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Forrest County School District

Audited Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC
Certified Public Accountants

Forrest County School District

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FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT

FORTENBERRY & BALLARD, PC
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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

Superintendent and School Board
Forrest 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 Forrest County School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Forrest 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Forrest County School District, as of June 30, 2020, 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. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*. 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 to 15 and 55 to 63, 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 Forrest 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 7, 2021, on our consideration of the Forrest 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 Forrest 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 Forrest County School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC
January 7, 2021

Certified Public Accountants

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

**FORREST COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

The following discussion and analysis of Forrest County School District's financial performance provides an overview of the School District's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2020. 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 2020 increased \$2,199,665, including a prior period adjustment of \$426,409, which represents a 35% increase from fiscal year 2019. Total net position for 2019 decreased \$602,752, which represents a 10% decrease from fiscal year 2018.
- General revenues amounted to \$24,252,695 and \$21,410,370, or 79% and 78% of all revenues for fiscal years 2020 and 2019, respectively. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and grants and contributions accounted for \$6,608,259, or 21% of total revenues for 2020, and \$6,085,947, or 22% of total revenues for 2019.
- The District had \$29,087,698 and \$28,099,069 in expenses for fiscal years 2020 and 2019; only \$6,608,259 for 2020 and \$6,085,947 for 2019 of these expenses was offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions. General revenues of \$24,252,695 for 2020 were adequate to provide for these programs. General revenues of \$21,410,370 for 2019 were not adequate to provide for these programs.
- Among major funds, the General Fund had \$21,345,180 in revenues and \$20,425,491 in expenditures for 2020, and \$20,276,364 in revenues and \$19,649,553 in expenditures in 2019. The General Fund's fund balance increased by \$1,389,384 from 2019 to 2020, including a prior period adjustment of \$500,000, and increased by \$281,287 from 2018 to 2019.
- Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, increased by \$2,874,606 for 2020 and increased by \$665,961 for 2019. The increase for 2020 was due primarily to the addition of buildings and mobile equipment.
- Long-term debt, excluding compensated absences and bond premiums, increased by \$205,000 for 2020 and decreased by \$660,000 for 2019. The increase for 2020 was due primarily to the issuance of a shortfall note during the fiscal year. The liability for compensated absences increased by \$40,711 for 2020 and increased by \$13,128 for 2019.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

Government-wide Financial Statements

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

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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 are reported as governmental funds.

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

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

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

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:

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

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

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

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

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

Notes to the financial statements

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

Required Supplementary Information

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

Supplementary Information

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

Other Information

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

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net position

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position. Liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded assets and deferred outflows of resources by \$4,154,683 as of June 30, 2020.

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

Table 1 presents a summary of the District's net position at June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019.

Table 1
Condensed Statement of Net Position

	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019	Percentage Change
Current assets	\$ 14,676,377	\$ 12,227,282	20.03 %
Restricted assets	1,588,438	1,332,668	19.19 %
Capital assets, net	21,964,831	19,090,225	15.06 %
Total assets	38,229,646	32,650,175	17.09 %
 Deferred outflows of resources	 6,331,148	 4,462,388	 41.88 %
 Current liabilities	 969,891	 376,166	 157.84 %
Long-term debt outstanding	3,778,810	3,533,489	6.94 %
Net OPEB liability	2,462,118	2,211,843	11.32 %
Net pension liability	40,932,827	36,206,152	13.05 %
Total liabilities	48,143,646	42,327,650	13.74 %
 Deferred inflows of resources	 571,831	 1,139,261	 (49.81) %
 Net position:			
Net investment in capital assets	18,895,843	15,729,242	20.13 %
Restricted	4,372,945	3,651,189	19.77 %
Unrestricted	(27,423,471)	(25,734,779)	(6.56) %
Total net position	\$ (4,154,683)	\$ (6,354,348)	34.62 %

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)	\$ (27,423,471)
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	37,642,420
Unrestricted net position, exclusive of the net pension liability and net OPEB liability effect	\$ 10,218,949

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 \$2,874,606.
- Proceeds from the issuance of a shortfall note in the amount of \$500,000.
- The principal retirement of \$295,000 of long-term debt.

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Changes in net position

The District's total revenues for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019 were \$30,860,954 and \$27,496,317, respectively. The total cost of all programs and services was \$29,087,698 for 2020 and \$28,099,069 for 2019.

Table 2 presents a summary of the changes in net position for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019.

Table 2
Changes in Net Position

	Year Ended June 30, 2020	Year Ended June 30, 2019	Percentage Change
Revenues:			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 539,023	\$ 556,135	(3.08) %
Operating grants and contributions	6,069,236	5,529,812	9.75 %
General revenues:			
Property taxes	9,169,055	8,029,202	14.20 %
Grants and contributions not restricted	11,546,262	11,894,988	(2.93) %
Investment earnings	377,891	149,913	152.07 %
Sixteenth section sources	184,191	240,172	(23.31) %
Other	2,975,296	1,096,095	171.45 %
Total revenues	30,860,954	27,496,317	12.24 %
Expenses:			
Instruction	13,052,318	13,175,776	(0.94) %
Support services	8,982,191	8,753,348	2.61 %
Non-instructional	1,575,609	1,475,773	6.76 %
Sixteenth section	80,441	74,316	8.24 %
Pension expense	5,161,725	4,423,745	16.68 %
OPEB expense	152,090	109,628	38.73 %
Interest on long-term liabilities	83,324	86,483	(3.65) %
Total expenses	29,087,698	28,099,069	3.52 %
Increase (Decrease) in net position	1,773,256	(602,752)	394.19 %
Net Position, July 1, as previously reported	(6,354,348)	(5,751,596)	(10.48) %
Prior Period Adjustment	426,409	-	N/A %
Net Position, July 1, as restated	(5,927,939)	(5,751,596)	(3.07) %
Net Position, June 30	\$ (4,154,683)	\$ (6,354,348)	34.62 %

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.

