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**Newton County School District**

Audited Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

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## FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE BASIC FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Superintendent and School Board  
Newton County School District

**Report on the Financial Statements**

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

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

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

**Auditor's Responsibility**

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

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

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

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## **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Newton 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.

## **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the school district adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. As a result, net position as of July 1, 2017, has been restated. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, the Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, the Schedule of District Contributions (PERS), the Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability, and the Schedule of District Contributions (OPEB) on pages 8 - 19 and 57 - 66, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Newton County School District's basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, the Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures for Governmental Funds, and the other information section, which includes the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - General Fund, Last Four Years and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - All

Governmental Funds, Last Four Years are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

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

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 14, 2019, on our consideration of the Newton County School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Newton 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 Newton County School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*FORTENBERRY & BALLARD, PC*

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC  
January 14, 2019

Certified Public Accountants



## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

**Newton County School District**  
Management's Discussion and Analysis  
For The Year Ended June 30, 2018

The following discussion and analysis of Newton 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 increased \$1,075,587, including a prior period adjustment of (\$1,430,571), due primarily to the effect of recording the net OPEB liability, which represents a 13% increase from fiscal year 2017. Total net position for 2017 decreased \$3,297,563, including a prior period adjustment of (\$24,810), which represents a 70% decrease from fiscal year 2016.
- General revenues amounted to \$12,084,461 and \$12,044,643, or 63% and 74% 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 \$7,208,039, or 37% of total revenues for 2018, and \$4,145,939 or 26% of total revenues for 2017.
- The District had \$16,786,342 and \$19,463,335 in expenses for fiscal years 2018 and 2017; only \$7,208,039 for 2018 and \$4,145,939 for 2017 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions. General revenues of \$12,084,461 for 2018 were adequate to provide for these programs. However, general revenues of \$12,044,643 for 2017 were not adequate to provide for these programs.
- Among the major funds, the General Fund had \$13,467,694 in revenues and \$13,175,272 in expenditures for 2018, and \$13,397,466 in revenues and \$13,217,192 in expenditures for 2017. The General Fund's fund balance decreased by \$259,323 from 2017 to 2018, and decreased by \$565,256 from 2016 to 2017.
- Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, increased by \$2,691,473 for 2018 and decreased by \$277,862 for 2017. The increase for 2018 was due primarily to the additions to land, construction in progress and buildings.
- Long-term debt decreased by \$65,667 for 2018 and decreased by \$64,411 for 2017. This decrease for 2018 was due primarily to principal payments on outstanding long-term debt. In addition, the liability for compensated absences increased by \$663 in 2018, and increased by \$7,649 in 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.

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**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

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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.

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**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 and each additional major special revenue fund as required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

**Supplementary Information**

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

**Other Information**

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

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

**Net position**

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position. Liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded assets and deferred outflows of resources by \$6,913,820 as of June 30, 2018.

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

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

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

	<u>June 30, 2018</u>	<u>June 30, 2017</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Current assets	\$ 4,440,675	4,535,511	(2)%
Restricted assets	24,328	24,329	0%
Capital assets, net	<u>13,573,498</u>	<u>10,882,025</u>	25%
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>18,038,501</u>	<u>15,441,865</u>	17%
 <b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>	 <u>4,988,799</u>	 <u>5,505,865</u>	 (9)%
 Current liabilities	 111,709	 52,718	 112%
Long-term debt outstanding	241,742	306,746	(21)%
Net OPEB liability	1,460,901		N/A
Net pension liability	<u>25,143,051</u>	<u>26,840,724</u>	(6)%
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>26,957,403</u>	<u>27,200,188</u>	(1)%
 <b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>	 <u>2,983,717</u>	 <u>1,736,949</u>	 72%
 <b>Net position:</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	13,506,453	10,749,313	26%
Restricted	811,969	2,824,449	(71)%
Unrestricted	<u>(21,232,242)</u>	<u>(21,563,169)</u>	2%
<b>Total net position (deficit)</b>	<u>\$ (6,913,820)</u>	<u>(7,989,407)</u>	13%

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)	\$ (21,232,242)
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>24,598,870</u>
Unrestricted net position, exclusive of the net pension and net OPEB liability effect	<u>\$ 3,366,628</u>

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

- Increase in net capital assets in the amount of \$2,691,473.
- The principal retirement of \$65,667 of long-term debt.
- Implementation of GASB 75 which resulted in the recognition of a net OPEB liability in the amount of \$1,460,901.
- Donations of land and building were received totaling \$3,050,000.

**Changes in net position**

The District's total revenues for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017 were \$19,292,500 and \$16,190,582, respectively. The total cost of all programs and services was \$16,786,342 for 2018 and \$19,463,335 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.

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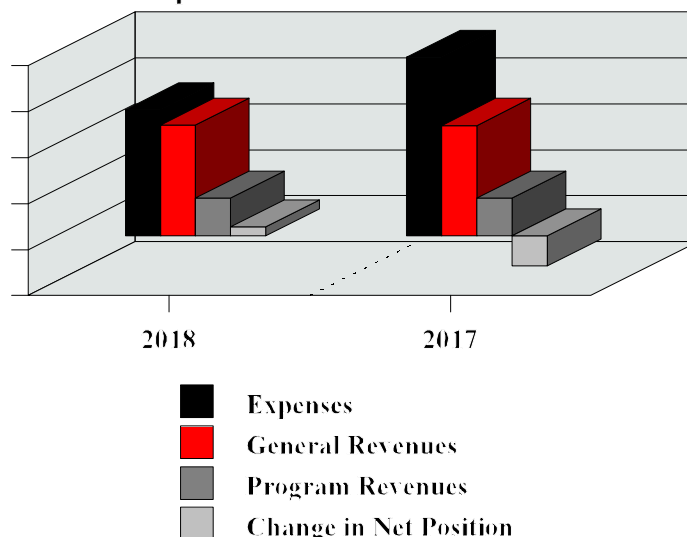
**Table 2**  
**Changes in Net Position**

