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**LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Audited Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Superintendent and School Board  
Lauderdale County School District

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

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Lauderdale County School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Lauderdale County School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### ***Opinions***

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Lauderdale County School District, as of June 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## ***Other Matters***

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

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

### ***Other Information***

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

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

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

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated July 2, 2019, on my consideration of the Lauderdale County School District's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Lauderdale County School District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Lauderdale County School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

***Charles L Shivers, CPA, LLC***

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Ridgeland, MS  
July 2, 2019

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
JUNE 30, 2018

The following discussion and analysis of Lauderdale County School District's financial performance provides an overview of the School District's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2018. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School District's performance as a whole. Readers are encouraged to review the financial statements and the notes to the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School District's financial performance.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Total net position for 2018 decreased \$10,525,608, including a prior period adjustment of (\$5,351,635), which represents a 26% decrease from fiscal year 2017. Total net position for 2017 decreased \$6,103,074, which represents an 18% decrease from fiscal year 2016.
- General revenues amounted to \$47,386,947 and \$48,080,859, or 84% and 85% of all revenues for fiscal years 2018 and 2017, respectively. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and grants and contributions accounted for \$9,199,251, or 16% of total revenues for 2018, and \$8,661,061, or 15% of total revenues for 2017.
- The District had \$61,760,171 and \$62,844,994 in expenses for fiscal years 2018 and 2017; only \$9,199,251 for 2018 and \$8,661,061 for 2017 of these expenses was offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions. General revenues of \$47,386,947 for 2018 and \$48,080,859 for 2017 were not adequate to provide for these programs.
- Among major funds, the General Fund had \$47,948,634 in revenues and \$45,972,389 in expenditures for 2018, and \$48,491,556 in revenues and \$45,806,342 in expenditures in 2017. The General Fund's fund balance decreased by \$24,760, including a prior period adjustment of \$16, from 2017 to 2018, and increased by \$994,286 from 2016 to 2017.
- Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, decreased by \$859,285 for 2018 and decreased by \$1,028,308 for 2017. The decrease for 2018 was due to the disposal of equipment coupled with the increase in accumulated depreciation.
- Long-term debt, including the liability for compensated absences, decreased by \$733,576 for 2018 and decreased by \$894,354 for 2017. This decrease for 2018 was due primarily to principal payments on outstanding long-term debt. The liability for compensated absences increased by \$134,633 for 2018 and increased by \$35,520 for 2017.

### 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, OPEB 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 and net OPEB liability result in liabilities on the government-wide financial statements but are not reported on governmental funds financial statements.

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

## Notes to the financial statements

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

## Required Supplementary Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents budgetary comparison schedules, Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, Schedule of District Contributions (PERS), Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability, and Schedule of District Contributions (OPEB) as required

supplementary information. The District adopts an annual operating budget for all governmental funds. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for the General Fund as required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

## Supplementary Information

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

## Other Information

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

## GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

### Net position

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position. Liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded assets and deferred outflows of resources by \$50,282,578 as of June 30, 2018.

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

Table 1 presents a summary of the District's net position at June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017.

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

	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017	Percentage Change
Current assets	\$ 14,817,974	\$ 12,293,553	20.53 %
Restricted assets	4,487,765	4,107,201	9.27 %
Capital assets, net	25,671,572	26,530,857	(3.24) %
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>44,977,311</b>	<b>42,931,611</b>	<b>4.77 %</b>
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>	<b>8,847,102</b>	<b>23,988,829</b>	<b>(63.12) %</b>
Current liabilities	3,021,615	487,322	520.04 %
Long-term debt-outstanding	6,775,935	7,509,511	(9.77) %
Net OPEB liability	5,319,667	0	N/A
Net pension liability	85,717,867	93,248,665	(8.08) %
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>100,835,084</b>	<b>101,245,498</b>	<b>(0.41) %</b>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>3,271,907</b>	<b>5,431,912</b>	<b>(39.77) %</b>
<b>Net position:</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	19,580,567	19,700,027	(0.61) %
Restricted	4,714,199	4,318,747	9.16 %
Unrestricted	(74,577,344)	(63,775,744)	(16.94) %
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ (50,282,578)</b>	<b>\$ (39,756,970)</b>	<b>(26.47) %</b>

Additional information on unrestricted net position:

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

Total unrestricted net position (deficit)	\$ (74,577,344)
Less unrestricted deficit in net position resulting from recognition of the net pension liability and net OPEB liability including the related deferred outflows and deferred inflows	<u>85,462,339</u>
Unrestricted net position, exclusive of the net pension liability and net OPEB liability effect	<u>\$ 10,884,995</u>

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

- Decrease in net capital assets in the amount of \$859,285.
- The principal retirement of \$868,209 of long-term debt.
- Implementation of GASB 75 which resulted in the recognition of a net OPEB liability in the amount of \$5,319,667.

### Changes in net position

The District's total revenues for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017 were \$56,586,198 and \$56,741,920, respectively. The total cost of all programs and services was \$61,760,171 for 2018 and \$62,844,994 for 2017.

Table 2 presents a summary of the changes in net position for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017.

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

	<u>Year Ended</u> <u>June 30, 2018</u>	<u>Year Ended</u> <u>June 30, 2017</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Change</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 1,326,188	\$ 1,296,936	2.26 %
Operating grants and contributions	7,873,063	7,364,125	6.91 %
General revenues:			
Property taxes	14,466,513	14,290,010	1.24 %
Grants and contributions not restricted	31,958,400	33,110,571	(3.48) %
Investment earnings	155,180	88,793	74.77 %
Sixteenth section sources	591,269	440,264	34.30 %
Other	215,585	151,221	42.56 %
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>56,586,198</u>	<u>56,741,920</u>	<u>(0.27) %</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Instruction	30,882,090	30,478,778	1.32 %
Support services	17,242,677	17,366,632	(0.71) %
Non-instructional	2,509,127	2,671,262	(6.07) %
Sixteenth section	238,126	348,389	(31.65) %
Pension expense	10,540,537	11,869,573	(11.20) %
OPEB expense	260,273	0	N/A
Interest on long-term liabilities	87,341	110,360	(20.86) %
<b>Total expenses</b>	<u>61,760,171</u>	<u>62,844,994</u>	<u>(1.73) %</u>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in net position</b>	<u>(5,173,973)</u>	<u>(6,103,074)</u>	<u>15.22 %</u>
<b>Net Position, July 1, as previously reported</b>	<u>(39,756,970)</u>	<u>(33,653,896)</u>	<u>(18.13) %</u>
<b>Prior Period Adjustment</b>	<u>(5,351,635)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<b>Net Position, July 1, as restated</b>	<u>(45,108,605)</u>	<u>(33,653,896)</u>	<u>(34.04) %</u>
<b>Net Position, June 30</b>	<u>\$ (50,282,578)</u>	<u>\$ (39,756,970)</u>	<u>(26.47) %</u>

## Governmental activities

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

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

	Total Expenses		Percentage Change
	2018	2017	
Instruction	\$ 30,882,090	\$ 30,478,778	1.32 %
Support services	17,242,677	17,366,632	(0.71) %
Non-instructional	2,509,127	2,671,262	(6.07) %
Sixteenth section	238,126	348,389	(31.65) %
Pension Expense	10,540,537	11,869,573	(11.20) %
OPEB Expense	260,273	0	N/A
Interest on long-term liabilities	87,341	110,360	(20.86) %
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 61,760,171</b>	<b>\$ 62,844,994</b>	<b>(1.73) %</b>

