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Audited Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Superintendent and School Board Philadelphia Public 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 Philadelphia Public School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise the Philadelphia Public School District's basic financial statements as listed in the 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.

Auditors' 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 auditors' 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 auditors consider 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 Philadelphia Public 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, 42-43, 44, 45, 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 Philadelphia Public 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 February 2, 2018, on our consideration of the Philadelphia Public 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 Philadelphia Public 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 Philadelphia Public School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Philadelphia, Mississippi February 2, 2018

Watkins Ward and Stafford, Puc

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The following discussion and analysis of Philadelphia Public 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 financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School District's financial performance.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Total net position for 2017 increased \$117,624, including a prior period adjustment of (\$13,425), which represents a 2.4% increase from fiscal year 2016. Total net position for 2016 decreased \$189,016, which represents a 3.9% decrease from fiscal year 2015.
- General revenues amounted to \$8,267,507 and \$8,456,421, or 81% and 80% 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 \$1,980,375, or 19% of total revenues for 2017, and \$2,050,708, or 20 % of total revenues for 2016.
- The District had \$10,116,833 and \$10,696,145 in expenses for fiscal years 2017 and 2016; only \$1,980,375 for 2017 and \$2,050,708 for 2016 of these expenses was offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions. General revenues of \$8,267,507 for 2017 were adequate to provide for these programs. General revenues \$8,456,421 for 2016 were not adequate to provide for these programs.
- Among major funds, the General Fund had \$7,626,379 in revenues and \$7,444,074 in expenditures for 2017, and \$7,781,127 in revenues and \$7,816,034 in expenditures in 2016. The General Fund's fund balance increased by \$225,484, including a prior period adjustment of (\$13,425), from 2016 to 2017, and increased by \$14,412 from 2015 to 2016.
- Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, decreased by \$260,424 for 2017 and decreased by \$279,545 for 2016. The decrease for 2017 was due to the disposal of furniture and equipment coupled with the increase in accumulated depreciation.
- Long-term debt decreased by \$563,730 for 2017 and decreased by \$1,781,782 for 2016. This
 decrease for 2017 was due primarily to principal payments on outstanding long-term debt. The
 liability for compensated absences decreased by \$740 for 2017 and increased by \$641 for 2016.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

Government-wide Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Fund Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

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

Reconciliation of Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

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

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

Notes to 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 financial statements can be found immediately following the basic financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information

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

Supplementary Information

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

Other Information

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

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net position

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position. Liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded assets and deferred outflows of resources by \$4,863,454 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.

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

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					Percentag	ge
		June 30, 2017		June 30, 2016	Change	!
Current assets	\$	1,432,992	\$	1,159,780	23.56	%
Restricted assets	•	91,202	•	87,137	4.67	%
Capital assets, net		7,026,314		7,286,738	-3.57	%
Total assets		8,550,508		8,533,655	0.20	%
Deferred outflows of resources		2,965,990		3,157,822	-6.07	%
Current liabilities		407,975		500,093	-18.42	%
Long-term debt outstanding		789,820		1,353,550	-41.65	%
Net pension liability		14,087,973		13,655,929	3.16	%
Total liabilities		15,285,768		15,509,572	-1.44	%
Deferred inflows of resources		1,094,184		1,162,983	-5.92	%
Net position:						
Net investment in capital assets		6,269,314		5,966,748	5.07	%
Restricted		464,272		263,925	75.91	%
Unrestricted		(11,597,040)		(11,211,751)	-3.44	%
Total net position	\$	(4,863,454)	\$	(4,981,078)	2.36	%

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)	\$ (11,597,040)
Less unrestricted deficit in net position resulting from recognition of the net	
pension liability, including the deferred outflows and deferred inflows related	
to pensions	 12,216,167
Unrestricted net position, exclusive of the net pension liability effect	\$ 619,127

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 \$260,424.
- The principal retirement of \$562,990 of long-term debt.

Changes in net position

The District's total revenues for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016 were \$10,247,882 and \$10,507,129, respectively. The total cost of all programs and services was \$10,116,833 for 2017 and \$10,696,145 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	Percenta Change	_
Revenues:				
Program revenues:				
Charges for services	\$ 144,722	\$ 168,087	(13.90)	%
Operating grants and contributions	1,835,653	1,882,621	(2.49)	%
General revenues:				
Property taxes	3,201,870	3,202,373	(0.02)	%
Grants and contributions not restricted	5,030,424	5,148,870	(2.30)	%
Investment earnings	2,771	12,627	(78.05)	%
Sixteenth section sources	15,016	76,370	(80.34)	%
Other	 17,426	 16,181	7.69	%
Total revenues	10,247,882	10,507,129	(2.47)	%
Expenses:				
Instruction	4,695,159	5,201,287	(9.73)	%
Support services	3,377,298	3,466,662	(2.58)	%
Non-instructional	607,660	620,006	(1.99)	%
Pension expense	1,395,466	1,342,420	3.95	%
Interest on long-term liabilities	 41,250	 65,770	(37.28)	%
Total expenses	 10,116,833	10,696,145	(5.42)	%
Increase (Decrease) in net position	 131,049	 (189,016)	169.33	%
Net Position, July 1, as previously reported	(4,981,078)	(4,792,062)	(3.94)	%
Prior Period Adjustment	 (13,425)		N/A	%
Net Position, July 1, as restated	 (4,994,503)	(4,792,062)	(4.22)	%
Net Position, June 30	\$ (4,863,454)	\$ (4,981,078)	2.36	%