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Table 3
Net Cost of Governmental Activities

	Total Expenses		Percentage Change
	2020	2019	
Instruction	\$ 13,052,318	\$ 13,175,776	(0.94) %
Support services	8,982,191	8,753,348	2.61 %
Non-instructional	1,575,609	1,475,773	6.76 %
Sixteenth section	80,441	74,316	8.24 %
Pension Expense	5,161,725	4,423,745	16.68 %
OPEB Expense	152,090	109,628	38.73 %
Interest on long-term liabilities	83,324	86,483	(3.65) %
Total expenses	\$ 29,087,698	\$ 28,099,069	3.52 %

	Net (Expense) Revenue		Percentage Change
	2020	2019	
Instruction	\$ (10,382,561)	\$ (10,385,844)	(0.03) %
Support services	(7,051,552)	(7,037,816)	0.20 %
Non-instructional	431,463	100,719	328.38 %
Sixteenth section	(79,650)	(70,325)	13.26 %
Pension Expense	(5,161,725)	(4,423,745)	16.68 %
OPEB Expense	(152,090)	(109,628)	38.73 %
Interest on long-term liabilities	(83,324)	(86,483)	(3.65) %
Total net (expense) revenue	\$ (22,479,439)	\$ (22,013,122)	2.12 %

- Net cost of governmental activities (\$22,479,439 for 2020 and \$22,013,122 for 2019) was financed by general revenue, which is primarily made up of property taxes (\$9,169,055 for 2020 and \$8,029,202 for 2019) and state and federal revenues (\$11,546,262 for 2020 and \$11,894,988 for 2019). In addition, there was \$184,191 and \$240,172 in Sixteenth Section sources for 2020 and 2019, respectively.
- Investment earnings amounted to \$377,891 for 2020 and \$149,913 for 2019.

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 \$15,314,275, an increase of \$2,122,542, which includes a prior period adjustment of \$426,409 and an increase in inventory of \$126,644. \$10,200,354, or 67% of the fund balance is unassigned, which represents the residual classification for the General Fund's fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. The

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remaining fund balance of \$5,113,921, or 33% is either nonspendable, restricted, committed or assigned to indicate that it is not available for spending except only for the purposes to which it is restricted, committed or assigned.

The General Fund is the principal operating fund of the District. The increase in fund balance in the General Fund for the fiscal year was \$1,389,384, which includes a prior period adjustment of \$500,000. The fund balance of Other Governmental Funds showed an increase in the amount of \$733,158, which includes a prior period adjustment of (\$73,591) and an increase in inventory of \$126,644. The increase (decrease) in the fund balances for the other major funds were as follows:

<u>Major Fund</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Building Project Fund	no increase or decrease

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. Budget revisions during the fiscal year were routine in nature and were insignificant when compared with total revenues and expenditures of the District.

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

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets. As of June 30, 2020, the District's total capital assets were \$38,442,629, including land, school buildings, building improvements and other improvements, buses, other school vehicles, and furniture and equipment. This amount represents a gross increase of \$3,404,901 from 2019, due primarily to the addition of buildings and mobile equipment. Total accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2020, was \$16,477,798, and total depreciation expense for the year was \$879,857, resulting in total net capital assets of \$21,964,831.

Table 4
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation

	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Change</u>
Land	\$ 194,027	\$ 194,027	0.00 %
Buildings	19,068,931	16,448,480	15.93 %
Building improvements	708,557	746,552	(5.09) %
Improvements other than buildings	355,174	373,272	(4.85) %
Mobile equipment	1,506,481	1,154,571	30.48 %
Furniture and equipment	131,661	173,323	(24.04) %
Total	\$ 21,964,831	\$ 19,090,225	15.06 %

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

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Debt Administration. At June 30, 2020, the District had \$3,778,030 in outstanding long-term debt, of which \$476,626 is due within one year. During the fiscal year, the District received proceeds from the issuance of a shortfall note in the amount of \$500,000. The District made principal payments totaling \$295,000 on outstanding long-term debt. The liability for compensated absences increased \$40,711 from the prior year.

**Table 5
Outstanding Long-Term Debt**

	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
General obligation refunding bonds payable	\$ 400,000	\$ 590,000	(32.20) %
Three mill notes payable	315,000	420,000	(25.00) %
Shortfall notes payable	500,000	-	N/A %
Qualified school construction bonds payable	2,360,000	2,360,000	0.00 %
Compensated absences payable	203,030	162,319	25.08 %
Total	<u>\$ 3,778,030</u>	<u>\$ 3,532,319</u>	<u>6.96 %</u>

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

CURRENT ISSUES

The Forrest 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.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Superintendent's Office of the Forrest County School District, 400 Forrest Street, Hattiesburg, MS 39401.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FORREST COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2020

Exhibit A

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,272,057
Cash with fiscal agents	5,810
Investments	3,051,224
Due from other governments	1,183,409
Accrued interest receivable	14,020
Inventories	149,857
Restricted assets	1,588,438
Capital assets, non-depreciable:	
Land	194,027
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:	
Buildings	19,068,931
Building improvements	708,557
Improvements other than buildings	355,174
Mobile equipment	1,506,481
Furniture and equipment	131,661
Total Assets	<u>38,229,646</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Deferred outflows - advance refunding of debt	6,792
Deferred outflows - pensions	5,962,409
Deferred outflows - OPEB	361,947
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>6,331,148</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	938,303
Unearned revenue	12,237
Interest payable on long-term liabilities	19,351
Long-term liabilities, due within one year:	
Capital related liabilities	305,000
Non-capital related liabilities	171,626
Net OPEB liability	94,136
Long-term liabilities, due beyond one year:	
Capital related liabilities	2,770,000
Capital related bond premiums	780
Non-capital related liabilities	531,404
Net pension liability	40,932,827
Net OPEB liability	2,367,982
Total Liabilities	<u>48,143,646</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Deferred inflows - pensions	398,357
Deferred inflows - OPEB	173,474
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>571,831</u>
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	18,895,843
Restricted for:	
Expendable:	
School-based activities	1,152,720
Debt service	1,969,505
Forestry improvements	188,372
Unemployment benefits	57,944
Non-expendable:	
Sixteenth section	1,004,404
Unrestricted	(27,423,471)
Total Net Position (deficit)	<u><u>\$ (4,154,683)</u></u>