	Net (Expense) Revenue		Percentage Change
	2018	2017	
Instruction	\$ (26,059,203)	\$ (26,364,083)	(1.16) %
Support services	(15,671,450)	(15,764,670)	(0.59) %
Non-instructional	267,680	273,142	(2.00) %
Sixteenth section	(209,796)	(348,389)	(39.78) %
Pension Expense	(10,540,537)	(11,869,573)	(11.20) %
OPEB Expense	(260,273)	0	N/A
Interest on long-term liabilities	(87,341)	(110,360)	(20.86) %
<b>Total net (expense) revenue</b>	<b>\$ (52,560,920)</b>	<b>\$ (54,183,933)</b>	<b>(3.00) %</b>

- Net cost of governmental activities (\$52,560,920 for 2018 and \$54,183,933 for 2017) was financed by general revenue, which is primarily made up of property taxes (\$14,466,513 for 2018 and \$14,290,010 for 2017) and state and federal revenues (\$31,958,400 for 2018 and \$33,110,571 for 2017). In addition, there was \$591,269 and \$440,264 in Sixteenth Section sources for 2018 and 2017, respectively.
- Investment earnings amounted to \$155,180 for 2018 and \$88,793 for 2017.

## 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 \$16,305,468, an increase of \$367,452, which includes a prior period adjustment of \$111 and an increase in inventory of \$15,726. \$11,185,036 or 69% of the fund balance is unassigned, which represents the residual classification for the General Fund's fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. The remaining fund balance of \$5,120,432 or 31% is either nonspendable, restricted, committed or assigned to indicate that it is not available for spending except only for the purposes to which it is restricted, committed or assigned.

The General Fund is the principal operating fund of the District. The decrease in fund balance in the General Fund for the fiscal year was \$24,760, which includes a prior period adjustment of \$16. The fund balance of Other Governmental Funds showed an increase in the amount of \$392,212, which includes a prior period adjustment of \$95 and an increase in reserve for inventory of \$15,726.

## BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

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

A schedule showing the original and final budget amounts compared to the District's actual financial activity for the General Fund is provided in this report as required supplementary information.

## CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

**Capital Assets.** As of June 30, 2018, the District's total capital assets were \$47,349,951, including land, school buildings, improvements other than buildings, buses, other school vehicles, and furniture and equipment. This amount represents an increase of \$239,587 from 2017. Total accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2018, was \$21,678,379, and total depreciation expense for the year was \$1,126,875, resulting in total net capital assets of \$25,671,572.

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

	<u>June 30, 2018</u>	<u>June 30, 2017</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Land	\$ 482,482	\$ 482,482	0.00 %
Buildings	21,703,801	22,394,450	(3.08) %
Improvements other than buildings	1,368,643	1,444,651	(5.26) %
Mobile equipment	1,808,064	1,821,929	(0.76) %
Furniture and equipment	308,582	387,345	(20.33) %
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 25,671,572</b>	<b>\$ 26,530,857</b>	<b>(3.24) %</b>

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

**Debt Administration.** At June 30, 2018, the District had \$6,775,935 in outstanding long-term debt, of which \$761,296 is due within one year. The liability for compensated absences increased \$134,633 from the prior year.

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

	<u>June 30, 2018</u>	<u>June 30, 2017</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Certificates of participation payable	\$ 1,021,005	\$ 1,140,830	(10.50) %
Three mill notes payable	2,255,000	2,875,000	(21.57) %
Obligations under energy efficiency leases	0	128,384	(100.00) %
Qualified school construction bonds payable	2,815,000	2,815,000	0.00 %
Compensated absences payable	684,930	550,297	24.47 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,775,935</b>	<b>\$ 7,509,511</b>	<b>(9.77) %</b>

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

## CURRENT ISSUES

The Lauderdale County School District is financial 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 internal financial controls is well regarded. The District plans to continue its sound fiscal management to meet the challenges of

the future. The District actively pursues grant funding to supplement the local, state and federal revenues. Enrollment for the 2017-2018 year decreased to 5,564 students.

#### **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 Lauderdale County School District, 301 46<sup>th</sup> Court, Meridian, MS 39305.

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## BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2018

Exhibit A

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,627,664
Due from other governments	2,021,478
Other receivables, net	42,863
Inventories	125,969
Restricted assets (Note 4)	4,487,765
Non-depreciable capital assets (Note 5)	482,482
Depreciable capital assets, net (Note 5)	25,189,090
Total Assets	<u>44,977,311</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Deferred outflow - pensions (Note 8)	8,620,317
Deferred outflow - OPEB (Note 9)	226,785
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>8,847,102</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,000,271
Interest payable on long-term liabilities	21,344
Long-term liabilities (Due within one year) (Note 6)	
Capital related liabilities	706,502
Non-capital related liabilities	54,794
Net OPEB liability (Note 9)	226,785
Long-term liabilities (Due beyond one year) (Note 6)	
Capital related liabilities	5,384,503
Non-capital related liabilities	630,136
Net OPEB liability (Note 9)	5,092,882
Net pension liability (Note 8)	85,717,867
Total Liabilities	<u>100,835,084</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Deferred inflows - pensions (Note 8)	2,979,554
Deferred inflows - OPEB (Note 9)	292,353
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>3,271,907</u>
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	19,580,567
Restricted net position	
Expendable	
School-based activities	1,331,249
Debt service	2,385,001
Forestry improvements	478,606
Unemployment benefits	125,036
Non-expendable	
Sixteenth section	394,307
Unrestricted	<u>(74,577,344)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (50,282,578)</u>

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

LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

Exhibit B

Functions / Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
<b>Governmental Activities</b>				
Instruction	\$ 30,882,090	649,592	4,173,295	(26,059,203)
Support services	17,242,677	47,473	1,523,754	(15,671,450)
Non-instructional	2,509,127	600,793	2,176,014	267,680
Sixteenth section	238,126	28,330		(209,796)
Pension expense	10,540,537			(10,540,537)
OPEB expense	260,273			(260,273)
Interest on long-term liabilities	87,341			(87,341)
Total Governmental Activities	61,760,171	1,326,188	7,873,063	(52,560,920)
<b>General Revenues</b>				
Taxes				
General purpose levies				13,807,887
Debt purpose levies				658,626
Unrestricted grants and contributions				
State				31,873,023
Federal				85,377
Unrestricted investment earnings				155,180
Sixteenth section sources				591,269
Other				215,585
Total General Revenues				47,386,947
Changes in Net Position				(5,173,973)
Net Position - Beginning, as previously reported				(39,756,970)
Prior Period Adjustments (Note 11)				(5,351,635)
Net Position - Beginning - as restated				(45,108,605)
Net Position - Ending				\$ (50,282,578)

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

LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds  
June 30, 2018

Exhibit C

	Major Funds	Other	Total
	General	Governmental	Governmental
	Fund	Funds	Funds
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 12,627,664	3,794,587	16,422,251
Cash with fiscal agent (Note 2)		7,601	7,601
Investments (Note 2)		685,577	685,577
Due from other governments	626,237	1,395,241	2,021,478
Other receivables, net	42,863		42,863
Due from other funds (Note 3)	1,067,824		1,067,824
Advances to other funds (Note 3)		203,390	203,390
Inventories		125,969	125,969
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>14,364,588</b>	<b>6,212,365</b>	<b>20,576,953</b>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	2,591,273	408,998	3,000,271
Due to other funds (Note 3)		1,067,824	1,067,824
Advances from other funds (Note 3)	203,390		203,390
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>2,794,663</b>	<b>1,476,822</b>	<b>4,271,485</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>			
<b>Nonspendable</b>			
Inventory		125,969	125,969
Permanent fund principal		190,917	190,917
Advances		203,390	203,390
<b>Restricted</b>			
Debt service		2,406,345	2,406,345
Forestry improvements		478,606	478,606
Unemployment benefits		125,036	125,036
Grant activities		1,205,280	1,205,280
<b>Assigned</b>			
School activities	384,889		384,889
<b>Unassigned</b>	<b>11,185,036</b>		<b>11,185,036</b>
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>11,569,925</b>	<b>4,735,543</b>	<b>16,305,468</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 14,364,588</b>	<b>6,212,365</b>	<b>20,576,953</b>