	<u>Year Ended June 30, 2018</u>	<u>Year Ended June 30, 2017</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 1,613,882	1,664,530	(3)%
Operating grants and contributions	2,544,157	2,374,389	7%
Capital grants and contributions	3,050,000	107,020	2,750%
General revenues:			
Property taxes	2,778,407	2,656,635	5%
Grants and contributions not restricted	9,177,121	9,245,309	(1)%
Unrestricted investment earnings	14,504	9,887	47%
Sixteenth section sources	73,288	73,098	0%
Other	41,141	59,714	(31)%
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>19,292,500</u>	<u>16,190,582</u>	19%
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Instruction	8,915,998	8,853,753	1%
Support services	5,124,996	5,139,743	0%
Non-instructional	1,035,623	1,324,112	(22)%
Sixteenth section	21,653	20,675	5%
Pension expense	1,608,165	4,121,208	(61)%
OPEB expense	77,319		N/A
Interest on long-term liabilities	2,588	3,844	(33)%
<b>Total expenses</b>	<u>16,786,342</u>	<u>19,463,335</u>	(14)%
 Increase (Decrease) in net position	 <u>2,506,158</u>	 <u>(3,272,753)</u>	 177%
 Net Position (Deficit) - Beginning, as previously reported	 (7,989,407)	 (4,691,844)	 (70)%
Prior period adjustments	<u>(1,430,571)</u>	<u>(24,810)</u>	(5,666)%
Net Position (Deficit) - Beginning, as restated	<u>(9,419,978)</u>	<u>(4,716,654)</u>	(100)%
Net Position (Deficit) - Ending	<u>\$ (6,913,820)</u>	<u>(7,989,407)</u>	13%



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**Comparative Chart of Statement of Activities**



**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.

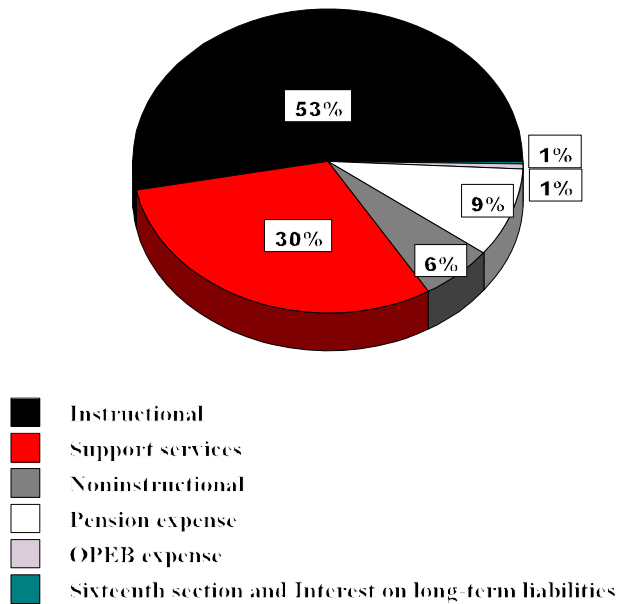
**Table 3**  
**Net Cost of Governmental Activities**

	<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>Percentage Change</b>
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	
Instruction	\$ 8,915,998	8,853,753	1%
Support services	5,124,996	5,139,743	0%
Non-instructional	1,035,623	1,324,112	(22)%
Sixteenth section	21,653	20,675	5%
Pension expense	1,608,165	4,121,208	(61)%
OPEB expense	77,319		N/A
Interest on long-term liabilities	2,588	3,844	(33)%
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 16,786,342</b>	<b>19,463,335</b>	<b>(14)%</b>

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	<u><b>Net (Expense) Revenue</b></u>		
	<u><b>2018</b></u>	<u><b>2017</b></u>	<u><b>Percentage Change</b></u>
Instruction	\$ (3,493,287)	(6,178,557)	43%
Support services	(4,414,893)	(5,025,941)	12%
Non-instructional	38,138	31,174	22%
Sixteenth section	(20,189)	(19,020)	(6)%
Pension expense	(1,608,165)	(4,121,208)	61%
OPEB expense	(77,319)		N/A
Interest on long-term liabilities	(2,588)	(3,844)	33%
<b>Total net (expense) revenue</b>	<u><u>\$ (9,578,303)</u></u>	<u><u>(15,317,396)</u></u>	<u><u>37%</u></u>

**Chart of Expenses as per Statement of Activities**



- Net cost of governmental activities (\$9,578,303 for 2018 and \$15,317,396 for 2017) was financed by general revenue, which is primarily made up of property taxes (\$2,778,407 for 2018 and \$2,656,635 for 2017) and state and federal revenues (\$9,177,121 for 2018 and \$9,245,309 for 2017). In addition, there was \$73,288 and \$73,098 in Sixteenth Section sources for 2018 and 2017, respectively.
- Investment earnings amounted to \$14,504 for 2018 and \$9,887 for 2017.

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**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 \$4,353,294, a decrease of \$153,828, which includes an increase in inventory of \$11,021. \$3,233,068, or 74% 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 or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. The remaining fund balance of \$1,120,226, or 26% is either nonspendable, restricted or assigned to indicate that it is not available for spending except only for the purposes to which it is restricted 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 \$259,323. The fund balance of Other Governmental Funds showed an increase in the amount of \$25,632. The increase (decrease) in the fund balance for the other major fund was as follows:

Major Fund	Increase (Decrease)
Child Nutrition Fund	\$ 79,863

**BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

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

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

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**CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

**Capital Assets.** As of June 30, 2018, the District's total capital assets were \$23,471,661, including land, construction in progress, school buildings, building improvements, improvements other than buildings, mobile equipment, buses, other school vehicles, furniture and equipment and leased property under capital leases. This amount represents an increase of \$3,251,697 from 2017. Total accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2018, was \$9,898,163 and total depreciation expense for the year was \$572,184, resulting in total net capital assets of \$13,573,498.

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

	<u>June 30, 2018</u>	<u>June 30, 2017</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Land	\$ 537,362	212,862	152%
Construction in progress	214,986		N/A
Buildings	11,131,834	8,754,728	27%
Building improvements	121,200	131,300	(8)%
Improvements other than buildings	694,165	746,563	(7)%
Mobile equipment	626,997	734,181	(15)%
Furniture and equipment	73,013	99,986	(27)%
Leased property under capital leases	173,941	202,405	(14)%
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 13,573,498</u>	<u>10,882,025</u>	<u>25%</u>

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 \$241,742 in outstanding long-term debt, of which \$67,045 is due within one year. The liability for compensated absences increased \$663 from the prior year.

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

	<u>June 30, 2018</u>	<u>June 30, 2017</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Obligations under capital leases	\$ 67,045	132,712	(49)%
Compensated absences payable	174,697	174,034	0%
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 241,742</u>	<u>306,746</u>	<u>(21)%</u>

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

**CURRENT ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION**

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

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

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

Enrollment for the 2017-2018 year decreased 10% to 1,617 students.

**CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Superintendent's Office of the Newton County School District, PO Box 97, Decatur, MS 39327.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NEWTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT****STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

JUNE 30, 2018

	Governmental Activities
<b>Assets</b>	
<i>Cash and cash equivalents</i>	\$ 4,038,729
<i>Due from other governments</i>	305,506
<i>Other receivables, net</i>	74,197
<i>Inventories</i>	22,243
<i>Restricted assets</i>	24,328
<i>Capital assets, non-depreciable:</i>	
<i>Land</i>	537,362
<i>Construction in progress</i>	214,986
<i>Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:</i>	
<i>Buildings</i>	11,131,834
<i>Building improvements</i>	121,200
<i>Improvements other than buildings</i>	694,165
<i>Mobile equipment</i>	626,997
<i>Furniture and equipment</i>	73,013
<i>Leased property under capital leases</i>	173,941
Total Assets	<u>18,038,501</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	
Deferred outflows - pensions	4,899,119
Deferred outflows - OPEB	89,680
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>4,988,799</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<i>Accounts payable and accrued liabilities</i>	111,709
Long-term liabilities (due within one year):	
<i>Capital related liabilities</i>	67,045
<i>Net OPEB Liability</i>	59,525
Long-term liabilities (due beyond one year):	
<i>Non-capital related liabilities</i>	174,697
<i>Net pension liability</i>	25,143,051
<i>Net OPEB liability</i>	1,401,376
Total Liabilities	<u>26,957,403</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	
Deferred inflows - pensions	2,909,328
Deferred inflows - OPEB	74,389
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>2,983,717</u>
<b>Net Position:</b>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	13,506,453
Restricted For:	
Expendable:	
School-based activities	669,783
Debt service	6,319
Forestry improvements	64,710
Unemployment benefits	46,960
Nonexpendable:	
Sixteenth section	24,197
Unrestricted	(21,232,242)
Total Net Position (Deficit)	<u>\$ (6,913,820)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

# **NEWTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense)
		Charges for	Operating	Capital	Revenue and
		Services	Grants and	Grants and	Changes in
			Contributions	Contributions	Net Position
Governmental Activities:					Governmental
					Activities
<i>Instruction</i>	8,915,998	1,333,759	1,038,952	3,050,000	(3,493,287)
<i>Support services</i>	5,124,996	--	710,103	--	(4,414,893)
<i>Noninstructional services</i>	1,035,623	278,659	795,102	--	38,138
<i>Sixteenth section</i>	21,653	1,464	--	--	(20,189)
<i>Pension expense</i>	1,608,165	--	--	--	(1,608,165)
<i>OPEB expense</i>	77,319	--	--	--	(77,319)
<i>Interest on long-term liabilities</i>	2,588	--	--	--	(2,588)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 16,786,342</u>	<u>\$ 1,613,882</u>	<u>\$ 2,544,157</u>	<u>\$ 3,050,000</u>	<u>(9,578,303)</u>
General Revenues:					
Taxes:					
<i>General purpose levies</i>					2,778,407
Unrestricted grants and contributions:					
<i>State</i>					9,150,701
<i>Federal</i>					26,420
<i>Unrestricted investment earnings</i>					14,504
<i>Sixteenth section sources</i>					73,288
<i>Other</i>					41,141
Total General Revenues					<u>12,084,461</u>
Change in Net Position					<u>2,506,158</u>
Net Position (Deficit) - Beginning, as previously reported					(7,989,407)
Prior Period Adjustment					(1,430,571)
Net Position (Deficit) - Beginning, as restated					<u>(9,419,978)</u>
Net Position (Deficit) - Ending					<u>\$ (6,913,820)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.



**NEWTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT****BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

JUNE 30, 2018

	General Fund	Child Nutrition Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,419,167	\$ 538,561	\$ 105,329	\$ 4,063,057
Due from other governments	138,339	--	162,140	300,479
Other receivables, net	69,703	4,494	--	74,197
Due from other funds	20,158	879	--	21,037
Inventories	--	22,243	--	22,243
Total Assets	<u>\$ 3,647,367</u>	<u>\$ 566,177</u>	<u>\$ 267,469</u>	<u>\$ 4,481,013</u>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances:</b>				
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 105,163	\$ 2,029	\$ 4,517	\$ 111,709
Due to other funds	879	15,000	131	16,010
Total Liabilities	<u>106,042</u>	<u>17,029</u>	<u>4,648</u>	<u>127,719</u>
<b>Fund Balances:</b>				
<b>Nonspendable:</b>				
Permanent fund principal	--	--	24,197	24,197
Inventory	--	22,243	--	22,243
<b>Restricted:</b>				
Unemployment benefits	--	--	46,960	46,960
Forestry improvements	--	--	64,710	64,710
Debt service	--	--	6,319	6,319
Grant activities	--	--	115,272	115,272
Food service	--	526,905	5,363	532,268
<b>Assigned:</b>				
Alternative fund	215,218	--	--	215,218
Activity funds	92,327	--	--	92,327
Special education	712	--	--	712
<b>Unassigned</b>	<u>3,233,068</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>3,233,068</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>3,541,325</u>	<u>549,148</u>	<u>262,821</u>	<u>4,353,294</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 3,647,367</u>	<u>\$ 566,177</u>	<u>\$ 267,469</u>	<u>\$ 4,481,013</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**NEWTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT***RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET  
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2018*

Total fund balances for governmental funds	\$ 4,353,294
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not reported in the funds.	13,573,498
Liabilities due in one year are not recognized in the funds.	(126,570)
Payables for compensated absences which are not due in the current period are not reported in the funds.	(174,697)
Recognition of the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability is not reported in the funds.	(25,143,051)
Deferred Inflows of Resources related to the pension plan are not reported in the funds.	(2,909,328)
Deferred Outflows of Resources related to the pension plan are not reported in the funds.	4,899,119
Recognition of the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability is not reported in the funds.	(1,401,376)
Deferred Inflows of Resources related to the OPEB plan are not reported in the funds.	(74,389)
Deferred Outflows of Resources related to the OPEB plan are not reported in the funds.	89,680
Net position of governmental activities	\$ <u>(6,913,820)</u>

