Total
General Title I Part B Debt Servic	e Governmental	Governmental
Fund Fund Fund Fund	Funds	Funds
Revenues:		
Local sources \$ 10,446,571 \$ - \$ - \$ 352,00	2 \$ 2,111,230 \$	12,909,803
State sources 19,518,168	- 1,329,865	20,848,033
Federal sources 193,063 640,371 883,472	- 2,321,086	4,037,992
Sixteenth section sources 221,951	- 3,765	225,716
Total Revenues 30,379,753 640,371 883,472 352,00	2 5,765,946	38,021,544
Expenditures:		
Instruction 17,934,426 338,725 329,972	- 1,687,360	20,290,483
Support services 12,529,090 226,297 553,500	- 897,219	14,206,106
Noninstructional services 2,232 75,349 -	- 2,753,365	2,830,946
Sixteenth section 279		279
Debt service:		
Principal 130,00	0 965,000	1,095,000
Interest 5,372 63,78	7 151,730	220,889
Other <u>350</u> 3,90	0 3,603	7,853
Total Expenditures 30,471,749 640,371 883,472 197,68	7 6,458,277	38,651,556
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues		
over (under) Expenditures (91,996) 154,31	5 (692,331)	(630,012)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):		
Bonds and notes issued 145,157		145,157
Insurance loss recoveries 1,841,667		1,841,667
Transfer from QSCB debt service agent	- 207,697	207,697
Transfer to QSCB bond escrow agent (207,69	7) -	(207,697)
Operating transfers in 204,268	- 1,084,537	1,288,805
Operating transfers out (1,014,154)	- (274,651)	(1,288,805)
Other financing uses (65,442)		(65,442)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) 1,111,496 (207,69	7) 1,017,583	1,921,382
Net Change in Fund Balances 1,019,500 (53,38	2) 325,252	1,291,370
Fund Balances:		
July 1, 2017 9,149,594 231,47	3,922,668	13,303,740
Increase (Decrease) in reserve for inventory	- 42,693	42,693
June 30, 2017 <u>\$ 10,169,094 \$ - \$ - \$ 178,09</u>	6 \$ 4,290,613	14,637,803

PETAL SCHOOL DISTRICT **Governmental Funds** Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Exhibit D-1 Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2017 Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds \$ 1,291,370 Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because: 1. Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. In the current period, these amounts are: Capital outlay 280,660 Depreciation expense (1,197,608)(916, 948)2. In the statement of activities, only the gain/loss on the sale of assets is reported, while in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the sale increases financial resources. Thus, the change in net position differs from the (135)change in fund balance by the cost of the assets sold. 3. The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts and the difference between the carrying value of refunded debt and the acquisition cost of refunded debt when debt is first issued. These amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities: Payments of debt principal 1,095,000 Proceeds of loans (145, 157)Amortization of bond premiums 14,157 Amortization of deferred amount on bond refunding (8,177)Accrued interest payable 7,221 963,044 4. Some items relating to pensions and 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: Pension expense (7,933,931)3,283,721 (4,650,210)Contributions subsequent to the measurement date 5. Some items reported in the statement of activities do not provide or require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as revenues/expenditures in governmental funds. These activities include:

Change in net position of governmental activities

Change in compensated absences

Change in inventory reserve

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

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(3,279,440)

Fiduciary Funds	
Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities	Exhibit E
June 30, 2017	
	 Agency Funds
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,746,893
Total Assets	\$ 1,746,893
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 1,733,726
Due to student clubs	 13,167
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,746,893

Notes to the Financial Statements For Year Ended June 30, 2017

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

A. Financial Reporting Entity

As defined by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the school district is considered an "other stand-alone government." The school district is a related organization of, but not a component unit of, the city of Petal since the governing authority of the city selects a majority of the school district's board but does not have financial accountability for the school district.

For financial reporting purposes, Petal 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

Notes to the Financial Statements For Year Ended June 30, 2017

given function and 2) grants, contributions and interest restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Property taxes and other items not included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

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

The school district reports the following major governmental funds:

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

Title I Fund – This is the school district's federal reimbursable fund that serves to fund remedial mathematics and reading services to low-income, program eligible students.