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

LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2018

Exhibit C-1

		<u>Amount</u>
Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds		\$ 16,305,468
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	482,482	
Buildings	34,471,726	
Improvement other than buildings	3,109,620	
Mobile equipment	7,907,079	
Furniture and equipment	1,379,044	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(21,678,379)</u>	25,671,572
Some liabilities, including net pension obligations, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:		
Net pension liability		(85,717,867)
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:		
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	8,620,317	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	<u>(2,979,554)</u>	5,640,763
Some liabilities, including net OPEB obligations, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:		
Net OPEB liability		(5,319,667)
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:		
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	226,785	
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	<u>(292,353)</u>	(65,568)
Long-term liabilities and related accrued interest are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:		
Qualified school construction bonds	(2,815,000)	
Certificates of participation	(1,021,005)	
Three mill notes	(2,255,000)	
Compensated absences	(684,930)	
Accrued interest payable	<u>(21,344)</u>	(6,797,279)
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities		<u>\$ (50,282,578)</u>

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

## LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Exhibit D

## Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	<u>Major Funds</u>		
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues			
Local sources	\$ 14,755,431	1,364,697	16,120,128
State sources	32,545,638	1,500,629	34,046,267
Federal sources	46,007	5,739,188	5,785,195
Sixteenth section sources	601,558	42,175	643,733
Total Revenues	<u>47,948,634</u>	<u>8,646,689</u>	<u>56,595,323</u>
Expenditures			
Instruction	28,396,461	5,371,851	33,768,312
Support services	17,066,860	1,624,511	18,691,371
Noninstructional services	2,147	2,604,385	2,606,532
Sixteenth section	231,606	10,171	241,777
Debt service			
Principal (Note 6)	248,209	620,000	868,209
Interest	17,980	70,587	88,567
Other	9,126	2,012	11,138
Total Expenditures	<u>45,972,389</u>	<u>10,303,517</u>	<u>56,275,906</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>1,976,245</u>	<u>(1,656,828)</u>	<u>319,417</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Insurance loss recoveries (Note 16)	30,292		30,292
Sale of other property	1,906		1,906
Operating transfers in (Note 3)	146,125	2,179,344	2,325,469
Payment held by QSCB escrow agent		275,000	275,000
Operating transfers out (Note 3)	(2,179,344)	(146,125)	(2,325,469)
Payment to refunded bond escrow agent		(275,000)	(275,000)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(2,001,021)</u>	<u>2,033,219</u>	<u>32,198</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>(24,776)</u>	<u>376,391</u>	<u>351,615</u>
Fund Balances			
July 1, 2017, as previously reported	11,594,685	4,343,331	15,938,016
Prior period adjustments (Note 11)	16	95	111
July 1, 2017, as restated	<u>11,594,701</u>	<u>4,343,426</u>	<u>15,938,127</u>
Increase in reserve for inventory	<u>0</u>	<u>15,726</u>	<u>15,726</u>
June 30, 2018	<u>\$ 11,569,925</u>	<u>4,735,543</u>	<u>16,305,468</u>

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

## LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Exhibit D-1

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures  
and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	<u>Amount</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	\$ 351,615

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

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

Capital outlay	267,873	
Depreciation expense	<u>(1,126,875)</u>	(859,002)

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

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The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts and the difference between the carrying value of refunded debt and the acquisition cost of refunded debt when debt is first issued. These amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities:

Payments of debt principal	868,209	
Accrued interest payable	<u>3,240</u>	871,449

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

Pension expense	(10,540,537)	
Contributions made subsequent to the measurement date	<u>5,155,181</u>	(5,385,356)

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

OPEB expense	(260,273)	
Contributions made subsequent to the measurement date	<u>226,785</u>	(33,488)

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

Change in compensated absences	(134,633)	
Change in inventory reserve	15,726	
Rounding	<u>(1)</u>	(118,908)

Changes in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ (5,173,973)</u>
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The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities  
June 30, 2018

Exhibit E

	<u>Agency Funds</u>
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	<u>\$ 351,181</u>
Total Assets	<u>351,181</u>
Liabilities	
Due to student clubs	<u>351,181</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 351,181</u>

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

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# LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Notes to the Financial Statements

For Year Ended June 30, 2018

### Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

#### A. Financial Reporting Entity

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

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

##### Blended component unit

The Lauderdale County Schools Leasing Authority ("the Authority") as explained in the following paragraph is considered to be a blended component unit as determined by Section 2100 of the *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards* and is included in the district's reporting entity.

The Authority is governed by a six member board which is appointed by the school district's governing board. Although it is legally separate from the school district, it is reported as if it is part of the primary government because its sole purpose is to provide financing for the renovation, improvement, construction, and equipping of certain school facilities. Therefore, all of the Authority's assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues, expenditures and other financing sources and uses have been included in the government-wide financial statements of the school district (see Note 14).

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

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

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

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

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function, or segment, are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include 1)

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charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function and 2) grants, contributions and interest restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Property taxes and other items not included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

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

The school district reports the following major governmental funds:

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.

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

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

The District's fiduciary funds include the following:

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

Club Fund - This is the District's activity fund to record assets and liabilities of the District's various student clubs.

Cafeteria Plan Fund - This is the District's fund to record assets and liabilities of the District's cafeteria plan.

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

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

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

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

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

#### FIDUCIARY FUNDS

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

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

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the Fiduciary Fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned, and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred or economic asset

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used, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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excess funds in the financial institutions selected by the school board. State statutes specify how these depositories are to be selected.

Investments

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

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

Investments for the district are reported at fair market value.

2. Receivables and payables

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

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

3. Due from Other Governments

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

4. Inventories and Prepaid Items

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

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

5. Restricted Assets

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

6. Capital Assets

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

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asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost in excess of the thresholds in the table below.

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

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

The following schedule details the capitalization thresholds:

	Capitalization Policy	Estimated Useful Life
Land	\$ 0	0
Buildings	50,000	40 years
Improvements other than buildings	25,000	20 years
Mobile equipment	5,000	5-10 years
Furniture and equipment	5,000	3-7 years

### 7. Deferred outflows/inflows of resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future periods and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The District has a deferred outflow related to pensions and other post employment benefits.

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 periods and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District has a deferred outflow related to pensions and other post employment benefits.

### 8. Compensated Absences

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

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

### 9. Long-term Liabilities

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

### 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

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the same basis as they are reported by PERS. For this purpose, the benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

11. Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the State and School Employees' Life and Health Plan (OPEB Plan) and additions to/deductions from the OPEB Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the OPEB Plan. Fiduciary net position was zero as of the measurement date of June 30, 2017. For this purpose, the OPEB Plan recognizes benefit payments when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms.

12. 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 school district business manager pursuant to authorization established by official school board policy.