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**NEWTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES  
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	General Fund	Child Nutrition Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Local sources	\$ 4,100,294	\$ 270,557	\$ 66,402	\$ 4,437,253
State sources	9,266,271	9,070	399,784	9,675,125
Federal sources	26,420	796,402	1,223,331	2,046,153
Sixteenth section sources	74,709	--	6,530	81,239
Total Revenues	<u>13,467,694</u>	<u>1,076,029</u>	<u>1,696,047</u>	<u>16,239,770</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Instruction	8,277,918	--	1,315,661	9,593,579
Support services	4,492,035	111,588	856,477	5,460,100
Noninstructional services	119,335	880,599	50,538	1,050,472
Sixteenth section	8,543	--	13,110	21,653
Facilities acquisition and construction	209,186	--	5,800	214,986
Debt service:				
Principal	65,667	--	--	65,667
Interest	2,588	--	--	2,588
Total Expenditures	<u>13,175,272</u>	<u>992,187</u>	<u>2,241,586</u>	<u>16,409,045</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	292,422	83,842	(545,539)	(169,275)
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>				
Insurance recovery	1,696	--	--	1,696
Sale of transportation equipment	2,730	--	--	2,730
Operating transfers in	88,633	--	644,804	733,437
Operating transfers out	(644,804)	(15,000)	(73,633)	(733,437)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(551,745)</u>	<u>(15,000)</u>	<u>571,171</u>	<u>4,426</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>(259,323)</u>	<u>68,842</u>	<u>25,632</u>	<u>(164,849)</u>
<b>Fund Balances:</b>				
July 1, 2017	3,800,648	469,285	237,189	4,507,122
Increase (decrease) in inventory	--	11,021	--	11,021
June 30, 2018	<u>\$ 3,541,325</u>	<u>\$ 549,148</u>	<u>\$ 262,821</u>	<u>\$ 4,353,294</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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*RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018*

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ (164,849)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities ("SOA") are different because:	
Capital outlays are not reported as expenses in the SOA.	3,264,986
The depreciation of capital assets used in governmental activities is not reported in the funds.	(572,184)
Trade-in or disposal of capital assets decrease net position in the SOA but not in the funds.	(1,329)
Repayment of capital lease principal is an expenditure in the funds but is not an expense in the SOA.	65,667
Change in inventory affects fund balance in the fund but affects expense in SOA.	11,021
Compensated absences are reported as the amount earned in the SOA but as the amount paid in the funds.	(663)
Pension contributions made after the measurement date but in current FY were de-expended & reduced NPL.	1,526,713
Pension expense relating to GASB 68 is recorded in the SOA but not in the funds.	(1,608,165)
OPEB contributions made after the measurement date but in current FY were de-expended & reduced NPL.	62,280
OPEB expense relating to GASB 75 is recorded in the SOA but not in the funds.	(77,319)
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Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ <u>2,506,158</u>

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**NEWTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
*STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES*  
*FIDUCIARY FUNDS*  
*JUNE 30, 2018*

	Agency Funds
<b>Assets</b>	
<i>Cash and cash equivalents</i>	\$ 480,572
<i>Other receivable</i>	805
Total Assets	<u>\$ 481,377</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<i>Accounts payable &amp; accrued liabilities</i>	\$ 402,144
<i>Due to student clubs</i>	74,206
<i>Due to other funds</i>	5,027
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 481,377</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**Newton County School District**

Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

## **Newton County School District**

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

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

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

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2. Restricted net position results when constraints placed on net position use are either externally imposed or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
3. Unrestricted net position consists of net position not meeting the definition of the two preceding categories. Unrestricted net position often has constraints on resources imposed by management which can be removed or modified.

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

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

**Child Nutrition Fund** - This special revenue fund is used to account for the financial resources associated with the federal grants in the Child Nutrition Cluster, which provides nutritious breakfasts and lunches to the district's students.

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

The District's fiduciary funds include the following:

**Payroll Clearing Fund** - This fund serves as a clearing fund for payroll type transactions.

**Student Club Fund** - This fund accounts for the monies raised through school club activities and fund raisers and club related expenditures approved by the individual clubs.



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Accounts Payable Clearing Fund - This fund serves as a clearing fund for payables outstanding at year end.

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.

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

#### FIDUCIARY FUNDS

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

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

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

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Measurable means knowing or being able to reasonably estimate the amount.

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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 the 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*

## Newton County School District

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*Financial Reporting*, issued in 2012 by the Government Finance Officers Association and are consistent with the broad classifications recommended in *Financial Accounting for Local and State School Systems*, 2014, issued by the U.S. Department of Education.

#### **D. Encumbrances**

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

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

##### **1. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments**

###### Cash and cash equivalents

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

###### Investments

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

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

Investments for the district are reported at fair market value.

##### **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

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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, if applicable, is classified as restricted assets because the 16<sup>th</sup> Section Principal fund is not available for use by the district except as provided for under state statute for loans from this fund.

#### 6. Capital Assets

Capital assets include land, improvements to land, easements, water rights, timber rights, buildings, building improvements, vehicles, machinery, equipment, works of art and historical treasures, infrastructure, and all other tangible or intangible assets that are used in operations and that have initial useful lives extending beyond a single reporting period. Capital assets are reported in the governmental activities column 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

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replacement cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repair that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost in excess of the thresholds in the table below.

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

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

The following schedule details the capitalization thresholds:

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

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

#### 7. Deferred outflows/inflows of resources

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

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate

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### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The school district have deferred inflows which are presented as a deferred inflow for pension and OPEB.

See Note 12 for further details.

#### 8. Compensated Absences

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

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

#### 9. Long-term Liabilities and Bond Discounts/Premiums

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

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

#### 10. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and additions to/deductions from PERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERS. For this purpose, the benefit payments

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(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. For this purpose, the OPEB Plan recognizes benefit payments when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Fiduciary net position was zero as of the measurement date of June 30, 2017.

#### 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, 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.

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*Assigned fund balance* includes amounts that are constrained by the District's intent to be used for a specific purpose, but are neither restricted nor committed. For governmental funds, other than the general fund, this is the residual amount within the fund that is not restricted or committed. Assignments of fund balance are created by the Superintendent and the Business Manager pursuant to authorization established by the District's approved fund balance 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 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 are incurred for purposes for which unrestricted (committed, assigned and unassigned) resources are available, and amounts in any of these unrestricted classifications could be used, it is the District's general policy to spend committed resources first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts.

It is the goal of the District to achieve and maintain an unassigned fund balance in the general fund at fiscal year end of not less than 7% of revenues or expenditures. If the unassigned fund balance at fiscal year end falls below the goal, the District shall develop a restoration plan to achieve and maintain the minimum fund balance.

#### 13. New Pronouncements

In June 2017, the GASB issued GASB Statement No. 75 *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. This statement establishes standards for recognizing and measuring liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and expenditures. For defined benefit OPEB, this Statement identifies the methods and assumptions that are required to be used to project benefit payments, discount projected benefit payments to their actuarial present value, and attribute that present value to periods of employee service. Note disclosure and required supplementary information requirements about defined benefit OPEB also are addressed.