IDEA Part B Fund – This fund accounts for the resources from the grants to states to assist them in providing a free appropriate public education to all children with disabilities.

Three Mill Debt Service Fund – This is a debt service fund that accounts for the payment of three mill notes.

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:

Accounts Payable Clearing Fund – This fund is used to report the accounts payable resources held by the district in a purely custodial capacity (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

Payroll Clearing Fund - This fund is used to report the payroll resources held by the district in a purely custodial capacity (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

Student Club Fund Agency Funds – These funds are used to report student club resources held by the district in a purely custodial capacity (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

Additionally, the school district reports the following fund types:

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

<u>Special Revenue Funds</u> - 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.

<u>Capital Projects Funds</u> - 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.

<u>Debt Service Funds</u> - 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

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restricted to the extent that only earnings, and not the principal, may be used for purposes that support the district's programs.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Under the terms of grant agreements, the District funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are 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.

Notes to the Financial Statements For Year Ended June 30, 2017

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

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

D. Encumbrances

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

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

1. Cash, Cash equivalents and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents

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

Investments

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

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

Investments for the district are reported at fair market value.

2. Receivables and payables

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

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

3. Due from Other Governments

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

Notes to the Financial Statements For Year Ended June 30, 2017

4. Inventories and Prepaid Items

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

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

Restricted Assets

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

6. Capital Assets

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

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

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

The following schedule details the capitalization thresholds:

	Capitalization Policy		Estimated Useful Life
Land	ф	0	0
Land	\$	0	0
Buildings		50,000	40 years
Building improvements		25,000	20 years
Improvements other than buildings		25,000	20 years
Mobile equipment		5,000	5-10 years
Furniture and equipment		5,000	3-7 years
Leased property under capital leases		*	*

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

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7. Deferred outflows/inflows of resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The district reports \$12,987,841 of deferred outflows related to its pension plan and \$73,589 related to a prior year bond refunding.

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 district reports \$236,170 of deferred inflows related to its pension plan.

See Note 14 for further details.

8. Compensated Absences

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

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

9. Long-term Liabilities and Bond Discounts/Premiums

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

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

10. Pensions

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

11. Fund Balances

Fund balance for governmental funds is reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the

Notes to the Financial Statements For Year Ended June 30, 2017

specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

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

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

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

Committed fund balance includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by a formal action of the School Board, the District's highest level of decision-making authority. This formal action is a vote by the board to commit funds. 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 management pursuant to authorization established by the Board of Education.

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

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

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

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

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

Investments. Section 29-3-113 and 37-59-43, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), authorizes the school board to

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The carrying amount of the school district's deposits with financial institutions reported in the governmental funds and fiduciary funds was \$ 11,665,940 and \$1,746,893, 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 \$192,732.

Investments

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

Investment Type	Rating	Maturities (in years)	Fair Value
United States Treasuries	AA+	1 to 5	\$ 1,400,000
Total			\$ 1,400,000

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:

 United States Treasuries type of investments of \$1,400,000 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

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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

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:

	Fair	% of Total
Issuer	Value	Investments
United States Treasuries	\$ 1,400,000	100%

Note 3 - Inter-fund Receivables, Payables and Transfers

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

A. Due From/To Other Funds

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General Fund	Title I Fund	\$ 92,962
	IDEA Part B Fund	105,194
	Three Mill Debt Service Fund	222,056
	Other Governmental Funds	113,803
Three Mill Debt Service fund	General Fund	87,171
Other Governmental Funds	Other Governmental Funds	 14,919
Total		\$ 636,105

The purpose of the inter-fund loans was to cover federal and state funds not received prior to yearend and amounts due from and amounts due to agency funds.

B. Advances To/From Other Funds

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
Other Governmental Funds	General Fund	\$ 117,504
Total		\$ 117,504

Sixteenth section principal loans payable

Note: The sixteenth section principal loans payable are not reflected on the Statement of Net Position because these funds were borrowed by the General Fund from the Sixteenth Section Trust Fund (Permanent Trust) in accordance with Section 29-3-113, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The

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revenues and expenditures associated with these transactions are reflected on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances.