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

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

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

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

**Deposits.** The school board must advertise and accept bids for depositories no less than once every three years as required by Section 37-7-333, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The collateral pledged for the school district's deposits in financial institutions is held in the

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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 \$16,422,251 and \$351,181, 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. As of June 30, 2018, none of the district's bank balance was exposed to custodial credit risk.

### Cash with Fiscal Agents

The carrying amount of school district's cash with fiscal agents held by financial institutions was \$7,601.

### Investments

As of June 30, 2018, the district had the following investments.

Investment Type	Rating	Maturities (in years)	Fair Value
U.S. Treasury Securities	AAA	< 1 year	\$ 685,577

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

The district's recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2018 are valued using quoted market prices (Level 1 inputs).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General Fund	Other governmental funds	\$ 1,067,824

The purpose of the inter-fund receivables and payables is to close out federal program funds at year end. All inter-fund receivables and payables are expected to be repaid within one year.

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

Sixteenth section principal loans payable

Note: The sixteenth section principal loans payable are not reflected on the Statement of Net Position because these funds were borrowed by the General Fund from the Sixteenth Section Trust Fund (Permanent Trust) in accordance with Section 29-3-113, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The revenues and expenditures associated with these transactions are reflected on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. The interest rate on the sixteenth section principal loans payable as of June 30, 2018 is 4%.

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

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2019	\$ 25,751	8,136	33,887
2020	26,781	7,106	33,887
2021	27,853	6,034	33,887
2022	28,967	4,920	33,887
2023	30,125	3,762	33,887
2024 - 2025	63,913	3,860	67,773
Total	\$ 203,390	33,818	237,208

**C. Inter-fund Transfers**

Transfers Out	Transfers In	Amount
General Fund	Other governmental funds	\$ 2,179,344
Other governmental funds	General Fund	146,125
Total		\$ 2,325,469

The transfer out of the General Fund was for the purpose of funding the vocational program and various other programs in the Other Governmental Funds. The transfer from Other Governmental Funds to the General Fund was for indirect cost.

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**Note 4 – Restricted Assets**

The restricted assets of \$4,487,765 represents the cash balance, totaling \$3,794,587, of various federal and state programs which are legally restricted. In addition, the restricted assets also represent the cash with fiscal agent and investment balances, totaling \$7,601 and \$685,577, respectively, of the QSCB Bond Retirement Funds.

**Note 5 – Capital Assets**

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

	Balance 7/1/2017	Increases	Decreases	Balance 6/30/2018
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>				
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets:</u>				
Land	\$ 482,482			482,482
Total non-depreciable capital assets	482,482	0	0	482,482
<u>Depreciable capital assets:</u>				
Buildings	34,471,726			34,471,726
Improvements other than buildings	3,109,620			3,109,620
Mobile equipment	7,658,135	248,944		7,907,079
Furniture and equipment	1,388,401	18,929	28,286	1,379,044
Total depreciable capital assets	46,627,882	267,873	28,286	46,867,469
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>				
Buildings	12,077,276	690,649		12,767,925
Improvements other than buildings	1,664,969	76,008		1,740,977
Mobile equipment	5,836,206	262,809		6,099,015
Furniture and equipment	1,001,056	97,409	28,003	1,070,462
Total accumulated depreciation	20,579,507	1,126,875	28,003	21,678,379
Total depreciable capital assets, net	26,048,375	(859,002)	283	25,189,090
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 26,530,857	(859,002)	283	25,671,572

Depreciation expense was charged to the following governmental functions:

	Amount
<b>Governmental activities:</b>	
Instruction	\$ 757,552
Support services	319,136
Non-instructional	50,187
Total depreciation expense - Governmental activities	\$ 1,126,875

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**Note 6 – Long-term Liabilities**

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

	Balance 7/1/2017	Additions	Reductions	Balance 6/30/2018	Amounts due within one year
A. Certificates of participation payable	\$ 1,140,830		119,825	1,021,005	121,502
B. Three mill notes payable	2,875,000		620,000	2,255,000	585,000
C. Obligations under energy efficiency leases	128,384		128,384	0	
D. Qualified school construction bonds payable	2,815,000			2,815,000	0
E. Compensated absences payable	550,297	134,633		684,930	54,794
Total	<u>\$ 7,509,511</u>	<u>134,633</u>	<u>868,209</u>	<u>6,775,935</u>	<u>761,296</u>

**A. Certificates of participation payable**

As more fully explained in Note 14, certificates of participation have been issued by the school district. Certificates of participation currently outstanding are as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Trust Certificates, Series 2016	1.40%	6/24/2016	6/1/2026	\$ 1,259,000	1,021,005

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

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2019	\$ 121,502	14,294	135,796
2020	123,203	12,593	135,796
2021	124,928	10,868	135,796
2022	126,677	9,119	135,796
2023	128,451	7,346	135,797
2024 – 2026	396,244	11,146	407,390
Total	<u>\$ 1,021,005</u>	<u>65,366</u>	<u>1,086,371</u>

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

**B. Three mill notes payable**

Debt currently outstanding is as follows:

Description	Interest	Issue Date	Maturity	Amount	Amount
Three mill ten year note payable	2-2.25%	4/1/2013	4/1/2022	\$ 4,855,000	2,255,000

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

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Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2019	\$ 585,000	47,838	632,838
2020	575,000	36,138	611,138
2021	565,000	24,638	589,638
2022	530,000	11,925	541,925
Total	<u>\$ 2,255,000</u>	<u>120,539</u>	<u>2,375,539</u>

This debt will be retired from the Three Mill Note (debt service) fund. The three mill note payable, Series 2013 is secured by an irrevocable pledge of certain revenues the District receives from the State of Mississippi pursuant to the Mississippi Education Enhancement Funds ("EEF Funds"), Section 37-61-33, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The EEF funds pledge is to secure the maturities of the note. The note proceeds were used for building additions and renovations.

**C. Obligations under energy efficiency leases**

This debt was paid in full during the fiscal year.

**D. Qualified school construction bonds payable**

As more fully explained in Note 15, debt has been issued by the school district that qualifies as Qualified School Construction bonds. Debt currently outstanding is as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
1. Qualified School Construction Bond 2009	0.69%	12/21/2009	9/15/2024	\$ 1,500,000	1,500,000
2. Qualified School Construction Bond 2014	0.00%	8/20/2014	9/15/2028	1,315,000	1,315,000
Total				<u>\$ 2,815,000</u>	<u>2,815,000</u>

The following is a schedule by years of the total payments due on the Qualified School Construction Bond 2009:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2019	\$	10,350	10,350
2020		10,350	10,350
2021		10,350	10,350
2022		10,350	10,350
2023		10,350	10,350
2024 - 2025	1,500,000	20,700	1,520,700
Total	<u>\$ 1,500,000</u>	<u>72,450</u>	<u>1,572,450</u>

There are no annual interest payments on the Qualified School Construction Bond 2014. It will retire with a balloon payment in the amount of \$1,315,000 during the 2028-29 fiscal 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

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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 – Other Commitments**

Operating leases:

The school district has several operating leases for the following:

1. Kyocera 550li Digital Copier
2. Ricoh 6002 Digital Copier
3. (2) Toshiba E-453 CPM Digital Copiers
4. Toshiba Digital Copier e-Studio 857
5. (8) Dishwashing Machines
6. Kyocera 650li Copier System
7. Kyocera Digital Color Copier System Model CS-4551
8. Savin 9060 Digital Copier
9. Kyocera Desktop Color Copier System Model M6035
10. Kyocera/Copystar Digital Copier System Model CS-350li
11. (2) Kyocera CPST/CS-DP770 Copiers
12. Kyocera CPST/CS-3500I Copier
13. Ricoh Pro 8200S Copier

Lease expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2018, amounted to \$79,707.