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

FORREST COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Activities

Exhibit B

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Program Revenues		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	
Functions/Programs	Expenses			Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities:				
Instruction	\$ 13,052,318	\$ 237,477	\$ 2,432,280	\$ (10,382,561)
Support services	8,982,191	81,175	1,849,464	(7,051,552)
Non-instructional	1,575,609	219,580	1,787,492	431,463
Sixteenth section	80,441	791	-	(79,650)
Pension expense	5,161,725	-	-	(5,161,725)
OPEB expense	152,090	-	-	(152,090)
Interest on long-term liabilities	83,324	-	-	(83,324)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 29,087,698	\$ 539,023	\$ 6,069,236	\$ (22,479,439)

General Revenues:

Taxes:

General purpose levies	8,717,871
Debt purpose levies	451,184

Unrestricted grants and contributions:

State	11,360,832
Federal	185,430
Unrestricted investment earnings	377,891
Sixteenth section sources	184,191
Other	2,975,296

Total General Revenues	<u>24,252,695</u>
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Change in Net Position	<u>1,773,256</u>
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Net Position - Beginning, as previously reported	(6,354,348)
Prior Period Adjustments	<u>426,409</u>

Net Position - Beginning, as restated	<u>(5,927,939)</u>
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Net Position (deficit) - Ending	<u>\$ (4,154,683)</u>
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The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

FORREST COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Governmental Funds

Balance Sheet

Exhibit C

June 30, 2020

	<u>Major Funds</u>		<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Building Project</u>	<u>Governmental</u>	<u>Governmental</u>
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,990,693	\$ -	\$ 2,841,186	\$ 10,831,879
Cash with fiscal agents	5,810	-	232	6,042
Investments	3,051,224	-	1,028,384	4,079,608
Due from other governments	753,866	-	429,543	1,183,409
Accrued interest receivable	14,020	-	-	14,020
Due from other funds	465,861	-	-	465,861
Advance to other funds	-	-	444,582	444,582
Inventories	-	-	149,857	149,857
Total assets	\$ 12,281,474	\$ -	\$ 4,893,784	\$ 17,175,258
Liabilities and Fund Balances				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 902,676	\$ -	\$ 35,627	\$ 938,303
Due to other funds	-	-	465,861	465,861
Advances from other funds	444,582	-	-	444,582
Unavailable revenue	12,237	-	-	12,237
Total Liabilities	1,359,495	-	501,488	1,860,983
Fund Balances:				
Nonspendable:				
Inventory	-	-	149,857	149,857
Permanent fund principal	-	-	559,822	559,822
Advances	-	-	444,582	444,582
Restricted:				
Debt service	-	-	1,988,856	1,988,856
Forestry improvement purposes	-	-	188,372	188,372
Grant activities	-	-	1,002,863	1,002,863
Unemployment benefits	-	-	57,944	57,944
Assigned:				
Activity funds	269,700	-	-	269,700
Building maintenance/technology	265,294	-	-	265,294
Special Education	2,709	-	-	2,709
Medicaid Admin	183,922	-	-	183,922
Unassigned	10,200,354	-	-	10,200,354
Total Fund Balances	10,921,979	-	4,392,296	15,314,275
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 12,281,474	\$ -	\$ 4,893,784	\$ 17,175,258

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

FORREST COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Governmental Funds

**Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2020**

Exhibit C-1

Total fund balances for governmental funds \$ 15,314,275

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of Net Position are different because:

1. Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds:

Land	\$ 194,027	
Buildings	29,364,922	
Building improvements	949,877	
Improvements other than buildings	524,852	
Mobile equipment	3,730,931	
Furniture and equipment	3,678,020	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(16,477,798)</u>	21,964,831

2. Some liabilities, including net pension obligations, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:

Net pension liability	(40,932,827)	
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Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	5,962,409	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	<u>(398,357)</u>	(35,368,775)

3. Some liabilities, including net OPEB obligations, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:

Net OPEB liability	(2,462,118)	
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Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:

Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	361,947	
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	<u>(173,474)</u>	(2,273,645)

4. Long-term liabilities and related accrued interest are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:

General obligation refunding bonds	(400,000)	
Other bonds payable	(2,360,000)	
Notes payable	(815,000)	
Compensated absences	(203,030)	
Unamortized charges	6,792	
Unamortized premiums	(780)	
Accrued interest payable	<u>(19,351)</u>	(3,791,369)

Net position of governmental activities	\$ <u>(4,154,683)</u>
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The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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Governmental Funds

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Exhibit D

	Major Funds		Other	Total
	General	Building Project	Governmental	Governmental
	Fund	Fund	Funds	Funds
Revenues:				
Local sources	\$ 9,331,078	\$ 2,821,510	\$ 771,604	\$ 12,924,192
State sources	11,643,408	-	985,125	12,628,533
Federal sources	188,794	-	4,812,300	5,001,094
Sixteenth section sources	181,900	-	44,060	225,960
Total Revenues	21,345,180	2,821,510	6,613,089	30,779,779
Expenditures:				
Instruction	11,959,741	-	2,432,041	14,391,782
Support services	8,329,974	-	1,679,848	10,009,822
Noninstructional services	62,702	-	1,718,930	1,781,632
Sixteenth section	54,233	-	26,208	80,441
Facilities acquisition and construction	-	3,169,415	-	3,169,415
Debt service:				
Principal	-	-	295,000	295,000
Interest	18,841	-	46,602	65,443
Other	-	-	3,474	3,474
Total Expenditures	20,425,491	3,169,415	6,202,103	29,797,009
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	919,689	(347,905)	410,986	982,770
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Bonds and notes issued	500,000	-	-	500,000
Insurance recovery	81,175	-	-	81,175
Payments held by escrow agent	-	-	143,915	143,915
Payment to QSCB debt escrow agent	-	-	(143,915)	(143,915)
Sale of transportation equipment	3,420	-	-	3,420
Sale of other property	1,845	-	279	2,124
Operating transfers in	202,487	347,905	556,747	1,107,139
Operating transfers out	(819,232)	-	(287,907)	(1,107,139)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(30,305)	347,905	269,119	586,719
Net Change in Fund Balances	889,384	-	680,105	1,569,489
Fund Balances:				
July 1, 2019, as previously reported	9,532,595	-	3,659,138	13,191,733
Prior period adjustments	500,000	-	(73,591)	426,409
July 1, 2019, as restated	10,032,595	-	3,585,547	13,618,142
Increase (Decrease) in inventory	-	-	126,644	126,644
June 30, 2020	\$ 10,921,979	\$ -	\$ 4,392,296	\$ 15,314,275