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### Note 2 - Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

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

The carrying amount of the school district's deposits with financial institutions reported in the governmental funds and fiduciary funds was \$4,063,057 and \$480,572, 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 institutions 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 of \$4,795,507 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

### Note 3 - Interfund Receivables, Payables, and Transfers

The following is a summary of interfund transactions and balances:

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

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	Child Nutrition Fund	\$ 15,000
	Fiduciary Funds	5,027
	Other Governmental Funds	131
Child Nutrition Fund	General Fund	879
Total		<u>\$ 21,037</u>

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The purpose of the Due From/To other funds was to cover deficit cash balances. All balances are expected to be repaid within one year from the date of the financial statements.

#### **B. Interfund Transfers**

<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	Child Nutrition Fund	\$ 15,000
	Other Governmental Funds	73,633
Other Governmental Funds	General Fund	644,804
Total		<u>\$ 733,437</u>

Transfers were made for indirect cost transfers and budgetary allocations. All transfers were routine and consistent with the fund making the transfer.

#### **Note 4 - Restricted Assets**

The restricted assets represents the cash balance, totaling \$24,328 of the Sixteenth Section Principal Fund (Permanent Fund) which is legally restricted and may not be used for purposes that support the district's programs.

#### **Note 5 - Capital Assets**

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

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	Balance 7-1-2017	Additions	Retirements	Balance 6-30-2018
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets:</u>				
Land	\$ 212,862	324,500		537,362
Construction in progress		214,986		214,986
Total non-depreciable capital assets	212,862	539,486	0	752,348
<u>Depreciable capital assets:</u>				
Buildings	14,694,176	2,725,500		17,419,676
Building improvements	252,500			252,500
Improvements other than buildings	1,777,176			1,777,176
Mobile equipment	2,360,357			2,360,357
Furniture and equipment	606,633		13,289	593,344
Leased property under capital leases	316,260			316,260
Total depreciable capital assets	20,007,102	2,725,500	13,289	22,719,313
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>				
Buildings	5,939,448	348,394		6,287,842
Building improvements	121,200	10,100		131,300
Improvements other than buildings	1,030,613	52,398		1,083,011
Mobile equipment	1,626,176	107,184		1,733,360
Furniture and equipment	506,647	25,644	11,960	520,331
Leased property under capital leases	113,855	28,464		142,319
Total accumulated depreciation	9,337,939	572,184	11,960	9,898,163
Total depreciable capital assets, net	10,669,163	2,153,316	1,329	12,821,150
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 10,882,025	2,692,802	1,329	13,573,498

Depreciation expense was charged to the following governmental functions:

	Amount
Instruction	\$ 400,529
Support services	114,437
Non-instructional	57,218
Total depreciation expense	\$ 572,184

The details of construction-in-progress are as follows:

	Spent to June 30, 2018	Remaining Commitment
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>		
Softball/Baseball Renovations	\$ 186,831	\$ 37,398
Elementary Playground Equipment	28,155	15,410
Total governmental activities	\$ 214,986	\$ 52,808

Construction projects included in governmental activities are funded with local sources.

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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.	Obligations under capital leases	\$ 132,712		65,667	67,045	67,045
B.	Compensated absences payable	174,034	663		174,697	
	Total	\$ 306,746	663	65,667	241,742	67,045

#### A. Obligations under capital leases

The school district has entered into a lease agreement as lessee for financing the acquisition of school buses for a cost of \$316,260. This lease qualifies as capital leases for accounting purposes.

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Four school buses - Bankfirst Financial Services	1.95%	06-27-14	06-27-19	\$ 316,260	67,045

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

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2019	\$ 67,045	1,210	68,255

The school district uses the straight-line method of amortization for the lease payments which is not in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. However, the difference between the effective interest method and the straight-line method is not considered material.

This debt will be retired from the District Maintenance Fund.

#### B Compensated absences payable

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

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### Note 7 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan

#### General Information about the Pension Plan

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

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

*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

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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 State of Mississippi Legislature. The school district's contributions to PERS for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, 2017 and 2016 were \$1,526,713, \$1,528,193, and \$1,513,999, 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 \$25,143,051 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 0.151251 percent, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2017. This was an increase of 0.000988 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 \$1,608,165. At June 30, 2018 the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,084,494	\$ 183,462
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	1,548,104	
Change of assumptions	25,679	
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	714,129	2,725,866
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	1,526,713	
Total	<u>\$ 4,899,119</u>	<u>\$ 2,909,328</u>

\$1,526,713 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

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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	\$	498,247
2020		412,634
2021		37,868
2022		<u>(485,671)</u>
Total	\$	<u><u>463,078</u></u>

*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	3.0 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-estimates 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%	4.60%

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International Equity	18%	4.50%
Emerging Markets Equity	4%	4.75%
Global	12%	4.75%
Fixed Income	18%	0.75%
Real Estate	10%	3.50%
Private Equity	8%	5.10%
Emerging Debt	2%	2.25%
Cash	1%	0.00%
Total	<u>100%</u>	

*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 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	\$ 32,976,788	\$ 25,143,051	\$ 18,639,344

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



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### Note 8 - 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 issued 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

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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 \$62,280 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 \$1,460,901 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 0.18619479 percent. This was an increase of 0.00394456 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 \$77,319. At June 30, 2018, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Change of assumptions	\$	\$ 74,389
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	27,400	
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	62,280	
Total	\$ <u>89,680</u>	\$ <u>74,389</u>

\$62,280 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from school district contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a

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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:		
2019	\$	(8,244)
2020		(8,244)
2021		(8,244)
2022		(8,244)
2023		(8,244)
Thereafter		(5,769)
Total	\$	<u>(46,989)</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
Health Care Cost Trends	

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#### Medicare Supplement Claims Pre-Medicare

7.75 percent for 2017 decreasing to an ultimate rate of 5.00 percent by 2023

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	\$	1,499,483	\$	1,460,901	\$	1,432,169

*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

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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	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates Current		1% Increase
Net OPEB liability	\$	1,349,240	\$	1,460,901	\$ 1,588,374

*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 9 - Risk Management

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

### Participation in Public Entity Risk Pool

The school district is a member of the Mississippi School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Trust (MSBAWCT). The trust is a risk-sharing pool; such a pool is frequently referred to as a self-insurance pool. The trust consists of approximately 72 school districts and covers risks of loss arising from injuries to the member's 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 up 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.