Governmental activities

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

Table 3 Net Cost of Governmental Activities

		Total I	Ехре	enses	Percentage
		2017		2016	Change
Instruction	\$	4,695,159	\$	5,201,287	(9.73) %
Support services		3,377,298		3,466,662	(2.58) %
Non-instructional		607,660		620,006	(1.99) %
Pension Expense		1,395,466		1,342,420	3.95 %
Interest on long-term liabilities		41,250		65,770	(37.28) %
Total expenses	<u>\$</u>	10,116,833	\$	10,696,145	(5.42) %
		Net (Expe	nse)	Revenue	Percentage
		2017			_
		2017		2016	Change
Instruction	\$	(3,889,935)	\$	2016 (4,306,868)	(9.68) %
Instruction Support services	\$		\$		
	\$	(3,889,935)	\$	(4,306,868)	(9.68) %
Support services	\$	(3,889,935) (2,910,472)	\$	(4,306,868) (2,985,903)	(9.68) % (2.53) %
Support services Non-instructional	\$	(3,889,935) (2,910,472) 100,665	\$	(4,306,868) (2,985,903) 55,524	(9.68) % (2.53) % 81.30 %

- Net cost of governmental activities (\$8,136,458 for 2017 and \$8,645,437 for 2016) was financed by general revenue, which is primarily made up of property taxes (\$3,201,870 for 2017 and \$3,202,373 for 2016) and state and federal revenues (\$5,030,424 for 2017 and \$5,148,870 for 2016). In addition, there was \$15,016 and \$76,370 in Sixteenth Section sources for 2017 and 2016, respectively.
- Investment earnings amounted to \$2,771 for 2017 and \$12,627 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 \$1,122,805, an increase of \$365,391, which includes a prior period adjustment of (\$13,425) and a decrease in inventory of \$2,624. \$651,947 or 58% of the fund balance is unassigned, which represents the residual classification for the General Fund's fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. The remaining fund balance of \$470,858 or 42% is either nonspendable, restricted, committed or assigned to indicate that it is not available for spending except only for the purposes to which it is restricted, committed or assigned.

The General Fund is the principal operating fund of the District. The increase in fund balance in the General Fund for the fiscal year was \$225,484, which includes a prior period adjustment of (\$13,425). The fund balance of Other Governmental Funds showed an increase in the amount of \$150,477, which includes a decrease in reserve for inventory of \$2,624. The increase (decrease) in the fund balances for the other major funds were as follows:

<u>Major Fund</u>	Increase (Decrease)
Title I Fund	\$ (59)
Debt Service (GOB) Fund	\$ (14,576)
MAEP Revenue Fund	\$ 4,065

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 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 \$13,230,540, including land, school buildings, building improvements, buses, other school vehicles, furniture and equipment, and any intangible assets. This amount represents a decrease of \$6,900 from 2016. Total accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2017, was \$6,204,226, and total depreciation expense for the year was \$260,355, resulting in total net capital assets of \$7,026,314.

Table 4
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation

	J	une 30, 2017	J	une 30, 2016	Percentage Change
Land	\$	178,943	\$	178,943	0.00 %
Buildings		6,251,374		6,433,466	(2.83) %
Improvements other than buildings		319,439		331,355	(3.60) %
Mobile equipment		239,704		281,801	(14.94) %
Furniture and equipment		36,854		61,173	(39.75) %
Total	\$	7,026,314	\$	7,286,738	(3.57) %

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

Debt Administration. At June 30, 2017, the District had \$789,820 in outstanding long-term debt, of which \$655,000 is due within one year. The liability for compensated absences decreased \$740 from the prior year.

Table 5
Outstanding Long-Term Debt

	 June 30, 2017	 June 30, 2016	Percentage Change		
General obligation bonds payable	\$ 165,000	\$ 390,000	(57.69)	%	
Limited obligation bonds payable	330,000	490,000	(32.65)	%	
Three mill notes payable	262,000	417,000	(37.17)	%	
Shortfall notes payable	-	22,990	(100.00)	%	
Compensated absences payable	32,820	33,560	(2.21)	%	
Total	\$ 789,820	\$ 1,353,550	(41.65)	%	

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

CURRENT ISSUES

The Philadelphia Public School District is financially stable. The District is proud of its community support of its public schools.