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

FORREST COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Governmental Funds

**Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues,
Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

Exhibit D-1

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds \$ 1,569,489

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

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

Capital outlay	\$ 3,772,315	
Depreciation expense	<u>(879,857)</u>	2,892,458

2. In the statement of activities, only the gain/loss on the sale of assets is reported, while in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the sale increases financial resources. Thus, the change in Net Position differs from the change in fund balance by the cost of the assets sold. (17,852)

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

Bonds and notes issued	(500,000)	
Payments of debt principal	295,000	
Accrued interest payable	<u>(11,402)</u>	(216,402)

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

Pension expense	(5,161,725)	
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>2,688,373</u>	(2,473,352)

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

OPEB expense	(152,090)	
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>88,077</u>	(64,013)

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

Change in compensated absences	(40,711)	
Change in inventory	126,644	
Amortization of deferred charges, premiums and discounts	<u>(3,005)</u>	82,928

Change in Net Position of governmental activities		<u>\$ 1,773,256</u>
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The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Forrest County School District

Notes to the Financial Statements
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Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

A. Financial Reporting Entity

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

For financial reporting purposes, Forrest 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 funds. 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.

Building Project Fund - This is a fund used to account for the resources and other financing resources to service the building project.

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

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

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

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other capital assets.

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

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

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. Revenues are recorded when earned, and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred or economic asset used, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

D. Encumbrances

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

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

1. Cash, Cash equivalents and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents

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

Investments

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

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

Investments for the district are reported at fair market value.

2. Receivables and payables

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

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

3. Due from Other Governments

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

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

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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, e.g. Qualified School Construction Bonds sinking funds. Also, the nonexpendable portion of the Permanent Fund, if applicable, is classified as restricted assets because the 16th Section Principal fund is not available for use by the district except as provided for under state statute for loans from this fund.

6. Capital Assets

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

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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/expenditure) until then. The School District reported \$5,962,409 regarding the cost-sharing pension plan deferred outflows. The School District also reported \$361,947 regarding the cost-sharing OPEB plan deferred outflow and \$6,792 regarding advance refunding of debt.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The School District reported \$398,357 for deferred inflows regarding the cost-sharing pension plan. The School District also reported \$173,474 for deferred inflows regarding the cost-sharing OPEB plan.

See Note 14 for further details.

8. Compensated Absences

Employees of the school district accumulate sick leave at a minimum amount as required by state law. A greater amount may be provided by

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school district policy provided that it does not exceed the provisions for leave as provided in Sections 25-3-93 and 25-3-95. Some employees are allowed personal leave and/or vacation leave in accordance with school district policy. The district pays for unused leave for employees as required by Section 37-7-307(5), Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

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

9. Long-term Liabilities and Bond Discounts/ Premiums

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

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

10. Pensions

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

11. 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

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same basis as they are reported by the OPEB Plan. For this purpose, benefit payments are recorded when the OPEB benefits come due. Investments are reported at fair value as determined by the state.

12. Fund Balances

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

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

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

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

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

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

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to

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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 5% of revenues.

13. Accounting Standards Update

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued GASB 95, *Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance* in May 2020. The objective of the Statement was to provide temporary relief to governments in light of COVID-19 pandemic by postponing effective dates of certain Statements and Implementation Guides. The effective dates of GASB 83-84, GASB 88-93, and Implementation Guides No. 2017-3, 2018-1, 2019-1, and 2019-2 were postponed one year. The effective dates of GASB 87, *Leases*, and Implementation Guide No. 2019-3, *Leases*, were postponed eighteen months. The School District chose to implement Statement No. 84 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board *Fiduciary Activities* during this year.

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

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

Deposits. The school board must advertise and accept bids for depositories no less than once every three years as required by Section 37-7-333, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The collateral pledged for the school districts' 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

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State Treasurer. Financial institutions holding deposits of public funds must pledge securities as collateral against those deposits. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The carrying amount of the school district's deposits with financial institutions reported in the governmental funds was \$10,831,879.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits. Custodial credit risk is defined as the risk that, in the event of the failure of a financial institution, the district will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The district does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Deposits above FDIC coverage are collateralized by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the name of the Mississippi State Treasurer on behalf of the district. As of June 30, 2020, none of the district's bank balance of \$11,859,171 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

Cash with Fiscal Agents

The carrying amount of school district's cash with fiscal agents held by financial institutions was \$6,042.

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Investments

As of June 30, 2020, the district had the following investments.

Investment Type	Maturities (in years)	Fair Value
Regions Financial Corporation		
US Treasury Note/Bond 30 Sep 2020	Six months	\$ 2,050,911
US Treasury Note/Bond 15 Jul 2020	Six months	1,000,313
Qualified School Construction Bond Common Trust		1,028,384
Total		<u>\$ 4,079,608</u>

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

The district has the following recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2020:

All investments are valued using quoted market prices (Level 1 inputs)

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

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

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

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Note 3 - Inter-fund Receivables, Payables and Transfers

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

A. Due From/To Other Funds

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	\$ <u>465,861</u>

The primary purpose of the inter-fund loans was to cover federal funds not received prior to year-end.