The school district is a member of the Mississippi School Boards Association Property Trust (MSBAPT). The Trust is a risk sharing pool; such a pool is frequently referred to as

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a self-insurance pool. The Trust consists of approximately 39 school districts and covers losses associated with property damage to the physical assets owned by the member districts. An indemnity agreement is executed by each member in the Trust for the purposes of jointly and severally binding the pool and each of the members/districts to meet the financial obligations of each member. Each member of the Trust contributes quarterly to a fund held in trust by Amegy Bank of Texas in Houston, Texas. The funds in the trust account are used to pay any claim up to \$150,000 per occurrence. For a claim/occurrence exceeding \$150,000 the Trust has secured excess insurance. If total claims during a year were to deplete the trust account, then the member school districts would be required to pay for the deficiencies. The district has not had an additional assessment for excess losses incurred by the Trust.

The school district is a member of the Mississippi School Boards Association Casualty Trust (MSBACT). The Trust is a risk sharing pool; such a pool is frequently referred to as a self-insurance pool. The Trust consists of approximately 39 school districts and covers liability related losses the member may be responsible for through General Liability, Automobile Liability and School Board Legal Liability. An indemnity agreement is executed by each member in the Trust for the purposes of jointly and severally binding the pool and each of the members/districts to meet the financial obligations of each member. Each member of the Trust contributes quarterly to a fund held in trust by Amegy Bank of Texas in Houston, Texas. The funds in the trust account are used to pay any claim up to \$150,000 per occurrence. For a claim/occurrence exceeding \$150,000 the Trust has secured excess insurance. If total claims during a year were to deplete the trust account, then the member school districts would be required to pay for the deficiencies. The district has not had an additional assessment for excess losses incurred by the Trust.

#### **Note 10 - Contingencies**

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

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

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### Note 11 - Sixteenth Section Lands

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

Year Ending June 30		Amount
2019	\$	31,617
2020		18,671
2021		14,136
2022		12,971
2023		10,083
2024 - 2028		48,433
2029 - 2033		39,268
2034 - 2038		37,869
2039 - 2043		34,783
2044 - 2048		3,674
2049 - 2053		3,251
2054 - 2057		1,250
Total	\$	<u>256,006</u>

### Note 12 - Effect of Deferred Amounts on Net Position

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$21,232,242) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenses resulting from a deferred outflow from pensions. A portion of the deferred outflows of resources related to pension in the amount of \$1,526,713 resulting from the school district contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2019. The

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\$3,372,406 balance of deferred outflow of resources, at June 30, 2018 will be recognized as an expense and will decrease the unrestricted net position over the next 3 years.

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$21,232,242) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue resulting from a deferred inflow from pensions. The \$2,909,328 balance of deferred inflow of resources at June 30, 2018 will be recognized as a revenue and will increase the unrestricted net position over the next 4 years.

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$21,232,242) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenses resulting from a deferred outflow from OPEB. A portion of the deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB in the amount of \$62,280 resulting from the amount paid by the school district as benefits come due subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2019. The \$27,400 balance of deferred outflow of resources, at June 30, 2018 will be recognized as an expense and will decrease the unrestricted net position over the next 6 years.

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$21,232,242) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue resulting from a deferred inflow from OPEB. The \$74,389 balance of deferred inflow of resources at June 30, 2018 will be recognized as a revenue and will increase the unrestricted net position over the next 6 years.

### **Note 13 - Alternative School Consortium**

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

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

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



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The following Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds is presented to detail the financial activity of the East Central Alternative School Consortium:

#### **Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2018**

##### **Revenues**

###### Local sources

###### Tuition from other LEA's within the state:

Scott County School District	\$	203,622
Neshoba County School District		174,387
Kemper County School District		108,803
Enterprise School District		108,803
Forest Municipal School District		108,803
Philadelphia Public School District		108,803
Total tuition from other LEA's within the state		<u>813,221</u>
Interest		<u>1,149</u>
Total local sources		<u>814,370</u>
Total Revenues		<u>814,370</u>

##### **Expenditures**

Salaries	650,779
Employee benefits	195,245
Purchased property services	38,525
Other purchased services	1,598
Supplies	10,406
Property	1,176
Other	16,119
Total Expenditures	<u>913,848</u>

Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(99,478)</u>
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##### **Other Financing Sources (Uses):**

Operating transfers in	113,415
Operating transfers out	(63,929)
Total Other Financing Sources /Uses	<u>49,486</u>

Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>(49,992)</u>
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##### Fund Balance:

July 1, 2017	265,210
June 30, 2018	\$ <u><u>215,218</u></u>

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### Note 14 - Insurance Recovery

The Newton County School District received \$1,696 in insurance loss recoveries related to school van accident damage during the 2017-2018 fiscal year. In the government-wide Statement of Activities, the insurance loss recoveries were reported as support services.

### Note 15 - Prior Period Adjustment

A summary of significant Net Position adjustments is as follows:

#### Exhibit B - Statement of Activities

Explanation	Amount
1. Implementation of GASB 75:	\$
Net OPEB liability (06-30-17)	(1,488,053)
Deferred outflows - contributions made during fiscal year 2017	<u>57,482</u>
Total prior period adjustment related to GASB 75	<u>\$ (1,430,571)</u>

### Note 16 - Other Commitments

Commitments under construction contracts are described in Note 5.

### Note 17 - 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 Newton County School District evaluated the activity of the district through the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and determined that the following subsequent event has occurred requiring disclosure in the notes to the financial statements:

On November 29, 2018, the district issued \$2,300,000 limited tax note with an interest rate of 3.77%. It will mature on June 30, 2034.

## REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**NEWTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Budgetary Comparison Schedule

General Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

**Exhibit 1**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (GAAP Basis)	Variances Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Local sources	\$ 4,369,829	4,099,103	4,100,294	(270,726)	1,191
State sources	9,279,817	9,266,272	9,266,271	(13,545)	(1)
Federal sources	48,500	26,420	26,420	(22,080)	-
Sixteenth section sources	335,915	74,708	74,709	(261,207)	1
Total Revenues	<u>14,034,061</u>	<u>13,466,503</u>	<u>13,467,694</u>	<u>(567,558)</u>	<u>1,191</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Instruction	8,298,247	8,277,489	8,277,918	20,758	(429)
Support services	4,488,735	4,498,744	4,492,035	(10,009)	6,709
Noninstructional services	166,298	119,335	119,335	46,963	-
Sixteenth section	6,550	8,543	8,543	(1,993)	-
Facilities acquisition and construction	150,000	202,474	209,186	(52,474)	(6,712)
Debt service:					
Principal	65,667	65,667	65,667	-	-
Interest	2,588	2,588	2,588	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>13,178,085</u>	<u>13,174,840</u>	<u>13,175,272</u>	<u>3,245</u>	<u>(432)</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>855,976</u>	<u>291,663</u>	<u>292,422</u>	<u>(564,313)</u>	<u>759</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>					
Insurance recovery	-	1,696	1,696	1,696	-
Sale of transportation equipment	500	2,730	2,730	2,230	-
Sale of other property	1,500	-	-	(1,500)	-
Operating transfers in	1,929,804	1,932,760	88,633	2,956	(1,844,127)
Operating transfers out	(2,569,224)	(2,487,739)	(644,804)	81,485	1,842,935
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(637,420)</u>	<u>(550,553)</u>	<u>(551,745)</u>	<u>86,867</u>	<u>(1,192)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>218,556</u>	<u>(258,890)</u>	<u>(259,323)</u>	<u>(477,446)</u>	<u>(433)</u>
<b>Fund Balances:</b>					
July 1, 2017	<u>3,695,493</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,800,648</u>	<u>(3,695,493)</u>	<u>3,800,648</u>
June 30, 2018	\$ <u>3,914,049</u>	<u>(258,890)</u>	<u>3,541,325</u>	<u>(4,172,939)</u>	<u>3,800,215</u>

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

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule

Child Nutrition Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

**Exhibit 2**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (GAAP Basis)	Variances Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Local sources	\$ 293,200	270,557	270,557	(22,643)	-
State sources	10,000	9,070	9,070	(930)	-
Federal sources	817,000	796,402	796,402	(20,598)	-
Total Revenues	1,120,200	1,076,029	1,076,029	(44,171)	-
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Support services	130,397	111,588	111,588	18,809	-
Noninstructional services	962,619	880,599	880,599	82,020	-
Total Expenditures	1,093,016	992,187	992,187	100,829	-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues					
Over (Under) Expenditures	27,184	83,842	83,842	56,658	-
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>					
Operating transfers out	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	12,184	68,842	68,842	56,658	-
Fund Balances:					
July 1, 2017	-	-	469,285	-	469,285
Increase (decrease) in inventory			11,021	-	11,021
June 30, 2018	\$ 12,184	68,842	549,148	56,658	480,306

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

**Newton 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 proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 25,143,051	26,840,724	23,411,338	18,040,111
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.151251%	0.150263%	0.151451%	0.148623%
District's covered payroll	9,702,813	9,612,692	9,461,778	9,081,663
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	259.13%	279.22%	247.43%	198.64%
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 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.

**Newton County School District**  
Schedule of District Contributions  
PERS  
Last 10 Fiscal Years\*

		2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$	<u>1,526,713</u>	<u>1,528,193</u>	<u>1,513,999</u>	<u>1,490,230</u>
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution		1,526,713	1,528,193	1,513,999	1,490,230
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>
District's covered payroll		9,693,416	9,702,813	9,612,692	9,461,778
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.

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**Newton County School District**

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

## OPEB

Last 10 Fiscal Years\*

		2018
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$	<u>1,460,901</u>
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability		0.18619479%
District's covered-employee payroll		8,365,220 **
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll		17.46%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability		0.00%

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.

\*\* The amount used to calculate this figure was based on the Plan's covered payroll as of the measurement date.

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.



**Newton County School District**  
**Schedule of District Contributions**  
**OPEB**  
**Last 10 Fiscal Years\***

	2018	
Contractually required contribution	\$ <u>62,280</u>	**
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	62,280	**
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ <u><u>-</u></u>	
District's covered-employee payroll	8,505,372	
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	0.73%	

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 75 was implemented in 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 available.

\*\* The amounts reflected above only pertains to the Implicit Rate Subsidy as it relates to contributions.

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### Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

#### Budgetary Comparison Schedules

##### (1) Basis of Presentation

The Budgetary Comparison Schedules present 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

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### Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

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%.

#### (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

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### Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

- (3) *Methods and assumptions used in calculation 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 Pre-Medicare	7.75 percent
Ultimate health care cost trend rates Medicare Supplement Claims Pre-Medicare	5.00 percent
Year of ultimate trend rates Medicare Supplement Claims Pre-Medicare	2022
Long-term investment rate of return, net of pension plan investment expense, including price inflation	3.56 percent

- (4) Under GASB 75, employers are also required to consider any implicit subsidy that may be occurring. Medical costs generally increase with advancing age. Therefore, the medical costs for the retiree group are higher than the medical costs for the employee group, even taking Medicare into account. Stated another way, when a plan includes both employees and retirees, the blended premiums are almost always higher than what the premiums would be for employees, and lower than what the premiums would be for retirees, if each group were rated separately. The premium rate difference is referred to as the implicit rate subsidy.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**NEWTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

Federal Grantor/ Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title/	Pass-through Entity Identifying Numbers	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.	Federal Expenditures
<b><u>U. S. Department of Agriculture</u></b>			
Passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education:			
Child Nutrition Cluster:			
School Breakfast Program	185MS326N1099	10.553	\$ 240,046
National School Lunch Program	185MS326N1099	10.555	556,356
Summer Food Service Program for Children	185MS326N1099	10.559	9,118
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			805,520
Total passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education			805,520
<b>Total U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>			<b>805,520</b>
<b><u>U. S. Department of Education</u></b>			
Direct Programs:			
Impact Aid		84.041	16,839
Indian Education - Grants to Local Educational Agencies		84.060	6,280
Total Direct Programs			23,119
Passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education:			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	ES010A170024	84.010	642,529
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grant to States	V048A170024	84.048	26,073
Rural Education	ES358B170024	84.358	29,959
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	ES367A170023	84.367	125,721
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	ES424A170025	84.424	8,436
Subtotal			832,718
Special Education Cluster:			
Special Education - Grants to States	H027A170108	84.027	336,888
Positive Behavior Specialists	H027A170108	84.027A	2,844
Special Education - Preschool Grants	H173A170113	84.173	20,380
Total Special Education Cluster			360,112
Total passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education			1,192,830
<b>Total U.S. Department of Education</b>			<b>1,215,949</b>
<b><u>U. S. Department of Health and Human Services</u></b>			
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education			
Medical Assistance Program	1805MS5ADM	93.778	32,699
Total passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education			32,699
<b>Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</b>			<b>32,699</b>
Total for All Federal Awards			\$ 2,054,168

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

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### Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

#### Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

(1) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of the school district under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2018. 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 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 elect to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

(4) Other Items

Donated commodities of \$66,669 are included in the National School Lunch Program.