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

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Superintendent's Office of the Philadelphia Public School District, 248 Byrd Avenue, Philadelphia, MS 39350.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Net Position	Exh	ibit A
June 30, 2017	Governme Activitie	
Assets	-	
Cash and cash equivalents		3,809
Due from other governments	35	4,582
Other receivables, net		99
Inventories		4,502
Restricted assets	9	1,202
Capital assets, non-depreciable:	4.7	0.040
Land Conital assets, not of assumulated depressistions	17	8,943
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:	6.25	1 27/
Buildings		1,374 9,439
Improvements other than buildings Mobile equipment		9,439
Furniture and equipment		6,854
Total Assets		0,508
		0,000
Deferred Outflows of Resources Deferred outflows - pensions	2.06	5 000
Total deferred outflows of resources		5,990 5,990
		0,000
Liabilities	_	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		7,151
Unearned revenue		1,155
Other payables, net		3,083
Interest payable on long-term liabilities		6,586
Long-term liabilities, due within one year: Capital related liabilities	65	5,000
Long-term liabilities, due beyond one year:	03	3,000
	10	2 000
Capital related liabilities Non-capital related liabilities		2,000 2,820
Net pension liability		7,973
Total Liabilities		5,768
		0,100
Deferred inflows of Resources	1.00	1 101
Deferred inflows - pensions Total deferred inflows of resources		4,184 4 104
Total deferred filliows of resources	1,09	4,184
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	6,26	9,314
Restricted for:		
Expendable:		
School-based activities		9,277
Debt service		8,567
Unemployment benefits		6,428
Unrestricted	(11,59	7,040)
Total Net Position	\$ (4,86	3,454)

Statement of Activities	.4-							Exhibit B
For the Year Ended June 30, 20	17							Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in
				Pı	rogram Revenue			Net Position
Functions/Programs		Expenses	Charges for Services		Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions		Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities:								
Instruction Support services Non-instructional	\$	4,695,159 3,377,298 607,660	\$ 114,533 - 30,189	\$	690,691 466,826 678,136	- - -	\$	(3,889,935) (2,910,472) 100,665
Pension expense Interest on long-term liabilities		1,395,466 41,250	-		-	<u>-</u>		(1,395,466) (41,250)
Total Governmental Activities	\$	10,116,833	\$ 144,722	\$	1,835,653	\$ -	\$	(8,136,458)
			General Revenu Taxes:					
			General pu Debt purpo Unrestricted	se		utions:		2,761,546 440,324
			State Federal	J				4,975,380 55,044
			Sixteenth sec		estment earning on sources	gs		2,771 15,016
			Other Total Gei	ner	al Revenues			17,426 8,267,507
			Change in Net F	os	sition			131,049
			Net Position - Bo	egi	nning, as previo	ously reported		(4,981,078) (13,425)
			Net Position - Bo	egi	nning, as restate	ed		(4,994,503)
							_	

Net Position - Ending

\$ (4,863,454)

		/ernmen		unds				
Balance Sheet								Exhibit C
June 30, 2017								
		Ma	ijor F	unds		_		
				Debt Service	MAEP		Other	Total
	General	Title I		(GOB)	Revenue	G	Sovernmental	Governmental
	 Fund	Fund		Fund	Fund		Funds	Funds
Assets								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 852,202	-		-	-	\$	221,607	\$ 1,073,809
Cash with fiscal agents	-	-		-	91,202		-	91,202
Due from other governments	130,194	76,198		4,011	90,799		53,380	354,582
Other receivables, net	99	-		-	-		-	99
Due from other funds	76,969	-		66,051	-		73,392	216,412
Inventories	-	-		-	-		4,502	4,502
Total assets	 1,059,464	76,198		70,062	182,001		352,881	1,740,606
Liabilities and Fund Balances Liabilities:								
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 58,082	\$ 2,963		_	_	\$	16,106	\$ 77,151
Due to other funds	285,914	73,235		70,062	_		110,284	539,495
Unearned revenue	· -	, -		-	_		1,155	1,155
Total Liabilities	343,996	76,198		70,062	-		127,545	617,801
Fund Balances:								
Nonspendable:								
Inventory	-	-		-	-		4,502	4,502
Restricted:								
Debt service	-	-		-	182,001		43,152	225,153
Grant activities	-	-		-	-		151,254	151,254
Unemployment benefits	-	-		-	-		26,428	26,428
Assigned:								
Activity funds	15,500	-		-	-		-	15,500
Facility acquisition	48,021	-		-	-		-	48,021
Unassigned	651,947	-		-	-		-	651,947
Total Fund Balances	715,468	-		-	182,001		225,336	1,122,805
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 1,059,464	\$ 76,198	\$	70,062	\$ 182,001	\$	352,881	\$ 1,740,606

Governmental Funds			
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net June 30, 2017	Posit	ion	Exhibit C-1
Total fund balances for governmental funds		\$	1,122,805
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	\$	178,943 10,633,001 698,539 1,138,999 581,058 (6,204,226)	7,026,314
Some liabilities, including net pension obligations, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds: Net page in liability.		(44.007.070)	
Net pension liability Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:		(14,087,973)	
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions		2,965,990 (1,094,184)	(12,216,167)
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 Limited obligation bonds Three mill notes payable Compensated absences payable		(165,000) (330,000) (262,000) (32,820)	
Accrued interest payable		(6,586)	(796,406)
Net position of governmental activities		\$	(4,863,454)