B. Advances To/From Other Funds

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Other Governmental Funds	General Fund	\$ <u>444,582</u>

Sixteenth section principal loans payable

Note: The sixteenth section principal loans payable are not reflected on the Statement of Net Position because the funds were borrowed by the General Fund from the Sixteenth Section Trust Fund (Permanent Trust) in accordance with Section 29-3-113, Mis.. Code Ann. (1972). The revenues and expenditures associated with these transactions are reflected on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. The interest rate on the sixteenth section principal loan payable as of June 30, 2020 is 4.00 percent.

<u>Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2021	\$ 27,508	17,783	45,291
2022	28,608	16,683	45,291
2023	29,753	15,539	45,292
2024	30,943	14,349	45,292
2025	32,181	13,111	45,292
2026 – 2030	181,273	45,186	226,459
2031 – 2033	114,316	8,767	123,083
Total	\$ <u>444,582</u>	<u>131,418</u>	<u>576,000</u>

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C. Inter-fund Transfers

Transfers In	Transfers Out	Amount
General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	\$ 202,487
Building Project Fund	General Fund	347,905
Other Governmental Funds	General Fund	471,327
	Other Governmental Funds	85,420
Total		<u>\$ 1,107,139</u>

Transfers are used primarily to move unrestricted general fund monies to finance various programs and projects accounted for in other funds.

Note 4 - Restricted Assets

The restricted assets represent the cash balance totaling \$559,822 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. In addition, the restricted assets represent cash with fiscal agents and investments balance, totaling \$232 and \$1,028,384, respectively, of the QSCB Bond Retirement Fund.

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Note 5 - Capital Assets

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

	Balance 7-1-2019	Additions	Retirements	Balance 6-30-2020
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets:</u>				
Land	\$ 194,027			194,027
Total non-depreciable capital assets	194,027	0	0	194,027
<u>Depreciable capital assets:</u>				
Buildings	26,195,507	3,169,415		29,364,922
Building improvements	949,877			949,877
Improvements other than buildings	524,852			524,852
Mobile equipment	3,285,560	602,900	157,529	3,730,931
Furniture and equipment	3,887,905		209,885	3,678,020
Total depreciable capital assets	34,843,701	3,772,315	367,414	38,248,602
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>				
Buildings	9,747,027	548,964		10,295,991
Building improvements	203,325	37,995		241,320
Improvements other than buildings	151,580	18,098		169,678
Mobile equipment	2,130,989	235,237	141,776	2,224,450
Furniture and equipment	3,714,582	39,563	207,786	3,546,359
Total accumulated depreciation	15,947,503	879,857	349,562	16,477,798
Total depreciable capital assets, net	18,896,198	2,892,458	17,852	21,770,804
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 19,090,225	2,892,458	17,852	21,964,831

Depreciation expense was charged to the following governmental functions:

	Amount
Instruction	\$ 408,271
Support services	298,986
Non-instructional	172,600
Total depreciation expense	\$ 879,857

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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 7-1-2019	Additions	Reductions	Balance 6-30-2020	Amounts due within one year
A. General obligation refunding bonds payable	\$ 590,000		190,000	400,000	195,000
B. Three mill notes payable	420,000		105,000	315,000	110,000
C. Shortfall notes payable		500,000		500,000	161,474
D. Qualified school construction bonds payable	2,360,000			2,360,000	
E. Compensated absences payable	162,319	40,711		203,030	10,152
Subtotal	\$ 3,532,319	540,711	295,000	3,778,030	476,626
Bond premium	1,170		390	780	
Total	\$ 3,533,489	540,711	295,390	3,778,810	476,626

A. General obligation refunding bonds payable

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

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
General obligation refunding bonds, Series 2012	2 - 3.125%	02-01-12	02-01-22	\$ 1,795,000	400,000

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

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	\$ 195,000	12,256	207,256
2022	205,000	6,406	211,406
Total	\$ 400,000	18,662	418,662

This debt will be retired from the MAEP Bond Retirement Fund (4041).

The total amount of bonded indebtedness that can be incurred by the school district is limited by Sections 37-59-5 and 37-59-7, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Total outstanding bonded indebtedness during a year can be no greater than 15% of the assessed value of the taxable property within such district, according to the last completed assessment for taxation, unless certain conditions, as set forth in Section 37-59-7, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) have been met. As of June 30, 2020, the amount of outstanding bonded indebtedness was

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equal to 0.23 percent (%) of property assessments as of October 1, 2019.

B. Three mill notes payable

Debt currently outstanding is as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Limited-tax promissory notes	1.55%	06-01-17	06-01-25	\$ 650,000	315,000

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

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	\$ 110,000	4,883	114,883
2022	10,000	3,177	13,177
2023	55,000	3,023	58,023
2024	90,000	2,170	92,170
2025	50,000	1,395	51,395
Total	\$ 315,000	14,648	329,648

This debt will be retired from the Three Mill Note Retirement Fund (4022).

C. Shortfall notes payable

Debt currently outstanding is as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Shortfall notes payable	2.85%	07-15-19	08-01-22	\$ 500,000	500,000

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

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	\$ 161,474	15,160	176,634
2022	166,852	9,782	176,634
2023	171,674	4,961	176,635
Total	\$ 500,000	29,903	529,903

This debt will be retired from the Shortfall Note Retirement Fund.

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D. Qualified school construction bond payable

As more fully explained in Note 12, debt has been issued by the school district that qualifies as Qualified School Construction Bonds. Debt currently outstanding is as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Qualified school construction bond payable	0.00%	12-23-09	09-15-24	\$ 2,360,000	2,360,000

E. Compensated absences payable

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

Note 7 - 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 is available at www.pers.ms.gov.