Future lease payments for these leases are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Amount
2019	\$ 48,929
2020	33,115
2021	25,492
2022	16,146
Total	<u>\$ 123,682</u>

**Note 8 – 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

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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.

*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, 2018 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, 2018, 2017 and 2016 were \$5,155,181, \$5,210,929 and \$5,260,360, 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, 2018, the school district reported a liability of \$85,717,867 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2017, 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, 2018 net pension liability was 0.515646 percent, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2017. This was a decrease of 0.006390 percent from its proportionate share used to calculate the June 30, 2017 net pension liability, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2016.

For the year ended June 30, 2018, the District recognized pension expense of \$10,540,537. At June 30, 2018 the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,250,071	\$ 625,459
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	0	978,330
Changes of assumptions	1,946,296	147,873
Changes in proportion and differences between district contributions and proportionate share of contributions	268,769	1,227,892
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	5,155,181	0
Total	<u>\$ 8,620,317</u>	<u>\$ 2,979,554</u>

\$5,155,181 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, 2019. 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:	
2019	\$ 1,248,574
2020	921,372
2021	(28,605)
2022	(1,655,759)
Total	<u>\$ 485,582</u>

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*Actuarial assumptions.* The total pension liability in the June 30, 2017 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.00 percent
Salary increases	3.25-18.50 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 2022, with males rates set forward one year.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2017 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2016. The experience report is dated April 18, 2017.

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:

Asset Class	Target Allocation		Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return	
U.S. Broad	27.00	%	4.60	%
International Equity	18.00		4.50	
Emerging Markets Equity	4.00		4.75	
Global	12.00		4.75	
Fixed Income	18.00		0.75	
Real Estate	10.00		3.50	
Private Equity	8.00		5.10	
Emerging Debt	2.00		2.25	
Cash	1.00		0.00	
Total	100	%		

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

*Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following table presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.75%, 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%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.75%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 112,424,704	\$ 85,717,867	\$ 63,545,387

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

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**Note 9 – Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)**

**General Information about the OPEB Plan.**

*Plan description.* State law mandates that all state, public education, library, junior and community college and retiring employees be offered health and life benefit coverage through the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan (the Plan). The Plan was established by Section 25-15-3 et seq., Mississippi Code Ann. (1972), which may be amended only by the State Legislature. The State and School Employees' Health Insurance Management Board (the Board) administers the Plan. The Board has the sole legal authority to promulgate rules and regulations governing the operations of the Plan within the confines of the law governing the Plan. The Plan is self-insured and is financed through premiums collected from employers, employees, retirees and COBRA participants. The Plan provides for Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) as a multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan. A trust was created June 28, 2018 for the OPEB Plan and, while no trust was in place for the June 30, 2017 plan year-end, for purposes of comparability for future periods, terminology used herein is based on the plan being a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan. The plan does not issue a stand-alone financial report.

*Benefits provided.*

The Plan was formed by the State Legislature to provide group health and life benefits to full-time active and retired employees of the State, agencies, universities, community/junior colleges, public school districts and public libraries. In addition, the spouse and/or children of covered employees and retirees, as well as surviving spouses and COBRA participants, may be eligible for health insurance coverage under the Plan. Benefits of the OPEB Plan consist of an implicit rate subsidy, which is essentially the difference between the average cost of providing health care benefits to retirees under age 65 and the average cost of providing health care benefits to all participants when premiums paid by retirees are not age adjusted. Employees' premiums are funded primarily by their employers. Retirees must pay their own premiums, as do active employees for spouse and dependent medical coverage. The Board has the sole authority for setting life and health insurance premiums for the Plan. Per Section 12-15-15 (10) Mississippi Code Ann. (1972), a retired employee electing to purchase retiree life and health insurance must pay the full cost of such insurance premium. If the Board determined actuarially that the premium paid by the participating retirees adversely affects the overall cost of the Plan to the State, then the Board may impose a premium surcharge, not to exceed 15%, upon such participating retired employees who are under the age for Medicare eligibility and who are initially employed before January 1, 2006. For participating retired employees who are under the age for Medicare eligibility and who are initially employed on or after January 1, 2006, the Board may impose a premium surcharge in an amount the Board determined actuarially to cover the full cost of insurance. The Plan offers a Base option and a Select option for health benefits for non-Medicare participants. The Plan includes a separate coverage level for Medicare eligible retirees, Medicare Eligible surviving spouses, and Medicare eligible dependents of retirees and surviving spouses.

*Contributions.*

The Board has the sole authority for setting life and health insurance premiums for the Plan. The required premiums vary based on the plan selected and the type of participant. Employers pay no premiums for retirees while employees' premiums are funded primarily by their employer. Contributions to the OPEB plan from the District were \$226,785 for the year ended June 30, 2018.

**OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources related to OPEB**

At June 30, 2018, the District reported a liability of \$5,319,667 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2017, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The basis for the District's proportion is determined by comparing the employer's average monthly employees participating in the Plan with the total average employees participating in the Plan in the fiscal year of all employers. The allocation was utilized because the level of premiums contributed by each employer is the same for any employee regardless of plan participation elections made by the employee. At the measurement date of June 30, 2017, the District's proportion was 0.678002 percent. This was a decrease of 0.0030920 percent from the proportionate share as of the measurement date of June 30, 2016.

For the year ended June 30, 2018, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$260,273. At June 30, 2018, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

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	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 0	\$ 0
Changes of assumptions	0	270,876
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	0	0
Changes in proportion and differences between district contributions and proportionate share of contributions	0	21,477
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	226,785	0
Total	\$ <u>226,785</u>	\$ <u>292,353</u>

\$226,785 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from school district contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction to the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2019. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30:

2020	(51,290)
2021	(51,290)
2022	(51,290)
2023	(51,290)
2024	(51,290)
Thereafter	(35,903)
Total	<u>\$ (292,353)</u>

*Actuarial assumptions.* The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2017 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	3.00 percent
Salary increases	3.25-18.50 percent, including wage inflation
Long-term Investment Rate of Return, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation	N/A
Municipal Bond Index Rate	
Measurement Date	3.56 percent
Prior Measurement Date	3.01 percent
Year FNP is projected to be depleted	
Measurement Date	2017
Prior Measurement Date	2016
Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation	
Measurement Date	3.56 percent
Prior Measurement Date	3.01 percent

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Health Care Cost Trends	7.75 percent for 2017 decreasing to an ultimate
Medicare Supplement Claims	rate of 5.00 percent by 2023
Pre-Medicare	

Both pre-retirement and post-retirement mortality rates were based on the RP 2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Table projected with Scale BB to 2022, male rates set forward 1 year and adjusted by 106% for males at all ages, and females adjusted to 90% for ages less than 76, 95% for age 76, 105% for age 78 and 110% for ages 79 and greater. Post-disability mortality rates were based on the RP 2014 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table set forward 4 years for males and 3 years for females.

The demographic actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2017 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study dated April 18, 2017.

The remaining actuarial assumptions (e.g., initial per capita costs, health care cost trends, rate of plan participation, rates of plan election, etc.) used in the June 30, 2017 valuation were based on a review of recent plan experience done concurrently with the June 30, 2017 valuation.

The plan had no assets as of the measurement date of 2017.

*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2017 was 3.56 percent. Since the Prior Measurement Date, the Discount Rate has changed from 3.01% to 3.56%.

Since no trust was set up as of June 30, 2017, there was no projection of cash flows for the Plan and the Plan was projected to be depleted in 2017.