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

		Major				
			Debt Service	MAEP	Other	Total
	General	Title I	(GOB)	Revenue	Governmental	Governmental
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Funds	Funds
Revenues:						
Local sources	\$ 2,729,834	- 5	163,910	*	\$ 472,966 \$	3,366,788
State sources	4,829,985	-	-	181,598	119,241	5,130,824
Federal sources	51,544	605,932	-	-	1,077,778	1,735,254
Sixteenth section sources	15,016	-	-	-	-	15,016
Total Revenues	7,626,379	605,932	163,910	181,676	1,669,985	10,247,882
Expenditures:						
Instruction	4,290,684	452,256	-	-	324,904	5,067,844
Support services	3,151,601	134,658	-	-	297,752	3,584,011
Noninstructional services	1,556	8,994	-	-	595,793	606,343
Debt service:						
Principal	-	-	225,000	160,000	177,990	562,990
Interest	233	-	18,165	14,685	9,449	42,532
Other	-	-	1,372	1,350	-	2,722
Total Expenditures	7,444,074	595,908	244,537	176,035	1,405,888	9,866,442
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues						
over (under) Expenditures	182,305	10,024	(80,627)	5,641	264,097	381,440
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating transfers in	65,177	-	66,051	-	8,573	139,801
Operating transfers out	(8,573)	(10,083)	-	(1,576)	(119,569)	(139,801)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	56,604	(10,083)	66,051	(1,576)	(110,996)	
Net Change in Fund Balances	238,909	(59)	(14,576)	4,065	153,101	381,440
Fund Balances:						
July 1, 2016, as previously reported	489,984	59	14,576	177,936	74,859	757,414
Prior period adjustments	(13,425)	-	-	-	-	(13,425)
July 1, 2016, as restated	476,559	59	14,576	177,936	74,859	743,989
Increase (Decrease) in reserve for inventory		-	-	-	(2,624)	(2,624)
June 30, 2017	\$ 715,468	\$ - 9	-	\$ 182,001	\$ 225,336 \$	1,122,805

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 381,440 Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds 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: Depreciation expense (260, 355)(260, 355)2. In the statement of activities, only the gain/loss on the sale of assets is reported, while in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the sale increases financial resources. Thus, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balance by the cost of the assets sold. (69)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: 562,990 Payments of debt principal Accrued interest payable 4,004 566,994 4. Some items relating to pensions and reported in the statement of activites 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 (1,395,466)Contributions subsequent to the measurement date 840,389 (555,077)5. Some items reported in the statement of activities do not provide or require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as revenues/expenditures in governmental funds. These activities include: Change in compensated absences 740 Change in inventory reserve (2,624)(1,884)

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

Change in net position of governmental activities

131,049

PHILADELPHIA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT Fiduciary Funds

Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities June 30, 2017		Exhibit E
		Agency Funds
Assets		_
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	106,249
Due from other funds		325,640
Total Assets	<u>\$</u>	431,889
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	399,401
Due to other funds		2,557
Due to student clubs		29,931
Total Liabilities	\$	431,889

Notes to Financial Statements

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

B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-wide Financial Statements – The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the District. The effect of interfund 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.
- 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.
- Unrestricted net position consists of net position not meeting the definition of the two
 preceding categories. Unrestricted net position often has constraints on resources
 imposed by management which can be removed or modified.

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

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

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

The school district reports the following major governmental funds:

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

Title I Fund – This is a special revenue fund that accounts for the federal revenue received and expenditures incurred related to the Title I grants to local education agencies program.

Debt Service (GOB) Fund – This debt service fund accounts for revenue and expenditures related to the General Obligation Bonds, Series 1998.

MAEP Revenue Fund – This debt service fund accounts for revenue and expenditures related to the State Aid Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2009.

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

The District's fiduciary funds include the following:

Payroll Clearing Fund – This is the District's clearing fund used for payments of payroll and benefits.

Club Fund – This is a fund used to record assets and liabilities of the District's various student clubs.

Accounts Payable Clearing Fund – This is the District's clearing fund used to pay claims of the District.

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.

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

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

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

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

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

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

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

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 Financial Statements

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

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 Financial Statements

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

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 Buildings	\$	0 50,000	0 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.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

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 has a deferred outflow related to pensions in accordance with GASB 68.

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 has a deferred inflow related to pensions in accordance with GASB 68.

See Note 15 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.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

11. Fund Balances

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Notes to Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The carrying amount of the school district's deposits with financial institutions reported in the governmental funds and fiduciary funds was \$1,073,809 and \$106,249, 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 \$91,202.

Notes to Financial Statements

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	\$ 50,677
	Other governmental funds	23,735
	Fiduciary funds	2,557
Debt Service (GOB) Fund	Other governmental funds	66,051
Other governmental funds	General Fund	3,330
	Debt Service (GOB) Fund	70,062
Fiduciary funds	General Fund	282,584
	Title I Fund	22,558
	Other governmental funds	 20,498
Total		\$ 542,052

The primary purpose of the inter-fund balances is to eliminate deficit cash balances in pooled bank accounts caused by negative federal program fund cash flows and to recognize the effects of inter-fund loans between funds.

B. Inter-fund Transfers

Transfers Out	Transfers In	Amount
General Fund	Other governmental funds	\$ 8,573
Title I Fund	General Fund	10,083
MAEP Revenue	General Fund	1,576
Other governmental funds	General Fund	53,518
	Debt Service(GOB) Fund	 66,051
Total		\$ 139,801

The transfers constitute transfers of indirect costs from special revenue funds to the General Fund and operating transfers between governmental funds.