Benefits provided. Membership in PERS is a condition of employment granted upon hiring for qualifying employees and officials of the State of Mississippi, state universities, community and junior colleges, and teachers and employees of the public school districts. For those persons employed by political subdivisions and instrumentalities of the State of Mississippi, membership is contingent upon approval of the entity's participation in PERS by the PERS' Board of Trustees. If approved, membership for the entity's employees is a condition of employment and eligibility is granted to those who qualify upon hiring. Participating members who are vested and retire at or after age 60 or those who retire regardless of age with at least 30 years of creditable service (25 years of creditable service for employees who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011) are entitled, upon application, to an annual retirement allowance payable monthly for life in an amount equal to 2.0 percent of their average compensation for each year of creditable service up to and including 30 years (25 years for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), plus 2.5 percent for each additional year of creditable service with an actuarial reduction in

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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, 2020 was 17.40% of annual covered payroll. Plan provisions and the Board of Trustees' authority to determine contribution rates are established by Section 25-11-1 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and may be only by the Mississippi Legislature. The school district's contributions to PERS for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, 2019, and 2018, were \$2,688,373, \$2,386,722, and \$2,189,370, 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, 2020, the school district reported a liability of \$40,932,827 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2019, 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, 2020 net pension liability was 0.232679 percent, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2019. This was an increase of .015002 from its proportionate share used to calculate the June 30, 2019 net pension liability, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2018.

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the District recognized pension expense of \$5,161,725. At June 30, 2020 the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 152,175	\$ 143,506
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		
Changes of assumptions	415,232	18,943
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	2,706,629	235,908
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	2,688,373	
Total	<u>\$ 5,962,409</u>	<u>\$ 398,357</u>

\$2,688,373 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, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	
2021	\$ 1,387,868
2022	669,506
2023	631,423
2024	186,882
Total	<u>\$ 2,875,679</u>

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability in the June 30, 2019 was determined by actuarial valuation prepared as of June 30, 2018. Subsequent to the June 30, 2018 valuation, the Board adopted new actuarial assumptions based on the experience investigation for the four-year period ending June 30, 2018. The following actuarial assumptions are applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.75 percent
Salary increases	3.00 – 18.25 percent, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.75 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the PubS.H-2010(B) Retiree Table with the following adjustments: For males, 112% of male rates from ages 18 to 75 scaled down to 105% for ages 80 to 119. For females, 85% of the female rates from ages 18 to 65 scaled up to 102% for ages 75 to 119. Mortality rates will be projected generationally using the MP-2018 projection scale to account for future improvements in life expectancy.

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

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Domestic Equity	27%	4.90%
International Equity	22	4.75
Global Equity	12	5.00
Fixed Income	20	1.50
Real Estate	10	4.00
Private Equity	8	6.25
Cash	1	0.25
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 (9.00%) and that employer contributions will be made at the current contribution rate (17.40%). 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 percent, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.75 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.75 percent) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (6.75%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (7.75%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (8.75%)</u>
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ <u>53,807,619</u>	\$ <u>40,932,827</u>	\$ <u>30,305,842</u>

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. The plan issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at <http://knowyourbenefits.dfa.ms.gov/>.

Benefits provided.

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

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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 \$88,077 for the year ended June 30, 2020.

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

At June 30, 2020, the District reported a liability of \$2,462,118 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2019, 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, 2019, the District's proportion was .29015902 percent. This was an increase of 0.00422494 percent from the proportionate share as of the measurement date of June 30, 2018.

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$152,090. At June 30, 2020, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 3,723	\$ 35,243
Changes of assumptions	183,557	127,673
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	46	
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	86,544	10,558
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	88,077	
Total	<u>\$ 361,947</u>	<u>\$ 173,474</u>

\$88,077 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from school district contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction to the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be

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recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30:		
2021	\$	11,646
2022		11,646
2023		11,646
2024		18,602
2025		33,687
Thereafter		13,169
	\$	<u>100,396</u>

Actuarial assumptions. The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2019 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.75 percent
Salary increases	3.00-18.20 percent, including wage inflation
Municipal Bond Index Rate	
Measurement Date	3.50%
Prior Measurement Date	3.89%
Year FNP is projected to be depleted	2019
Measurement Date	2018
Prior Measurement Date	
Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation	3.50%
Measurement Date	3.89%
Prior Measurement Date	
Health Care Cost Trends	
Medicare Supplement Claims	7.00 percent for 2019 decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.75% by 2028
Pre-Medicare	

Mortality rates were based on the PubS.H-2010(B) Retiree Table with the following adjustments: For males, 112% of male rates from ages 18 to 75 scaled down to 105% for ages 80 to 119. For females, 85% of the female rates from ages 18 to 65 scaled up to 102% for ages 75 to 119. Mortality rates will be projected generationally using the MP-2018 projection scale to account for future improvements in life expectancy.

The demographic actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019 valuation were based on the results of the last actuarial experience study, dated April 2, 2019.

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, 2019 valuation

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were based on a review of recent plan experience done concurrently with the June 30, 2019 valuation.

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments is 4.50%.

Discount Rate. The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2019 was 3.50 percent. Since the Prior Measurement Date, the Discount Rate has changed from 3.89% to 3.50%.

The trust was established on June 28, 2018 with an initial contribution of \$1,000,000. As of June 30, 2019, the trust has \$1,017,904. The fiduciary net position is projected to be depleted immediately, therefore, the Municipal Bond Index Rate is used in the determination of the discount rate for both the June 30, 2018 and the June 30, 2019 total OPEB liability. The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2019 was based on a monthly average of the Bond Buyers General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index Rate.

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 (2.50 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.50 percent) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease (2.50%)	Current Discount Rate (3.50%)	1% Increase (4.50%)
Net OPEB liability	\$ 2,734,984	\$ 2,462,118	\$ 2,228,656

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

	1% Decrease	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates Current	1% Increase
Net OPEB liability	\$ 2,281,532	\$ 2,462,118	\$ 2,666,692

OPEB plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is available in a separately issued report that can be found at <http://knowyourbenefits.dfa.ms.gov/>.