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

Year Ending			
June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	16,786	4,700	\$ 21,486
2019	16,786	4,029	20,815
2020	16,786	3,357	20,143
2021	16,786	2,686	19,472
2022	16,786	2,014	18,800
2023-2024	33,574	2,014	35,588
Total	\$ 117,504	\$ 18,800	\$ 136,304

C. Inter-fund Transfers

Transfers Out	Transfers In	Amount
General Fund	Other governmental funds	\$ 1,014,154
Other governmental funds	General Fund	204,268
	Other governmental funds	 70,383
Total		\$ 1,288,805

The primary purpose of the interfund transfers out of the general fund and into the other governmental funds was to finance basic operations of the district that are not directly funded. The primary reason for the transfer out of the other governmental funds is the indirect cost allocation from the general fund.

Note 4 - Restricted Assets

The restricted assets represent the cash balance, totaling \$428,327 of the Sixteenth Section Principal Fund (Permanent Fund) which is legally restricted and may not be used for purposes that support the district's programs.

The restricted assets represent the cash with fiscal agents balance and investments balance, totaling \$15,802, and \$1,400,000, respectively, of the QSCB debt service fund.

In addition, the restricted assets represent the cash with fiscal agents balance, totaling \$176,930 of the MAEP Limited Obligation Bond/Note Fund.

In addition, the restricted assets represent the cash balance, totaling \$981,526, other debt service funds whose fund balance is restricted for future debt service requirements.

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Note 5 - Capital Assets

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

	Balance			Balance
	7/1/2016	Increases	Decreases	6/30/2017
Governmental Activities:				
Non-depreciable capital assets:				
Land	\$ 1,454,260 \$	- \$	- \$	1,454,260
Total non-depreciable capital assets	1,454,260	-	-	1,454,260
Depreciable capital assets:				
Buildings	39,689,392	-	-	39,689,392
Improvements other than buildings	3,590,245	-	-	3,590,245
Mobile equipment	3,590,007	195,513	-	3,785,520
Furniture and equipment	2,713,165	85,147	(13,636)	2,784,676
Total depreciable capital assets	49,582,809	280,660	(13,636)	49,849,833
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	11,534,228	777,724	-	12,311,952
Improvements other than buildings	1,257,358	143,610	-	1,400,968
Mobile equipment	2,389,494	196,901	-	2,586,395
Furniture and equipment	2,464,718	79,373	(13,501)	2,530,590
Total accumulated depreciation	17,645,798	1,197,608	(13,501)	18,829,905
Total depreciable capital assets, net	 31,937,011	(916,948)	(135)	31,019,928
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 33,391,271 \$	(916,948) \$	(135) \$	32,474,188

Depreciation expense was charged to the following governmental functions:

	Amount	
Governmental activities:		
Instruction	\$	597,049
Support services		577,391
Non-instructional		23,168
Total depreciation expense - Governmental activities	\$	1,197,608

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Note 6 - Long-term Liabilities

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

		Balance			Balance	Amounts due
		7/1/2016	Additions	Reductions	6/30/2017	within one year
A.	General obligation bonds payable	\$ 5,465,000 \$	- \$	(635,000) \$	4,830,000 \$	650,000
	Premium on debt issuance	155,725	-	(14,157)	141,568	14,157
В.	Limited obligation bonds payable	965,000	-	(330,000)	635,000	635,000
C.	Three mill notes payable	1,955,000	-	(130,000)	1,825,000	135,000
D.	Shortfall notes payable	-	145,157	-	145,157	47,929
Ε.	Qualified school construction bonds payable	3,000,000	-	-	3,000,000	-
F.	Compensated absences payable	298,210	9,254		307,464	
	Total	\$ 11,838,935 \$	154,411 \$	(1,109,157) \$	10,884,189 \$	1,482,086

A. General obligation bonds payable

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

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	 Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
General obligation refunding bonds, Series 2015	2.0%-3.0%	3/11/2015	9/1/2026	\$ 5,500,000	\$ 4,830,000
Total				\$ 5,500,000	\$ 4,830,000

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

Year Ending			
June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$ 650,000 \$	114,800 \$	764,800
2019	390,000	104,400	494,400
2020	410,000	96,400	506,400
2021	455,000	78,650	533,650
2022	455,000	67,050	522,050
2023-2027	 2,470,000	198,750	2,668,750
Total	\$ 4,830,000 \$	660,050 \$	5,490,050

This debt will be retired from the bond issue debt service fund.