Note 4 - Restricted Assets

The restricted assets represent the cash with fiscal agents balance, totaling \$91,202, of the MAEP Limited Obligation Bond/Note Fund.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 5 - Capital Assets

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

	Balance			Balance
	 7/1/2016	Increases	Decreases	6/30/2017
Governmental Activities:				
Non-depreciable capital assets:				
Land	\$ 178,943	-	- \$	178,943
Total non-depreciable capital assets	 178,943	-	-	178,943
Depreciable capital assets:				
Buildings	10,633,001	-	-	10,633,001
Improvements other than buildings	698,539	-	-	698,539
Mobile equipment	1,138,999	-	-	1,138,999
Furniture and equipment	587,958	-	6,900	581,058
Total depreciable capital assets	13,058,497	-	6,900	13,051,597
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	4,199,535	182,092	-	4,381,627
Improvements other than buildings	367,184	11,916	-	379,100
Mobile equipment	857,198	42,097	-	899,295
Furniture and equipment	526,785	24,250	6,831	544,204
Total accumulated depreciation	 5,950,702	260,355	6,831	6,204,226
Total depreciable capital assets, net	7,107,795	(260,355)	69	6,847,371
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 7,286,738 \$	(260,355) \$	69 \$	7,026,314

Depreciation expense was charged to the following governmental functions:

	 Amount
Governmental activities:	
Instruction	\$ 167,625
Support services	70,887
Non-instructional	21,843
Total depreciation expense - Governmental activities	\$ 260,355

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 6 - Long-term Liabilities

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

		 Balance 7/1/2016	Additions	Reductions	Balance 6/30/2017	Amounts due within one year
A.	General obligation bonds payable	\$ 390,000	- \$	225,000 \$	165,000 \$	165,000
В.	Limited obligation bonds payable	490,000	-	160,000	330,000	330,000
C.	Three mill notes payable	417,000	-	155,000	262,000	160,000
D.	Shortfall notes payable	22,990	-	22,990	-	-
E.	Compensated absences payable	 33,560	-	740	32,820	
	Total	\$ 1,353,550 \$	- \$	563,730 \$	789,820 \$	655,000

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:

		Issue	Maturity	Amount		Amount
Description	Interest Rate	Date	Date	Issued	(Outstanding
General obligation bonds,						
Series 1998	4.375-6.25%	6/1/1998	6/1/2018	\$ 3,000,000	\$	165,000
Total				\$ 3,000,000	\$	165,000

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

Year Ending			
June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$ 165,000 \$	7,590 \$	172,590
Total	\$ 165,000 \$	7,590 \$	172,590

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

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 0.3% of property assessments as of October 1, 2016.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 6 – Long-term Liabilities (Continued)

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	Issue	Maturity	Amount		Amount
Description	Rate	Date	Date	Issued	(Outstanding
State Aid Capital Improvement						
Bonds, Series 2009	1.0-3.8%	7/15/2009	2/1/2018	\$ 1,465,000	\$	330,000
Total				\$ 1,465,000	\$	330,000

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

Year Ending			
June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$ 330,000 \$	9,157 \$	339,157
Total	\$ 330,000 \$	9,157 \$	339,157

This debt will be retired from the MAEP Revenue Debt Service 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:

	Interest	Issue	Maturity	Amount	Amount
Description	Rate	Date	Date	Issued	Outstanding
Limited Tax Note	2.14%	5/1/2012	5/1/2019	\$ 600,000	\$ 262,000
Total				\$ 600,000	\$ 262,000

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

Year Ending				
June 30		Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$	160,000 \$	5,607 \$	165,607
2019		102,000	2,183	104,183
Total	\$	262,000 \$	7,790 \$	269,790
	-			

This debt will be retired from the 2012 3 Mill 10 Yr Loan Proceed Fund.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 6 – Long-term Liabilities (Continued)

D. Shortfall notes payable

This debt was retired during the year.

E. 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 - Short-Term Financing

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, the school district participated in the following short-term financing(s) for the purpose of easing cash flow restraint:

A. Bank-financed short term debt.

The school district issued a revenue anticipation note payable to The Citizens Bank, and the proceeds from such issuance are accounted for as a current liability in the General fund of the school district. Once the cash flow was available, the district made a payment consisting of principal and interest to the trustee.

All transactions related to participation in this program are accounted for as part of the school district's General Fund.

B. Changes in short-term debt activity recorded in the governmental activities during fiscal year 2017 are as follows:

					Balance
Description	7/1/2016	Additions	F	Reductions	6/30/2017
Tax anticipation note	\$ -	\$ 145,000	\$	145,000	\$ _
Total	\$ -	\$ 145,000	\$	145,000	\$

Note 8 - Other Commitments

The school district has several operating leases for the following:

- 1. (2) Postage Machines
- 2. Driver's Education Car
- 3. (1) Kyocera
- 4. (3) Canon Copiers
- 5. (2) Xerox Copiers

Lease expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2017, amounted to \$19,872.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 8 – Other Commitments (Continued)

Future lease payments for these leases are as follows:

Year Ending	
June 30	Amount
2018	\$ 12,723
2019	6,084
2020	4,387
2021	4,387
2022	 4,118
Total	\$ 31,699

Note 9 - 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.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 9 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

Contributions. PERS members are required to contribute 9.00% of their annual covered salary, and the school district is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The employer's rate as of June 30, 2017 was 15.75% of annual covered payroll. Plan provisions and the Board of Trustees' authority to determine contribution rates are established by Section 25-11-1 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and may be amended only by the Mississippi Legislature. The school district's contributions to PERS for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, 2016 and 2015 were \$840,389, \$794,661 and \$868,456, 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 \$14,087,973 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the school district's long-term share of contribution to the pension plan relative to projected contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined. The school district's proportionate share used to calculate the June 30, 2017 net pension liability was 0.078869 percent, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2016. This was a decrease of 0.009473 percent from its proportionate share used to calculate the June 30, 2016 net pension liability, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2015.