The discount rate determination will use a municipal bond rate to the extent the trust is projected to run out of money before all benefits are paid. The rate used, if necessary, for this purpose is the average of the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index Rates during the month of June published at the end of each week by the Bond Buyer.

*Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.56 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.56 percent) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease (2.56%)	Discount Rate (3.56%)	1% Increase (4.56%)
Net OPEB liability	\$ 5,460,156	\$ 5,319,667	\$ 5,215,044

*Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates.* The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1% Decrease (2.56%)	Discount Rate (3.56%)	1% Increase (4.56%)
Net OPEB liability	\$ 4,913,069	\$ 5,319,667	\$ 5,783,841

*OPEB plan fiduciary net position.* The fiduciary net position for the OPEB plan was zero as of June 30, 2017, the measurement date. Therefore, no separately issued financials were prepared. Detailed information about the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position for June 30, 2018 and going forward will be available in separately issued financial reports available on the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration's website.

**Note 10 – Sixteenth Section Lands**

Sixteenth section school lands, or lands granted in lieu thereof, constitute property held in trust for the benefit of the public schools. The school board, under the general supervision of the Office of the Secretary of State, has control and jurisdiction of said school trust lands and of all funds arising from any disposition thereof. It is the duty of the school board to manage the school trust lands

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

Year Ending June 30	Amount
2019	\$ 381,406
2020	372,354
2021	367,003
2022	369,421
2023	364,686
2024 – 2028	1,832,865
2029 – 2033	1,713,301
2034 – 2038	1,387,041
2039 – 2043	1,040,016
Thereafter	2,301,272
Total	<u>\$ 10,129,365</u>

**Note 11 – Prior Period Adjustments**

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

Exhibit B - Statement of Activities

Explanation	Amount
1. To correct prior period error	\$ 111
2. To record beginning balance of the net OPEB liability and deferred outflows related to OPEB	(5,351,746)
Total	<u>\$ (5,351,635)</u>

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

Fund	Explanation	Amount
General Fund	To correct prior period error	\$ 16
Other governmental funds	To correct prior period error	95
Total		<u>\$ 111</u>

**Note 12 – 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.

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**Note 13 – Risk Management**

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

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 72 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 14 – Trust Certificates**

A trust agreement dated June 24, 2016 was executed by and between the school district and U.S. Bank National Association as trustees.

The trust agreement authorized the issuance of trust certificates in the principal amount of \$1,259,000. Approximately \$1,235,000 was used to provide financing for the construction and renovation of school buildings and related facilities and equipment (the "project"); the remainder of approximately \$24,000 was used to pay the cost of issuance.

The project is leased to the school district in accordance with the provisions of the Emergency School Leasing Authority Act as described in Section 37-7-351, *et seq.*, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The lease represents a capital lease under which ownership of the project will transfer to the school district upon complete retirement of the trust certificates. The school district is obligated to make lease payments to the trustee in an amount equal to the debt service requirements for the trust certificates. The lease rental payments by the school district are used by the trustee to pay the principal and interest payments due on the trust certificates.

It is not anticipated the project will have sufficient value to satisfy the certificates in the event the school district defaults under the lease; therefore, the source of payment of the certificates is the responsibility of the school district. See Note 6 for details regarding the debt service requirement on the trust certificates.

Using the guidance provided in Section 2100 of the *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards* dealing with defining the reporting entity, the trust accounts created by this trust agreement were deemed to constitute an inseparable part of the school district. Therefore, the assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues, expenditures and other financing sources/uses of the trust accounts created by this trust agreement are part of the school district's financial statements, thereby eliminating the effects of the lease agreement for financial reporting purposes.

**Note 15 – Qualified School Construction Bonds**

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

When the stated interest rate on the QSCB results in interest payments that exceed the supplemental interest payments discussed in the preceding paragraph, the school district may apply for a direct cash subsidy payment from the U.S. Treasury which is intended to reduce the stated interest rate to a nominal percentage. These subsidy payments do not include the amount of any supplemental interest paid on a QSCB. There were no subsidy payment associated with these debts.

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The school district makes equal annual payments into a sinking fund which is used to payoff the bonds at termination. The current maturity limit of tax credit bonds is 17 years, per the U. S. Treasury Department. Under this program, ten percent of the proceeds must be subject to a binding commitment to be spent within six months of issuance and 100% must be spent within three years. Up to two percent of bond proceeds can be used to pay costs of issuance. The amount on deposit at June 30, 2018 was \$530,504 for the Qualified School Construction Bond 2009 and \$162,674 for the Qualified School Construction Bond 2014. The amount accumulated in the sinking fund at the end of the seventeen-year period is expected to be sufficient to retire the debt. The following schedule reports the annual deposits to be made to the sinking fund by the school district.

1. Qualified School Construction Bond 2009:

Year Ending June 30	Amount
2019	\$ 140,000
2020	140,000
2021	140,000
2022	140,000
2023	140,000
2024 – 2025	280,000
Total	<u>\$ 980,000</u>

2. Qualified School Construction Bond 2014:

Year Ending June 30	Amount
2019	\$ 35,000
2020	20,000
2021	35,000
2022	35,000
2023	85,000
2024 – 2028	850,000
2029	95,000
Total	<u>\$ 1,155,000</u>

Total Qualified School Construction Bonds:

Year Ending June 30	Amount
2019	\$ 175,000
2020	160,000
2021	175,000
2022	175,000
2023	225,000
2024 – 2028	1,130,000
2029	95,000
Total	<u>\$ 2,135,000</u>

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**Note 16 - Insurance loss recoveries**

The Lauderdale County School District received \$30,292 in insurance loss recoveries related to property damage during the 2017-2018 fiscal year. In the government-wide Statement of Activities, the insurance loss recoveries were reported as a reduction in expenditures and allocated among the expense functions based on the following percentages:

Insurance Loss Recoveries	Percentage	Expense Function
\$ 30,292	100%	Support services

**Note 17 – Effect of Deferred Amounts on Net Position**

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$74,577,344) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenses resulting from a deferred outflow from pensions. The \$8,620,317 balance of the deferred outflow of resources at June 30, 2018 will be recognized as expenses and decrease unrestricted net position over the next 3 years.

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$74,577,344) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenses resulting from a deferred outflow from OPEB. The \$226,785 balance of the deferred outflow of resources at June 30, 2018 will be recognized as expenses and decrease unrestricted net position in the next year.

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$74,577,344) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue resulting from a deferred inflow from pensions. The \$2,979,554 balance of the deferred inflow of resources at June 30, 2018 will be recognized as revenue and increase unrestricted net position over the next 4 years.

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$74,577,344) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue resulting from a deferred inflow from OPEB. The \$292,353 balance of the deferred inflow of resources at June 30, 2018 will be recognized as revenue and increase unrestricted net position over the next 6 years.

**Note 18 - Subsequent Events**

Events that occur after the Statement of Net Position date but before the financial statements are available to be issued must be evaluated for recognition or disclosure. The effects of subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that existed at the Statement of Net Position date are recognized in the accompanying financial statements. Subsequent events which provide evidence about conditions that existed after the Statement of Net Position date require disclosure in the accompanying notes. Management of the School District evaluated the activity of the district through July 2, 2019, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and determined that no subsequent events have occurred requiring disclosure in the notes to the financial statements.