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The amount of bonded indebtedness that can be incurred by the school district is limited by Sections 37-59-5 and 37-59-7, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Total outstanding bonded indebtedness during a year can be no greater than 15% of the assessed value of the taxable property within such district, according to the then last completed assessment for taxation, unless certain conditions, as set forth in Section 37-59-7, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) have been met. As of June 30, 2017, the amount of outstanding bonded indebtedness was equal to 3% of property assessments as of October 1, 2016.

B. Limited obligation bonds payable

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

	Interest		Maturity	Amount		Amount
Description	Rate	Issue Date	Date	Issued	(Outstanding
State Aid Capital						_
Improvement Refunding						
Bonds, Series 2009	3.01%	6/15/2009	2/1/2018	\$ 2,887,000	\$	635,000

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

Year Ending				
June 30		Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$	635,000 \$	14,072 \$	649,072
Total	\$	635,000 \$	14,072 \$	649,072

This debt will be retired from the MAEP Bond Retirement Fund.

The state aid capital improvement bonds are secured by an irrevocable pledge of certain revenues the district receives from the State of Mississippi pursuant to the Mississippi Accountability and Adequate Education Program Act, Sections 37-151-1 through 37-151-7, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The state aid capital improvement bonds are not included in the computation of the debt limit percentage.

C. Three mill notes payable

Debt currently outstanding is as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Limited tax note, series 2010	3.38%	1/15/2010	10/1/2026	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 1,825,000

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

Year Ending			
June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$ 135,000	\$ 59,316 \$	194,316
2019	140,000	54,675	194,675
2020	145,000	49,865	194,865
2021	155,000	44,803	199,803
2022	160,000	39,488	199,488
2023-2027	 1,090,000	100,576	1,190,576
Total	\$ 1,825,000	\$ 348,723 \$	2,173,723

This debt will be retired from the 3 mill debt service fund.

D. Shortfall notes payable

Shortfall notes payable currently outstanding are as follows:

	Interest		Maturity	Amount		Amount
Description	Rate	Issue Date	Date	Issued	(Dutstanding
Shortfall Notes Payable,						_
Series 2016	0.95%	7/28/2016	7/28/2019	\$ 145,157	\$_	145,157

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

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$ 47,929 \$	1,379 \$	49,308
2019	48,384	924	49,308
2020	 48,844	464	49,308
Total	\$ 145,157 \$	2,767 \$	147,924

This debt will be retired from the shortfall notes payable fund.

E. Qualified school construction bonds payable

As more fully explained in Note 9, 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
Limited tax note, Series 2010-A	0.00%	8/1/2010	8/1/2025	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Limited tax note, Series 2010-B	0.00%	8/1/2010	8/1/2025	1,500,000	1,500,000
Total				\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000

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F. Compensated absences payable

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

Note 7 - Prior Year Defeasance of Debt

In prior years, the Petal School District defeased certain general obligation bonds by placing the proceeds of new bonds in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the old debt. Accordingly, the trust account assets and liabilities for the defeased bonds are not included in the district's financial statements. On June 30, 2017, \$4,875,000 of general obligation bonds is defeased.

Note 8– Other Commitments

The district has an operating lease for copiers. Lease expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2017, amounted to \$86,149. Future lease payments for this lease are as follows:

Year Ending		
June 30		Amount
0040	•	07.070
2018	\$	37,370
2019		15,905
2020		1,609
Total	\$	54,884

Note 9- 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.

The school district makes equal annual payments into a sinking fund which is used to pay off the bonds at termination. The current maturity limit of tax credit bonds is 17 years, per the U. S. Treasury Department. Under this program, ten percent of the proceeds must be subject to a binding commitment to be spent within six months of issuance and 100% must be spent within three years. Up to two percent of bond proceeds can be used to pay costs of issuance. The amount on deposit in the sinking fund at June 30, 2017 was \$1,415,802. The amount accumulated in the sinking fund at the end of the seventeen-year period will be sufficient to retire the debt. The following schedule reports the annual deposits to be made to the sinking fund by the school district.