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the District recognized pension expense of \$1,395,466. 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	\$ 393,141	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	937,185	
Changes of assumptions	743,908	37,436
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share	51,367	1,056,748
of contributions		
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	840,389	
Total	\$ 2,965,990	\$ 1,094,184

\$840,389 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	\$ 329,986
2019	111,851
2020	311,268
2021	278,312
Total	\$ 1,031,417

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 9 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

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

Inflation 3.00 percent

Salary increases 3.75-19.00 percent, including inflation

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

expense, including inflation

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

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

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

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 9 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

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 the net pension liability	\$ 18,063,940	\$ 14,087,973	\$ 10,789,209

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

Note 10 - Prior Period Adjustments

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

Exhibit B - Statement of Activities

Explanation	Amount
To correct prior period error in recording assets	\$ (13,425)
Total	\$ (13,425)

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

Fund	Explanation	Amount
General Fund	To correct prior period error in recording assets	\$ (13,425)
Total		\$ (13,425)

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.

Notes to Financial Statements

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. Except as described below, the district carries commercial insurance for these risks. Settled claims resulting from these insured risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Participation in Public Entity Risk Pool

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

Note 13 – Alternative School Consortium

The school district entered into an Alternative School Agreement dated August 19, 1994 creating the East Central Alternative School Consortium. This consortium was created pursuant to the provisions of Section 37-13-92 (6), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), and approved by the Mississippi Department of Education and includes the Newton County School District, Forest Municipal School District, Philadelphia Public School District, Scott County School District, Neshoba County School District, Enterprise Public School District and Kemper County School District.

Section 37-13-92 (6), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), allows two or more adjacent school districts to enter into a contract to operate an alternative school program. The school board of the school district designated by the agreement as the lead district will serve as the governing board of the alternative school program. Transportation for students attending the alternative school program will be the responsibility of the individual school district sending the students.

The Newton County School District has been designated as the lead school district for the East Central Alternative School Consortium, and the operations of the consortium are included in its financial statements.

Note 14 – Vocational School Consortium

The school district entered into a Vocational Educational Agreement dated August 17, 1982 creating the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center. This consortium was created pursuant to the provisions of Section 37-31-73, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), and approved by the Mississippi Department of Education. The consortium includes the East Central Community College, Neshoba County School District and Philadelphia Public School District.

Section 37-31-73, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), authorizes the above noted entities to enter into an agreement that would provide for the construction or operation of a regional vocational education center. Any such agreement should provide for a designated fiscal agent, providing the method of financing the construction and operation of such facilities, the manner in which such facilities are to be controlled and staffed and detail procedures for student admission and transportation services for those students.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 14 – Vocational School Consortium (Continued)

East Central Community College has been designated as the fiscal agent for the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center, and the operations of the consortium are included in its financial statements.

Note 15 – Effect of Deferred Amounts on Net Position

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$11,597,040) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenses resulting from a deferred outflow from pensions. The \$2,965,990 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.

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$11,597,040) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue resulting from a deferred inflow from pensions. The \$1,094,184 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 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 Philadelphia Public School District evaluated the activity of the district through February 2, 2018, and determined that no subsequent event has occurred requiring disclosure in the notes to financial statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Required Supplementary Information

Budgetary Comparison Schedule General Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

To the real Linded Julie 30, 2017						Variand Positive (Ne	
		Budgete	ed A	Amounts	Actual	Original	Final
		Original		Final	(GAAP Basis)	to Final	to Actual
Revenues:							
Local sources	\$	2,930,929	\$	2,699,761	\$ 2,729,834	\$ (231,168) \$	30,073
State sources		4,903,132		4,829,985	4,829,985	(73,147)	-
Federal sources		60,000		51,544	51,544	(8,456)	-
Sixteenth section sources		12,000		15,016	15,016	3,016	-
Total Revenues		7,906,061		7,596,306	7,626,379	(309,755)	30,073
Expenditures:							
Instruction		4,650,592		4,292,686	4,290,684	357,906	2,002
Support services		3,101,824		3,206,624	3,151,601	(104,800)	55,023
Noninstructional services		9,294		1,556	1,556	7,738	-
Debt service:							
Principal		-		145,000	-	(145,000)	145,000
Interest		-		233	233	(233)	-
Other		-		-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures		7,761,710		7,646,099	7,444,074	115,611	202,025
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues							
over (under) Expenditures		144,351		(49,793)	182,305	(194,144)	232,098
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Bonds and notes issued		-		145,000	-	145,000	(145,000)
Operating transfers in		85,278		513,045	65,177	427,767	(447,868)
Operating transfers out		(39,000)		(456,441)	(8,573)	(417,441)	447,868
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	_	46,278		201,604	56,604	155,326	(145,000)
Net Change in Fund Balances		190,629		151,811	238,909	(38,818)	87,098
Fund Balances:							
July 1, 2016, as previously reported		_		_	489,984	_	489,984
Prior period adjustments		_		(13,425)	(13,425)	(13,425)	-
July 1, 2016, as restated		-		(13,425)	476,559	(13,425)	489,984
June 30, 2017	\$	190,629	\$	138,386	\$ 715,468	\$ (52,243) \$	577,082