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Note 9 - 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
2021	\$ 137,014
2022	123,485
2023	98,320
2024	93,629
2025	83,749
2026 – 2030	394,206
2031 – 2035	278,078
2036 – 2040	182,524
2041 - 2045	91,717
2046 - 2050	37,738
Thereafter	48,982
Total	<u>\$ 1,569,442</u>

Note 10 - 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 56 school districts and covers risks of loss arising from injuries to the members' employees. The Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission requires that an indemnity agreement be executed by each member in a workers' compensation self-insurance pool for the purpose of jointly and severally binding the pool and each of the employers comprising the group to meet the workers' compensation obligations of each member. Each member of

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MSBAWCT contributes quarterly to a fund held in trust by Wells Fargo in Portland, Oregon. The funds in the trust account are used to pay any claim up to \$750,000. For a claim exceeding \$750,000, MSBAWCT has insurance which will pay the excess to the statutory amount required by the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission Act. If total claims during a year were to deplete the trust account, then the member school districts would be required to pay for the deficiencies. The district has not had an additional assessment for excess losses incurred by the pool.

The school district is a member of the Mississippi School Boards Association Property Trust (MSBAPT). The Trust is a risk sharing pool; such a pool is frequently referred to as a self-insurance pool. The Trust consists of approximately 55 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 55 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 11 - Contingencies

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

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

Note 12 - Qualified School Construction Bonds

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

The school district makes equal annual payments into a sinking fund which is used to pay off the bonds at termination. The current maturity limit of tax credit bonds is 17 years, per the U. S. Treasury Department. Under this program, ten percent of the proceeds must be subject to a binding commitment to be spent within six months of issuance and 100% must be spent within three years. Up to two percent of bond proceeds can be used to pay costs of issuance. The amount on deposit at June 30, 2020 was \$1,028,616. The amount accumulated in the sinking fund at the end of the seventeen-year period is expected to be sufficient to retire the debt. The following schedule reports the annual deposits to be made to the sinking fund by the school district.

Year Ending June 30	Amount
2021	\$ 131,000
2022	129,000
2023	349,000
2024	349,000
2025	349,000
Total	<u>\$ 1,307,000</u>

Note 13 - Insurance Loss Recoveries

The Forrest County School District received \$81,175 in insurance loss recoveries related to water and storm damage during the 2019 - 2020 fiscal year. In the government-wide Statement of Activities, the insurance loss recoveries were reported as support services.

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Note 14 - Effect of Deferred Amounts on Net Position

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$27,423,471) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenses resulting from a deferred outflow from pensions. A portion of the deferred outflow of resources related to pension in the amount of \$2,688,373 resulting from the school district contribution subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2021. The \$3,274,036 balance of deferred outflow of resources, at June 30, 2020 will be recognized as an expense and will decrease the unrestricted net position over the next 4 years.

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$27,423,471) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue resulting from a deferred inflow from pensions. The \$398,357 balance of deferred inflow of resources related to pensions, at June 30, 2020 will be recognized as a revenue and will increase the unrestricted net position over the next 3 years.

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$27,423,471) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenses resulting from a deferred outflow from OPEB. A portion of the deferred outflow of resources related to OPEB in the amount of \$88,077 resulting from the school district contribution subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2021. The \$273,870 balance of deferred outflow of resources, at June 30, 2020 will be recognized as an expense and will decrease the unrestricted net position over the next 6 years.

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$27,423,471) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue resulting from a deferred inflow from OPEB. The \$173,474 balance of deferred inflow of resources related to OPEB, at June 30, 2020 will be recognized as a revenue and will increase the unrestricted net position over the next 6 years.

The net investment in capital assets net position amount of \$18,895,843 includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenses resulting from a deferred outflow from advance refunding of school district debt. The \$6,792 balance of the deferred outflow of resources at June 30, 2020 will be recognized as an expense and decrease the net investment in capital assets net position for the next 3 years.

Note 15 - Prior Period Adjustments

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

Exhibit B - Statement of Activities

<u>Explanation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Adjustments were made to correctly present assets and liabilities.	\$ <u><u>426,409</u></u>

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

Fund	Explanation	Amount
General Fund	To adjust assets and liabilities.	\$ 500,000
Other Governmental Funds	To adjust assets and liabilities.	(73,591)
Total		<u>\$ 426,409</u>

Note 16 - Other Matters

The onset of the recent COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a volatile investment market currently. The resulting impact of this pandemic upon the operations of the District is uncertain at this time.

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 Forrest County School District evaluated the activity of the district through the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and determined that no subsequent events have occurred requiring disclosure in the notes to the financial statement.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

FORREST COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Required Supplementary Information

Budgetary Comparison Schedule

General Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (GAAP Basis)	Variances Positive (Negative)	
				Original to Final	Final to Actual
	Original	Final			
Revenues:					
Local sources	\$ 9,231,049	\$ 9,331,078	\$ 9,331,078	\$ 100,029	\$ -
State sources	11,495,361	11,643,408	11,643,408	148,047	-
Federal sources	269,474	188,794	188,794	(80,680)	-
Sixteenth section sources	183,684	181,900	181,900	(1,784)	-
Total Revenues	21,179,568	21,345,180	21,345,180	165,612	-
Expenditures:					
Instruction	12,625,691	11,959,741	11,959,741	665,950	-
Support services	8,313,659	8,329,974	8,329,974	(16,315)	-
Noninstructional services	94,045	62,702	62,702	31,343	-
Sixteenth section	53,900	54,233	54,233	(333)	-
Debt service:					
Interest	18,841	18,841	18,841	-	-
Total Expenditures	21,106,136	20,425,491	20,425,491	680,645	-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	73,432	919,689	919,689	846,257	-
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Bonds and notes issued	-	500,000	500,000	500,000	-
Insurance recovery	-	81,175	81,175	81,175	-
Sale of transportation equipment	-	3,420	3,420	3,420	-
Sale of other property	-	1,845	1,845	1,845	-
Operating transfers in	1,514,038	1,719,157	202,487	205,119	(1,516,670)
Operating transfers out	(2,218,983)	(2,169,235)	(819,232)	49,748	1,350,003
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(704,945)	136,362	(30,305)	841,307	(166,667)
Net Change in Fund Balances	(631,513)	1,056,051	889,384	1,687,564	(166,667)
Fund Balances:					
July 1, 2019, as previously reported	6,363,691	9,532,595	9,532,595	3,168,904	-
Prior period adjustments	-	-	500,000	-	500,000
July 1, 2019, as restated	6,363,691	9,532,595	10,032,595	3,168,904	500,000
June 30, 2020	\$ 5,732,178	\$ 10,588,646	\$ 10,921,979	\$ 4,856,468	\$ 333,333