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Year Ending June 30	Amount
2018	\$ 200,000
2019	200,000
2020	200,000
2021	200,000
2022	200,000
2023-2025	600,000
Total	\$ 1,600,000

Note 10 - 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

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PERS for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, 2016 and 2015 were \$3,283,721, \$3,302,637 and \$3,220,444, respectively, which equaled the required contributions for each year.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2017, the school district reported a liability of \$58,946,240 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 .33 percent, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2016. There was no change 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 \$7,933,931. At June 30, 2017 the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

		Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual	\$		\$	
experience		1,633,541		-
Net difference between projected and actual				
earnings on pension plan investments		4,169,272		-
Changes of assumptions		2,778,853		156,639
Changes in proportion and differences between				
District contributions and proportionate share of				
contributions		1,122,454		79,531
District contributions subsequent to the				
measurement date	_	3,283,721	_	
Total	\$	12,987,841	\$	236,170
			_	

\$3,283,721 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	\$ 3,559,846
2019	2,684,354
2020	2,059,254
2021	 1,164,496
Total	\$ 9,467,950

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

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Inflation 3.00 percent

Salary increases 3.75-19.00 percent, including inflation

Investment rate of return 7.75 percent, net of pension plan investment

expense, including inflation

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

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

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

	<u>Target</u>	<u>Target</u> <u>Long-Term Expected R</u>		
Asset Class	Allocation		Rate of Return	
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:

	Current						
		1% Decrease		Discount		1% Increase	
		(6.75%)		Rate (7.75%)		(8.75%)	
District's proportionate share of				<u> </u>			
the net pension liability	\$	75,582,296	\$	58,946,240	\$	45,143,706	

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

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Note 11 - Contingencies

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

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

Note 12 - Risk Management

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

Note 13 - Sixteenth Section Lands

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

Year Ending		
June 30		Amount
2018	\$	76,106
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2019		76,106
2020		76,106
2021		76,106
2022		75,826
2023-2027		368,547
2028-2032		368,432
2033-2037		344,462
Thereafter		291,259
Total	\$	1,752,950

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Note 14 – Effect of Deferred Amounts on Net Position

The unrestricted net position amount of \$(36,478,096) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenses resulting from a deferred outflow from pensions. The \$12,987,841 balance of the deferred outflow of resources at June 30, 2017 will be recognized as expenses and decrease unrestricted net position over the next 4 years. Additionally, the \$73,589 balance of deferred outflows of resources related to bond refunding will be recognized as expenses and decrease net position over the remaining 10 years of the debt service requirement of the general obligation refunding bonds.

The unrestricted net position amount of \$(36,478,096) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue resulting from a deferred inflow from pensions. The \$236,170 balance of the deferred inflow of resources at June 30, 2017 will be recognized as revenue and increase unrestricted net position over the next 3 years.

Note 15 - Insurance loss recoveries

The Petal School District received \$1,841,667 in insurance loss recoveries related to a storm damage. In the government-wide Statement of Activities, the insurance loss recoveries were reported as a special item.

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 Petal School District evaluated the activity of the district through November 6, 2017, (the date the financial statements were available to be issued), and determined that no subsequent events have occurred requiring disclosure in the notes to the financial statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Required Supplementary Information

Budgetary Comparison Schedule General Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