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

Required Supplementary Information

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

						Variand Positive (Ne	
	Budgete	d A	mounts	Actual		Original	Final
	 Original		Final	(GAAP Basis)	to Final	to Actual
Revenues:							
Federal sources	\$ 601,850	\$	601,850 \$	605,932	\$	-	4,082
Total Revenues	 601,850		601,850	605,932			4,082
Expenditures:							
Instruction	435,970		530,737	452,256		(94,767)	78,481
Support services	150,445		183,807	134,658		(33,362)	49,149
Noninstructional services	 6,019		12,857	8,994		(6,838)	3,863
Total Expenditures	 592,434		727,401	595,908		(134,967)	131,493
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues							
over (under) Expenditures	 9,416		(125,551)	10,024		(134,967)	135,575
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Operating transfers out	(9,416)		(12,327)	(10,083)		(2,911)	2,244
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	 (9,416)		(12,327)	(10,083)		(2,911)	2,244
Net Change in Fund Balances	 -		(137,878)	(59)		(137,878)	137,819
Fund Balances: July 1, 2016	 -		-	59		-	59
June 30, 2017	\$ -	\$	(137,878) \$	S -	\$	(137,878) \$	137,878

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*

District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	2017 0.078869%	2016 0.088342%	2015 0.088129%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 14,087,973	13,655,929	10,697,247
District's covered payroll	5,045,467	5,514,006	5,385,137
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	279%	248%	199%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	57%	62%	67%

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

Contractually required contribution	\$ 2017 840,389	\$ 2016 794,661	\$ 2015 868,456
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	840,389	794,661	868,456
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered payroll	5,335,803	5,045,467	5,514,006
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 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/	Catalog of Federal Domestic	
Pass-through Grantor/	Assistance	Federal
Program Title	No.	<u>Expenditures</u>
U.S. Department of Agriculture		
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education: Child nutrition cluster:		
Healthy US school grant	10.543	\$ 3,500
School breakfast program	10.553	\$ 172,793
National school lunch program Total child nutrition cluster	10.555	496,636 672,929
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education		672,929
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture		672,929
Federal Communications Commission Administered through the Universal Service Administrative Company:		
The schools and libraries program of the universal service fund	32.xxx	7,581
Total Federal Communications Commission	02.7000	7,581
U.S. Department of Education		
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:		
Title I grants to local educational agencies	84.010	605,932
Rural education	84.358	1,193
Improving teacher quality-State Grants	84.367	89,744
Subtotal		696,869
Special education cluster:	04.007	222 045
Special education - grants to states Special education - preschool grants	84.027 84.173	233,815 10,597
Total special education cluster	04.173	244,412
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education		941,281
Total U.S. Department of Education		941,281
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services		0+1,201
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:		
Medicaid cluster:		
Medical assistance program	93.778	16,453
Total Medicaid cluster		16,453
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education		16,453
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services		16,453

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

Notes to 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 Philadelphia Public 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 Philadelphia Public School District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the Philadelphia Public School District.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

(3) Indirect Cost Rate

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

(4) Noncash Awards – Commodities

The amount of donated commodities reported on the schedule is the value of donated commodities received by the District and reported under the National School Lunch Program CFDA #10.555. The value of the commodities received during the fiscal year was \$49,522.

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	<u>Other</u>
Salaries and fringe benefits Other	\$ 7,029,317 2,837,125	5,105,452 1,003,278	483,618 148,865	581,517 10,963	858,730 1,674,019
Total	\$ 9,866,442	6,108,730	632,483	592,480	2,532,749
Total number of students *	 991				
Cost per student	\$ 9,956	6,164	638	598	2,556

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	\$ 2,729,834	\$ 2,695,836	\$ 2,727,374 \$	2,815,465
State sources	4,829,985	4,962,293	4,858,324	4,748,562
Federal sources	51,544	46,628	51,843	62,370
Sixteenth section sources	15,016	76,370	208,066	
Total Revenues	7,626,379	7,781,127	7,845,607	7,626,397
Expenditures:				
Instruction	4,290,684	4,630,798	4,835,788	4,841,726
Support services	3,151,601	3,171,747	3,348,579	3,424,055
Noninstructional services	1,556	8,321	8,567	8,866
Debt service:				
Principal	-	-	21,888	20,920
Interest	233	738	2,781	1,870
Other	-	4,430	2,883	-
Total Expenditures	7,444,074	7,816,034	8,220,486	8,297,437
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues				
over (under) Expenditures	182,305	(34,907)	(374,879)	(671,040)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Insurance recovery	-	-	-	35,102
Operating transfers in	65,177	62,572	70,362	145,158
Operating transfers out	(8,573)	(13,253)	(15,593)	(1,948)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	56,604	49,319	54,769	178,312
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Net Change in Fund Balances	238,909	14,412	(320,110)	(492,728)
Fund Balances:				
Beginning of period, as previously reported	489,984	475,572	795,682	1,368,387
Prior period adjustments	(13,425)	-	-	(79,977)
Beginning of period, as restated	476,559	475,572	795,682	1,288,410
End of Period	\$ 715,468	\$ 489,984	\$ 475,572 \$	795,682