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## REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule for the General Fund  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (GAAP Basis)	Variances Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
Revenues					
Local sources	\$ 13,926,480	14,755,431	14,755,431	828,951	0
State sources	32,495,514	32,545,638	32,545,638	50,124	0
Federal sources	0	46,007	46,007	46,007	0
Sixteenth section sources	288,175	576,368	601,558	288,193	25,190
Total Revenues	46,710,169	47,923,444	47,948,634	1,213,275	25,190
Expenditures					
Instruction	28,363,843	28,399,344	28,396,461	(35,501)	2,883
Support services	17,561,022	17,120,308	17,066,860	440,714	53,448
Noninstructional services	0	2,147	2,147	(2,147)	0
Sixteenth section	126,920	231,606	231,606	(104,686)	0
Debt service					
Principal	302,714	248,040	248,209	54,674	(169)
Interest	28,845	27,275	17,980	1,570	9,295
Other			9,126	0	(9,126)
Total Expenditures	46,383,344	46,028,720	45,972,389	354,624	56,331
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	326,825	1,894,724	1,976,245	1,567,899	81,521
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Insurance loss recoveries	5,000	30,292	30,292	25,292	0
Sale of transportation equipment	500	0	0	(500)	0
Sale of other property	500	1,906	1,906	1,406	0
Operating transfers in	6,296,325	5,866,702	146,125	(429,623)	(5,720,577)
Operating transfers out	(8,090,902)	(7,877,984)	(2,179,344)	212,918	5,698,640
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(1,788,577)	(1,979,084)	(2,001,021)	(190,507)	(21,937)
Net Change in Fund Balances			(24,776)		
Fund Balances					
July 1, 2017, as previously reported			11,594,685		
Prior period adjustments			16		
July 1, 2017, as restated			11,594,701		
June 30, 2018			\$ 11,569,925		

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

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

	2018	2017	2016	2015
District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.515646%	0.522036%	0.527310%	0.515232%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 85,717,867	93,248,665	81,511,727	62,539,731
District's covered payroll	\$ 33,085,263	33,399,111	32,943,949	31,469,010
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	259.08%	279.20%	247.43%	198.73%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	61.49%	57.47%	61.70%	67.21%

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

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

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

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

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 5,155,181	\$ 5,210,929	5,260,360	5,188,672
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	5,155,181	5,210,929	5,260,360	5,188,672
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 32,731,308	33,085,263	33,399,111	32,943,949
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	15.75%	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 68 was implemented in the FYE 6-30-15, and, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the District has only presented information for the years in which information is available.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

OPEB

Last 10 Fiscal Years

	<u>2018</u>
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.678002%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	<u>\$ 5,319,667</u>
Covered employee payroll	<u>\$ 33,085,263</u>
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered employee payroll	<u>16.08%</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	<u>0.00%</u>

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

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

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the District has only presented information for the years in which information is available.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Schedule of District Contributions  
OPEB  
Last 10 Fiscal Years

	<u>2018</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 226,785
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	226,785
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>0</u>
Covered employee payroll	\$ 32,731,308
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	0.69%

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 75 was implemented in the FYE 6-30-18, and, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the District has only presented information for the years in which information is available.

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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%.

2017:

The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Mortality Table projected with Scale BB to 2022. Small adjustments were also made to the Mortality Table for disabled lives.

The wage inflation assumption was reduced from 3.75% to 3.25%.

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

The percentage of active member disabilities assumed to be in the line of duty was increased from 6% to 7%.

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(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.

(3) *Method and assumptions used in calculations of actuarially determined contributions.*

The actuarially determined contribution rates in the schedule of employer contributions are calculated as of June 30, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported (June 30, 2015 valuation for the June 30, 2017 fiscal year end). The following actuarial methods and assumptions were used to determine the most recent contribution rate reported in that schedule:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Amortization method	Level percentage of payroll, open
Remaining amortization period	33.9 years
Asset valuation method	5-year smoothed market
Price Inflation	3.00 percent
Salary increase	3.75 percent to 19.00 percent, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.75 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

OPEB Schedules

(1) *Changes of assumptions*

2017: The discount rate was changed from 3.01% for the prior Measurement Date to 3.56% for the current Measurement Date.

(2) *Changes in benefit provisions*

2017: None

(3) *Methods and assumptions used in calculations of Actuarially Determined Contributions.* The Actuarially Determined Contributions rates, as a percentage of payroll, used to determine the Actuarially Determined Contribution amounts in the Schedule of Employer Contributions are calculated as of the most recent Valuation Date. The following actuarial methods and assumptions (from the June 30, 2016 actuarial valuation) were used to determine contribution rates reported in that schedule for the year ending June 30, 2017:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Amortization method	Level dollar
Amortization period	30 years, open
Asset valuation method	Market Value of Assets
Price inflation	3 percent
Salary increases, including wage inflation	3.25 percent to 18.50 percent
Initial health care cost trend rates	
Medicare Supplement Claims	7.75 percent
Pre-Medicare	
Ultimate health care cost trend rates	

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Medicare Supplement Claims	5.00 percent
Pre-Medicare	

Year of ultimate trend rates	
Medicare Supplement Claims	2022
Pre-Medicare	

Long-term investment rate of return, net of pension plan investment expense, including price inflation	3.56 percent
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## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

Federal Grantor/ Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
<b><u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u></b>			
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:			
Child nutrition cluster:			
School breakfast program	10.553	185MS326N1099	\$ 781,372
National school lunch program	10.555	185MS326N1099	2,107,593
Summer food service program for children	10.559	185MS326N1099	6,728
Total child nutrition cluster			<u>2,895,693</u>
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education			<u>2,895,693</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			<u>2,895,693</u>
<b><u>U.S. Department of Defense</u></b>			
Direct program:			
Reserve officers' training corps	12.xxx	N/A	<u>53,598</u>
Total U.S. Department of Defense			<u>53,598</u>
<b><u>U.S. Department of Education</u></b>			
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:			
Title I - grants to local educational agencies	84.010	ES010A170024	1,246,011
Career and technical education - basic grants to states	84.048	VO48A170024	59,949
Rural education	84.358	ES358B170024	84,477
Supporting effective instruction - state grants	84.367	ES367A170023	298,050
Student support and academic enrichment program	84.424	ES424A170025	12,710
Total			<u>1,701,197</u>
Special education cluster:			
Special education - grants to states	84.027	H027A170108	1,558,124
Special education - preschool grants	84.173	H173A170113	37,413
Total special education cluster			<u>1,595,537</u>
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education			<u>3,296,734</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>3,296,734</u>
<b><u>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</u></b>			
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:			
Medical assistance program	93.778	1805MS5ADM	<u>52,857</u>
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education			<u>52,857</u>
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			<u>52,857</u>
Total for All Federal Awards			<u>\$ 6,298,882</u>

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

LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Notes to the Supplementary Information  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

(1) Basis of Presentation

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

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

(3) Indirect Cost Rate

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

(4) For each federal grant passed through the Mississippi Department of Education, the school district has elected to use the pass-through entity identifying number as provided by the Mississippi Department of Education for the most recent and significant grant year.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures - Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Instruction and Other Student Instructional Expenditures</u>	<u>General Administration</u>	<u>School Administration</u>	<u>Other</u>
Salaries and fringe benefits	\$ 44,687,542	34,488,735	1,721,604	3,297,858	5,179,345
Other	11,588,364	3,805,227	479,198	214,657	7,089,282
Total	<u>56,275,906</u>	<u>38,293,962</u>	<u>2,200,802</u>	<u>3,512,515</u>	<u>12,268,627</u>
Total number of students	<u>5,564</u>				
Cost per student	<u>\$ 10,114</u>	<u>6,882</u>	<u>396</u>	<u>631</u>	<u>2,205</u>

Notes to the schedule.