					Varian Positive (N		
	 Budgeted Amounts		_	Actual	Original	Final	
	 Original	Final		(GAAP Basis)	to Final	to Actual	
Revenues:							
Local sources	\$ 10,334,795 \$	10,446,569	\$	10,446,571	111,774 \$	2	
State sources	19,609,452	19,518,168		19,518,168	(91,284)	-	
Federal sources	232,675	133,198		193,063	(99,477)	59,865	
Sixteenth section sources	 81,998	216,374		221,951	134,376	5,577	
Total Revenues	 30,258,920	30,314,309		30,379,753	55,389	65,444	
Expenditures:							
Instruction	18,154,818	17,934,008		17,934,426	220,810	(418)	
Support services	11,441,343	12,529,089		12,529,090	(1,087,746)	(1)	
Noninstructional services	309,963	2,232		2,232	307,731	-	
Sixteenth section	4,700	279		279	4,421	-	
Debt service:					-	-	
Principal	16,786	16,786		-	-	16,786	
Interest	5,372	5,372		5,372	-	-	
Other	 -	350		350	(350)		
Total Expenditures	 29,932,982	30,488,116		30,471,749	(555,134)	16,367	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues							
over (under) Expenditures	 325,938	(173,807)		(91,996)	(499,745)	81,811	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Insurance loss recoveries	5,000	1,841,667		1,841,667	1,836,667	-	
Bonds and notes issued	-	-		145,157	· · · · -	145,157	
Operating transfers in	4,349,077	4,170,767		204,268	(178,310)	(3,966,499)	
Operating transfers out	(5,033,192)	(4,938,954)		(1,014,154)	94,238	3,924,800	
Other financing uses	 -	-		(65,442)	-	(65,442)	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(679,115)	1,073,480		1,111,496	1,752,595	38,016	
Net Change in Fund Balances	(353,177)	899,673		1,019,500	1,252,850	119,827	
Fund Balances:							
July 1, 2016	 9,149,594	9,149,594		9,149,594			
June 30, 2017	\$ 8,796,417 \$	10,049,267	\$	10,169,094	1,252,850 \$	119,827	

Required Supplementary Information

Budgetary Comparison Schedule Title I Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

·					ances (Negative)
	Budgeted Ar	nounts	Actual	Original	Final
	Original	Final	(GAAP Basis)	to Final	to Actual
Revenues:					
Federal sources	\$ 606,349 \$	640,371	\$ 640,371 \$	34,022	-
Total Revenues	 606,349	640,371	640,371	34,022	-
Expenditures:					
Instruction	303,743	338,725	338,725	(34,982)	-
Support services	228,057	226,297	226,297	1,760	-
Noninstructional services	 74,549	75,349	75,349	(800)	-
Total Expenditures	 606,349	640,371	640,371	(34,022)	-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues					
over (under) Expenditures	 -		-	-	
Net Change in Fund Balances	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balances:					
July 1, 2016	 -		-		
June 30, 2017	\$ - \$	-	\$ - \$	- 9	-

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

Required Supplementary Information

Budgetary Comparison Schedule IDEA Part B Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

ŕ					Varian Positive (N	
	 Budgeted Am	nounts	Actual		Original	Final
	Original	Final	(GAAP Basis))	to Final	to Actual
Revenues:						
Federal sources	\$ 907,351 \$	883,472	\$ 883,472	\$	(23,879) \$	-
Total Revenues	 907,351	883,472	883,472		(23,879)	
Expenditures:						
Instruction	332,528	329,972	329,972		2,556	-
Support services	 574,823	553,500	553,500		21,323	-
Total Expenditures	 907,351	883,472	883,472		23,879	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues						
over (under) Expenditures	 -	-			-	
Net Change in Fund Balances	-	-	-		-	-
Fund Balances:						
July 1, 2016	-	-			-	
June 30, 2017	\$ - \$	-	\$ -	\$	- \$	

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

Required Supplementary Information

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)	\$ 58,946,240	51,011,495	37,628,325
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	0.33%	0.33%	0.31%
District's covered payroll	20,969,124	20,447,263	19,143,365
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	281.11%	249.48%	196.56%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	57.47%	61.70%	67.21%

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 Statement No. 68 was implemented in FYE 6/30/15, and, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the District has only presented information for the years in which information is available.

^{*} 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.

Required Supplementary Information

SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS

PERS

Last 10 Fiscal Years

	 2017	2016	2015	
Contractually required contribution	\$ 3,283,721	3,302,637	3,220,444	
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	\$ 3,283,721	3,302,637	3,220,444	
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	-	-	-
District's covered payroll	20,849,022	20,969,124	20,447,263	
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 Statement No. 68 was implemented in FYE 6/30/2015, and, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the District has only presented information for the years in which information is available.