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Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures - Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Instruction and Other Student Instructional Expenditures</b>	<b>General Administration</b>	<b>School Administration</b>	<b>Other</b>
Salaries and fringe benefits \$	13,110,712	8,850,301	762,755	918,687	2,578,969
Other	3,298,333	742,853	165,966	60,965	2,328,549
Total \$	<u>16,409,045</u>	<u>9,593,154</u>	<u>928,721</u>	<u>979,652</u>	<u>4,907,518</u>
Total number of students *	<u>1,617</u>				
Cost per student \$	<u>10,148</u>	<u>5,933</u>	<u>574</u>	<u>606</u>	<u>3,035</u>

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

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

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

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

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

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



## OTHER INFORMATION

**NEWTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

**"UNAUDITED"**

## General Fund

## Last Four Years

	2018	2017*	2016*	2015*
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Local sources	\$ 4,100,294	4,079,334	4,006,133	3,614,022
State sources	9,266,271	9,200,666	9,596,735	9,444,984
Federal sources	26,420	44,643	46,810	54,467
Sixteenth section sources	74,709	72,823	171,828	236,519
Total Revenues	<u>13,467,694</u>	<u>13,397,466</u>	<u>13,821,506</u>	<u>13,349,992</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Instruction	8,277,918	8,295,428	8,280,537	8,093,378
Support services	4,492,035	4,625,100	4,510,597	4,372,005
Noninstructional services	119,335	190,901	100,639	162,975
Sixteenth section	8,543	7,048	81,292	13,383
Facilities acquisition and construction	209,186	30,460	127,216	185,058
Debt Service:				
Principal	65,667	64,411	63,757	69,447
Interest	2,588	3,844	5,096	6,392
Other	-	-	-	6,000
Total Expenditures	<u>13,175,272</u>	<u>13,217,192</u>	<u>13,169,134</u>	<u>12,908,638</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>292,422</u>	<u>180,274</u>	<u>652,372</u>	<u>441,354</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>				
Insurance recovery	1,696	4,717	10,866	10,551
Sale of transportation equipment	2,730	-	-	5,295
Sale of other property	-	-	-	-
Operating transfers in	88,633	67,004	66,474	67,066
Other financing sources	-	1,127	-	-
Operating transfers out	(644,804)	(818,378)	(660,910)	(651,384)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(551,745)</u>	<u>(745,530)</u>	<u>(583,570)</u>	<u>(568,472)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	(259,323)	(565,256)	68,802	(127,118)
<b>Fund Balances:</b>				
July 1, Beginning, as previously reported	3,800,648	4,365,904	4,297,102	2,820,057
Fund reclassification	-	-	-	1,604,163
July 1, Beginning, as restated	<u>3,800,648</u>	<u>4,365,904</u>	<u>4,297,102</u>	<u>4,424,220</u>
June 30,	<u>\$ 3,541,325</u>	<u>3,800,648</u>	<u>4,365,904</u>	<u>4,297,102</u>

\*SOURCE - PRIOR YEAR AUDIT REPORTS

**NEWTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

"UNAUDITED"

	2018	2017*	2016*	2015*
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Local sources	\$ 4,437,253	4,406,112	4,415,580	4,001,008
State sources	9,675,125	9,601,799	10,087,056	9,868,727
Federal sources	2,046,153	2,101,943	2,097,453	2,109,469
Sixteenth section sources	81,239	74,885	199,055	265,692
Total Revenues	<u>16,239,770</u>	<u>16,184,739</u>	<u>16,799,144</u>	<u>16,244,896</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Instruction	9,593,579	9,593,248	9,781,019	9,679,267
Support services	5,460,100	5,642,016	5,486,702	5,279,735
Noninstructional services	1,050,472	1,310,564	1,093,144	1,069,635
Sixteenth section	21,653	20,676	93,112	47,827
Facilities acquisition and construction	214,986	30,460	129,766	198,058
Debt service:				
Principal	65,667	64,411	63,757	69,447
Interest	2,588	3,844	5,096	6,392
Other	-	-	-	6,000
Total Expenditures	<u>16,409,045</u>	<u>16,665,219</u>	<u>16,652,596</u>	<u>16,356,361</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>(169,275)</u>	<u>(480,480)</u>	<u>146,548</u>	<u>(111,465)</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>				
Insurance recovery	1,696	4,717	10,866	10,551
Sale of transportation equipment	2,730	-	-	5,295
Operating transfers in	733,437	899,386	727,384	718,450
Other financing sources	-	1,127	-	-
Operating transfers out	(733,437)	(899,386)	(727,384)	(718,450)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>4,426</u>	<u>5,844</u>	<u>10,866</u>	<u>15,846</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	(164,849)	(474,636)	157,414	(95,619)
<b>Fund Balances:</b>				
July 1, as previously reported	4,507,122	4,990,570	4,835,089	4,931,575
Prior period adjustments	-	-	-	(102)
July 1, as restated	<u>4,507,122</u>	<u>4,990,570</u>	<u>4,835,089</u>	<u>4,931,473</u>
Increase (Decrease) in inventory	11,021	(8,812)	(1,933)	(765)
June 30,	<u>\$ 4,533,294</u>	<u>4,507,122</u>	<u>4,990,570</u>	<u>4,835,089</u>

\*SOURCE - PRIOR YEAR AUDIT REPORTS

## REPORTS ON INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE

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

Superintendent and School Board  
Newton County School District

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Newton 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 Newton County School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 14, 2019.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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

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## Compliance and Other Matters

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

## Purpose of this Report

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

FORTENBERRY & BALLARD, PC

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC  
January 14, 2019

Certified Public Accountants

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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

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

We have audited Newton 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 Newton County School District's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2018. The Newton County School District's major federal program is identified in the summary of the auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

**Management's Responsibility**

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

**Auditor's Responsibility**

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

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for its major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination on the school district's compliance.

**Opinion on Each Major Federal Program**

In our opinion, the Newton 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 its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2018.

## Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the Newton County School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the type of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered Newton County School District's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on its 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 Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

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

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC  
January 14, 2019

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

FORTENBERRY & BALLARD, PC  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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

Superintendent and School Board  
Newton County School District

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Newton County School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, which collectively comprise Newton County School District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 14, 2019. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*FORTENBERRY & BALLARD, PC*

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC  
January 14, 2019

Certified Public Accountants

## SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

## Newton 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: Unmodified.
2. Internal control over financial reporting:
  - a. Material weakness(es) identified? No.
  - b. Significant deficiency(ies) identified? None reported.
3. Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? No.

##### Federal Awards:

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

CFDA Numbers	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
84.010	Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies

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

#### Section II: Financial Statements Findings

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

### Section III: Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

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