^{*}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	\$ 3,366,788	\$ 3,399,268	\$ 3,454,469	\$ 3,639,732
State sources	5,130,824	5,251,817	5,139,531	5,032,141
Federal sources	1,735,254	1,779,674	1,749,828	1,798,098
Sixteenth section sources	15,016	76,370	208,066	14,461
Total Revenues	10,247,882	10,507,129	10,551,894	10,484,432
Expenditures:				
Instruction	5,067,844	5,550,285	5,674,786	5,781,681
Support services	3,584,011	3,628,667	3,832,741	3,815,133
Noninstructional services	606,343	607,479	680,397	759,600
Facilities acquisition and construction	-	-	-	15,538
Debt service:				
Principal	562,990	1,783,423	443,807	469,587
Interest	42,532	63,157	83,031	98,004
Other	2,722	7,191	4,984	2,730
Total Expenditures	9,866,442	11,640,202	10,719,746	10,942,273
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues				
over (under) Expenditures	381,440	(1,133,073)	(167,852)	(457,841)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Bonds and notes issued	-	-	-	67,332
Insurance recovery	-	-	-	35,102
Operating transfers in	139,801	75,825	192,589	257,854
Payment held by QZAB debt escrow agent	-	-	106,321	106,321
Operating transfers out	(139,801)	(75,825)	(192,589)	(257,854)
Payment to QZAB debt escrow agent	-	-	(106,321)	(107,101)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	-	-	101,654
Net Change in Fund Balances	381,440	(1,133,073)	(167,852)	(356,187)
Fund Balances:				
Beginning of period, as previously reported	757,414	1,905,486	2,067,757	2,498,022
Prior period adjustments	(13,425)	-		(79,977)
Beginning of period, as restated	743,989	1,905,486	2,067,757	2,418,045
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Increase (Decrease) in reserve for inventory	(2,624)	(15,999)	5,581	5,899
End of Period	\$ 1,122,805	\$ 756,414	\$ 1,905,486	\$ 2,067,757

^{*}SOURCE - PRIOR YEAR AUDIT REPORTS

REPORTS ON INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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

To the Superintendent and School Board Philadelphia Public School District

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Philadelphia Public School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise the Philadelphia Public School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 2, 2018.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Philadelphia Public 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 Philadelphia Public School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Philadelphia Public 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 Philadelphia Public 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.

Philadelphia, Mississippi February 2, 2018

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

To the Superintendent and School Board Philadelphia Public School District

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Philadelphia Public 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 Philadelphia Public School District's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2017. Philadelphia Public School District's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditors' 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.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each Philadelphia Public School District's major federal program 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 Philadelphia Public 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 the major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Philadelphia Public School District's compliance.

Opinion on Major Federal Program

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

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the Philadelphia Public 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 Philadelphia Public School District's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for the 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 Philadelphia Public School District's internal control over compliance.

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

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

Purpose of this Report

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

Philadelphia, Mississippi February 2, 2018

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS A	ND REGULATIONS



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Superintendent and School Board Philadelphia Public School District

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Philadelphia Public School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, which collectively comprise Philadelphia Public School District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 2, 2018. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

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

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

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

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

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

The results of procedures performed to test compliance with certain other state laws and regulations and our audit of the financial statements disclosed the following immaterial instance of noncompliance with other state laws and regulations. Our finding and recommendation and your response are as follows:

1. Proper form should be filed for all retirees

The Mississippi Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) requires, under the re-employment provisions of Section 25-11-27, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), school districts hiring PERS service retirees to file PERS Form 4B "Certification/Acknowledgment of Re-employment of Retiree" with the PERS office within five days from the date of employment of the retiree.

During our testing of state legal compliance, we noted one instance where the Form 4B was not filed within 5 days of rehiring the retired employee.

Recommendation

We recommend the District implement procedures to ensure that the District follows the provisions of Section 25-11-27, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

School District Response

The District concurs with the recommendation and no retiree will be rehired until a Form 4B has been completed and the 4B will be submitted within 5 days of the rehire date.

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

The Philadelphia Public School District's response to the finding included in this report was not audited and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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.

Philadelphia, Mississippi February 2, 2018 Watkins Ward and Stafford, Puc

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

Fin	Financial Statements:								
1.	Type o	of auditor's report issued:		Unmodified					
2.	Interna	al control over financial reporting:							
	a.	Material weakness(es) identified	1?	No					
	b.	Significant deficiency(ies) identi	fied?	None reported					
3.	3. Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?								
Fed	deral Aw	ards:							
4.	Interna	al control over major programs:							
	a.	Material weakness(es) identified	1?	No					
	b.	Significant deficiency(ies) identi	fied?	None reported					
5.	5. Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:								
6.	Any at with 2	No							
7.	Identif	ication of major programs:							
	<u>CFDA</u>	Numbers	Name of Federal Program or Cluste	<u>r</u>					
	10.543	3, 10.553, 10.555	Child Nutrition cluster						
8.	8. Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:								
9.	9. Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?								

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.

SUMMARY OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS



Philadelphia Public School District

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February 2, 2018

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

Financial and Compliance Audit Division

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

 Finding
 Status

 2016-01
 Corrected

 2016-02
 Corrected