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information 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

Supplementary Information		
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards		
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017		
Federal Grantor/ Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.	Federal Expenditures
II.C. Department of Agriculture		
U.S. Department of Agriculture Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education: Child nutrition cluster:		
School breakfast program	10.553	\$ 426,202
National school lunch program	10.555	1,447,611
Summer food service program for children Total child nutrition cluster	10.559	160,064 2,033,877
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education		2,033,877
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture		2,033,877
U.S. Department of Defense		2,000,011
Direct Program:		
Reserve Officers' Training Corps	12.xxx	77,665
Total U.S. Department of Defense		77,665
Federal Communications Commission Administered through the Universal Service Administrative Company: The schools and libraries program of the universal service fund	32.xxx	93,069
Total Federal Communications Commission		93,069
U.S. Department of Education		
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services:		
Rehabilitation services - vocational rehabilitation grants to state	84.126	9,742
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:		
Title I grants to local educational agencies	84.010	640,371
Career and technical education - basic grants to states	84.048	38,027
English language acquisition grants	84.365	18,940
Improving teacher quality-State Grants Subtotal	84.367	154,419 851,757
Special education cluster:		
Special education - grants to states	84.027	908,036
Special education - preschool grants	84.173	51,259
Total special education cluster		959,295
Total U.S. Department of Education		1,820,794
Total 6.3. Department of Education		1,020,794
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education:		
Medical assistance program	93.778	12,587
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education	33.770	12,587
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services		12,587
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Total for All Federal Awards		\$ 4,037,992

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

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

(1) Basis of Presentation

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

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the 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 Petal School District has not elected to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

(4) Noncash Awards

Donated commodities of \$191,742 are included in the National School Lunch Program.

Supplementary Information

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

Expenditures	 Total	Instruction and Other Student Instructional Expenditures	General Administration	School Administration	Other
Salaries and fringe benefits Other	\$ 28,268,607 10,382,949	21,444,167 1,452,880	1,216,662 267,790	1,735,430 168,185	3,872,348 8,494,094
Total	\$ 38,651,556	22,897,047	1,484,452	1,903,615	12,366,442
Total number of students *	4,101				
Cost per student	\$ 9,425	5,584	362	464	3,015

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER INFORMATION

Other Information

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances General Fund Last Four Years UNAUDITED

	 2017	2016*	2015*	2014*
Revenues:				
Local sources	\$ 10,446,571	\$ 10,449,819	\$ 9,964,154	\$ 9,849,544
State sources	19,518,168	19,582,840	18,633,228	17,636,977
Federal sources	193,063	265,146	225,006	122,771
Sixteenth section sources	221,951	208,215	164,443	
Total Revenues	 30,379,753	30,506,020	28,986,831	27,609,292
Expenditures:				
Instruction	17,934,426	17,790,632	17,644,672	16,790,785
Support services	12,529,090	11,011,421	10,891,402	10,399,119
Noninstructional services	2,232	275,127	277,129	275,563
Sixteenth section	279	4,172	5,108	-
Facilities acquisition and construction	-	287,969	40,997	217,652
Debt service:				
Interest	5,372	6,043	6,714	7,386
Other	350	-	2,724	1,517
Total Expenditures	30,471,749	29,375,364	28,868,746	27,692,022
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues				
over (under) Expenditures	 (91,996)	1,130,656	118,085	(82,730)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Bonds and notes issued	145,157	-	-	-
Insurance recovery	1,841,667	37,942	13,411	18,221
Payment to QSCB debt escrow agent	-	-	(180,835)	(185,504)
Operating transfers in	204,268	203,511	235,411	16,454
Operating transfers out	(1,014,154)	(1,031,298)	(1,053,247)	(1,504,715)
Other financing uses	(65,442)	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	1,111,496	(789,845)	(985,260)	(1,655,544)
Net Change in Fund Balances	 1,019,500	340,811	(867,175)	(1,738,274)
Fund Balances:				
Beginning of period, as previously reported	9,149,594	8,973,783	7,967,816	9,706,090
Prior period adjustments	-	(165,000)	-	-
Fund reclassification	-	-	1,873,142	-
Beginning of period, as restated	 9,149,594	8,808,783	9,840,958	9,706,090
End of Period	\$ 10,169,094	\$ 9,149,594	\$ 8,973,783	\$ 7,967,816

^{*}SOURCE - PRIOR YEAR AUDIT REPORTS

Other Information

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances All Governmental Funds Last Four Years UNAUDITED