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

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

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

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

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

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## OTHER INFORMATION

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

	UNAUDITED			
	2018	2017*	2016*	2015*
<b>Revenues</b>				
Local sources	\$ 14,755,431	14,461,923	13,388,029	13,161,067
State sources	32,545,638	33,512,164	33,716,427	33,607,759
Federal sources	46,007	64,178	69,646	0
Sixteenth section sources	601,558	453,291	523,838	790,993
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>47,948,634</b>	<b>48,491,556</b>	<b>47,697,940</b>	<b>47,559,819</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Instruction	28,396,461	28,605,069	28,739,010	28,858,850
Support services	17,066,860	16,505,542	17,393,713	17,431,558
Noninstructional services	2,147	0	5,580	0
Sixteenth section	231,606	333,009	227,649	289,368
Facilities acquisition and construction	0	0	0	275,852
Debt service				
Principal	248,209	324,874	191,801	177,800
Interest	17,980	37,848	31,539	29,144
Other	9,126	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>45,972,389</b>	<b>45,806,342</b>	<b>46,589,292</b>	<b>47,062,572</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	<b>1,976,245</b>	<b>2,685,214</b>	<b>1,108,648</b>	<b>497,247</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Insurance loss recoveries	30,292	45,314	118,455	8,195
Sale of transportation equipment	0	50	3,487	0
Sale of other property	1,906	292	0	365
Operating transfers in	146,125	162,078	121,808	154,308
Operating transfers out	(2,179,344)	(1,898,662)	(2,143,314)	(1,743,100)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>(2,001,021)</b>	<b>(1,690,928)</b>	<b>(1,899,564)</b>	<b>(1,580,232)</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>(24,776)</b>	<b>994,286</b>	<b>(790,916)</b>	<b>(1,082,985)</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>				
Beginning of period, as previously reported	11,594,685	10,600,399	11,391,315	10,439,680
Prior period adjustments	16	0	0	0
Fund reclassification	0	0	0	2,034,620
<b>Beginning of period, as restated</b>	<b>11,594,701</b>	<b>10,600,399</b>	<b>11,391,315</b>	<b>12,474,300</b>
<b>End of period</b>	<b>\$ 11,569,925</b>	<b>11,594,685</b>	<b>10,600,399</b>	<b>11,391,315</b>

\* Source - Prior year audit reports.

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

	UNAUDITED			
	2018	2017*	2016*	2015*
Revenues				
Local sources	\$ 16,120,128	15,811,235	14,944,171	14,682,055
State sources	34,046,267	34,725,777	34,881,617	34,947,578
Federal sources	5,785,195	5,748,922	5,905,906	5,630,531
Sixteenth section sources	643,733	466,064	577,669	865,688
Total Revenues	<u>56,595,323</u>	<u>56,751,998</u>	<u>56,309,363</u>	<u>56,125,852</u>
Expenditures				
Instruction	33,768,312	33,319,541	33,745,260	33,293,571
Support services	18,691,371	18,564,247	19,019,036	19,531,111
Noninstructional services	2,606,532	2,858,114	3,053,092	2,859,689
Sixteenth section	241,777	351,919	252,694	304,970
Facilities acquisition and construction	0	1,405	1,213,762	882,462
Debt service				
Principal	868,209	929,874	856,801	827,800
Interest	88,567	120,536	127,527	138,132
Other	11,138	1,871	1,557	2,500
Total Expenditures	<u>56,275,906</u>	<u>56,147,507</u>	<u>58,269,729</u>	<u>57,840,235</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>319,417</u>	<u>604,491</u>	<u>(1,960,366)</u>	<u>(1,714,383)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Proceeds of loans	0	0	1,259,000	1,315,000
Insurance loss recoveries	30,292	45,314	118,455	8,195
Sale of transportation equipment	0	50	3,487	0
Sale of other property	1,906	292	0	365
Payment held by QSCB escrow agent	275,000	80,000	105,000	60,000
Operating transfers in	2,325,469	2,060,740	2,489,622	2,346,568
Operating transfers out	(2,325,469)	(2,060,740)	(2,489,622)	(2,346,568)
Payment to QSCB escrow agent	(275,000)	(80,000)	(105,000)	(60,000)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>32,198</u>	<u>45,656</u>	<u>1,380,942</u>	<u>1,323,560</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>351,615</u>	<u>650,147</u>	<u>(579,424)</u>	<u>(390,823)</u>
Fund Balances				
Beginning of period, as previously reported	15,938,016	15,250,461	15,820,352	16,216,651
Prior period adjustments	111	0	0	0
Beginning of period, as restated	<u>15,938,127</u>	<u>15,250,461</u>	<u>15,820,352</u>	<u>16,216,651</u>
Increase (Decrease) in reserve for inventory	<u>15,726</u>	<u>37,408</u>	<u>9,533</u>	<u>(5,476)</u>
End of period	<u>\$ 16,305,468</u>	<u>15,938,016</u>	<u>15,250,461</u>	<u>15,820,352</u>

\* Source - Prior year audit reports.

## REPORTS ON INTERNAL CONTROLS AND COMPLIANCE

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

### Independent Auditor's Report

Superintendent and School Board  
Lauderdale County School District

I have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Lauderdale County School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Lauderdale County School District's basic financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated July 2, 2019.

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

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

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

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

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

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

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

### Independent Auditor's Report

Superintendent and School Board  
Lauderdale County School District

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

I have audited Lauderdale County School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Lauderdale County School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2018. Lauderdale County School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

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

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

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

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

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

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

In my opinion, Lauderdale County School District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2018.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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July 2, 2019

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

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

Superintendent and School Board  
Lauderdale County School District

I have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Lauderdale County School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, which collectively comprise Lauderdale County School District's basic financial statements and have issued my report thereon dated July 2, 2019. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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July 2, 2019

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## SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

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LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

Section I: Summary of Auditor's Results

**Financial Statements:**

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

**Federal Awards:**

- |    |  |               |
|----|--|---------------|
| 4. | Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs:                            | Unmodified    |
| 5. | Internal control over major programs:  |               |
| a. | Material weaknesses identified?  | No            |
| b. | Significant deficiency identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?                 | None Reported |
| 6. | Any audit finding(s) disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? | No            |
| 7. | Federal program identified as major program:   |               |
|    | Child nutrition cluster  |               |
|    | CFDA #: 10.553   |               |
|    | CFDA #: 10.555   |               |
|    | CFDA #: 10.559   |               |
| 8. | The dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:                         | \$750,000     |
| 9. | Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee?   | No            |

Section II: Financial Statement Findings

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

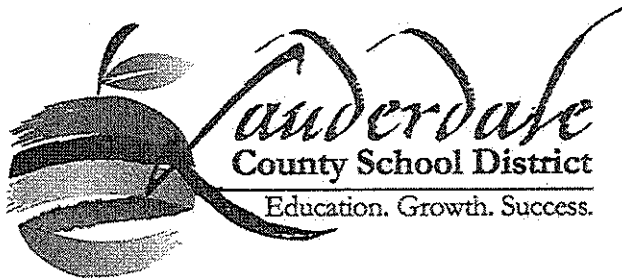
Section III: Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

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

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## SUMMARY OF PRIOR FEDERAL AUDIT FINDINGS

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## Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

July 2, 2019

As required by 2 CFR 200.511(b), the Lauderdale County School District has prepared and hereby submits the following Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings as of June 30, 2018.

<u>Finding</u>	<u>Status</u>
2017 - 001	Corrected

Sincerely,



Superintendent of Education

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