		2017		2016*		2015*	2014*
Revenues:							
Local sources	\$	12,909,803	\$	12,583,478	\$	12,123,409 \$	11,677,990
State sources		20,848,033		20,848,880		19,978,509	18,851,573
Federal sources		4,037,992		4,240,382		3,916,629	3,814,414
Sixteenth section sources		225,716		217,147		171,241	224,817
Total Revenues		38,021,544		37,889,887		36,189,788	34,568,794
Expenditures:							
Instruction		20,290,483		20,294,888		20,030,301	19,168,999
Support services		14,206,106		12,463,858		12,282,856	11,721,692
Noninstructional services		2,830,946		2,975,793		2,932,598	2,640,570
Sixteenth section		279		4,172		5,108	5,862
Facilities acquisition and construction		-		287,969		40,997	217,652
Debt service:							
Principal		1,095,000		1,040,762		1,177,693	1,392,008
Interest		220,889		252,428		353,489	419,881
Other		7,853		9,850		139,993	1,517
Total Expenditures		38,651,556		37,329,720		36,963,035	35,568,181
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues							
over (under) Expenditures		(630,012)		560,167		(773,247)	(999,387)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Bonds and notes issued		145,157		-		5,500,000	-
Payment to bond refunding escrow agent		, -		_		(5,548,120)	-
Premium on debt issuance		-		_		184,039	-
Insurance recovery		1,841,667		37,942		13,411	18,221
Payment to QSCB bond escrow agent		(207,697)		(140,976)		(180,835)	(185,504)
Payment held by escrow agent		207,697		140,976		180,835	185,504
Operating transfers in		1,288,805		1,258,696		1,322,187	1,658,989
Operating transfers out		(1,288,805)		(1,258,696)		(1,322,187)	(1,658,989)
Other financing uses		(65,442)		(2,026)		(7,947)	(1,000,000)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		1,921,382		35,916		141,383	18,221
Net Change in Fund Balances		1,291,370		596,083		(631,864)	(981,166)
Fund Balances:							
Beginning of period, as previously reported		13,303,740		12,596,025		13,156,436	14,139,217
Prior period adjustments		-		170,000		-	,
Beginning of period, as restated		13,303,740		12,766,025		13,156,436	14,139,217
Increase (Decrease) in reserve for inventory	_	42,693		(58,368)		71,453	(1,615)
End of Period	\$	14,637,803	\$	13,303,740	\$	12,596,025 \$	13,156,436
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^{*}SOURCE - PRIOR YEAR AUDIT REPORTS

REPORTS ON INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE

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

Superintendent and School Board Petal School District Petal, Mississippi

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Petal School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Petal School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 6, 2017.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

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Belzoni, Mississippi

November 6, 2017

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

Superintendent and School Board Petal School District Petal, Mississippi

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Petal 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 the Petal School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2017. Petal 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 federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Petal School District's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Petal 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 the Petal School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Petal School District's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Petal School District's internal control over compliance.

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

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

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

Cunningham CPAs, PLLC

Belzoni, Mississippi

November 6, 2017

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

Superintendent and School Board Petal School District

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Petal School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, which collectively comprise Petal School District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 6, 2017. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

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

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

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

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

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

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

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the school board and management, entities with accreditation overview, and federal awarding agencies, 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. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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Belzoni, Mississippi

November 6, 2017

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Section I: Summary of Auditor's Results

Fina	ancial St	atements:							
1.	Type o	Unmodified							
2	Intorna	al control over financial reporting:							
2.		No							
	a. b.	a. Material weakness(es) identified?b. Significant deficiency(ies) identified?							
	υ.	Significant deficiency(les) identifi	ileu :	None reported					
3.	Nonco	No							
Fed	leral Awa	ards:							
4.	Interna	al control over major programs:							
	a.	Material weakness(es) identified	1?	No					
	b.	Significant deficiency(ies) identif	fied?	None reported					
5.	Type o	Unmodified							
6.	Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance No with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?								
7	Idontifi	action of major programs:							
7.		cation of major programs: Numbers	Name of Federal Program or Cluste	r					
				_					
	Child Nutrition Cluster:								
	10.553								
	10.555	National school lunch program							
	10.559)	Summer food service program for c	hildren					
8.		threshold used to distinguish en type A and type B programs:		\$750,000					
9.	Audite	e qualified as low-risk auditee?		Yes					

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Section II: Financial Statement Findings

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

Section III: Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

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