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

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

PERS

Last 10 Fiscal Years*

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 40,932,827	36,206,152	34,023,100	36,831,576	32,804,100	24,782,985
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.232679%	0.217677%	0.204670%	0.206195%	0.212214%	0.204174%
District's covered payroll	13,716,793	13,900,762	13,129,727	13,190,775	13,257,943	12,476,070
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	298.41%	260.46%	259.13%	279.22%	247.43%	198.64%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	61.59%	62.54%	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.

Forrest County School District
Schedule of District Contributions
PERS
Last 10 Fiscal Years

		<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$	2,688,373	2,386,722	2,189,370	2,067,932	2,077,547	2,088,126
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution		2,688,373	2,386,722	2,189,370	2,067,932	2,077,547	2,088,126
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
District's covered payroll		15,450,420	15,153,790	13,900,762	13,129,727	13,190,775	13,257,943
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll		17.40%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%

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

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, GASB 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.

Forrest County School District

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

OPEB

Last 10 Fiscal Years*

	2020	2019	2018
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 2,462,118	2,211,843	2,164,490 *
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.29015902%	0.28593408%	0.27586867%
District's covered-employee payroll	13,287,618	12,932,604	12,394,021 **
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	18.53%	17.10%	17.46%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	0.12%	0.13%	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 Implicit Rate Subsidy at measurement date as it relates to contributions.

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.

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

	2020	2019	2018	
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 88,077	98,689	92,275	**
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	88,077	98,689	92,275	**
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	-	-	
District's covered-employee payroll	13,615,549	15,153,790	13,900,762	
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	0.65%	0.65%	0.66%	

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 is available. Prior year information is based on historical amounts reported in prior year audit report(s).

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

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule

(1) Basis of Presentation

The Budgetary Comparison Schedule presents the original legally adopted budget, the final legally adopted budget, the actual data on the GAAP basis, variances between the original budget and the final budget, and variances between the final budget and the actual data.

(2) Budget Amendments and Revisions

The budget is adopted by the school board and filed with the taxing authority. Amendments can be made on the approval of the school board. By statute, final budget revisions must be approved on or before October 15. A budgetary comparison is presented for the General Fund consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Pension Schedules

(1) *Changes of assumptions*

2015:

The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Table projected to 2016 using Scale BB rather than the RP-2000 Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2015.

The expectation of disabled mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Table, rather than the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2015.

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

Assumed rates of salary increase were adjusted to more closely reflect actual and anticipated experience.

The price inflation and investment rate of return assumptions were changed from 3.50% to 3.00% and 8.00% to 7.75% respectively.

2016:

The assumed rate of interest credited to employee contributions was changed from 3.50% to 2.00%.

2017:

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

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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%.

2019:

The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the PubS.H-2010(B) Retiree Table with the following adjustments: for males, 112% of male rates from ages 18 to 75 scaled down to 105% for ages 80 to 119; for females, 85% of the female rates from 18 to 65 scaled up to 102% for ages 75 to 119; and projection scale MP-2018 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.

The expectation of disabled mortality was changed to PubT.H-2010 Disabled Retiree Table for disabled retirees with the following adjustments: for males, 137% of male rates at all ages; for females, 115% of female rates at all ages; and projection scale MP-2018 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.

The price inflation assumption was reduced from 3.00% to 2.75%.

The wage inflation assumption was reduced from 3.25% to 3.00%.

Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality 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 7% to 9%.

(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, 2017 valuation for the June 30, 2019 fiscal year end). The following actuarial methods and assumptions were used to determine the most recent contribution rate reported in that schedule:

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Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Amortization method	Level percentage of payroll, open
Remaining amortization period	38.4 years
Asset valuation method	5-year smoothed market
Price Inflation	3.00 percent
Salary increase	3.25 percent to 18.50 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.

2018:

The discount rate was changed from 3.56% for the prior Measurement Date to 3.89% for the current Measurement Date.

2019:

The discount rate was changed from 3.89% for the prior Measurement Date to 3.50% for the current Measurement Date.

(2) Changes in benefit provisions

2017:

None

2018:

None

2019:

None

(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, 2018 actuarial valuation) were used to determine contribution rates reported in that schedule for the year ending June 30, 2019:

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Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

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	7.25 percent
Ultimate health care cost trend rates Medicare Supplement Claims Pre-Medicare	4.75 percent
Year of ultimate trend rates Medicare Supplement Claims Pre-Medicare	2028
Long-term investment rate of return, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including price inflation	3.89 percent

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

FORREST COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Federal Grantor/ Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title/	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.	Federal Expenditures
<u>U. S. Department of Agriculture</u>			
Emergency Forest Restoration Program	N/A	10.102	\$ 15,536
Passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education:			
Child Nutrition Cluster:			
School Breakfast Program	195MS326N1099	10.553	408,485
National School Lunch Program	195MS326N1099	10.555	776,921
Summer Food Service Program for Children	195MS326N1099	10.559	769,803
Subtotal			1,955,209
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			1,955,209
State Administrative Expenses for Child Nutrition	205MS907N2533	10.560	14,128
Total passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education			1,984,873
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			1,984,873
<u>U. S. Department of Education</u>			
Passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education:			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	ES010A180024	84.010	1,701,261
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	V048A180024	84.048	53,540
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	ES367A180023	84.367	223,893
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	ES424A180025	84.424	139,130
Subtotal			2,117,824
Special Education Cluster:			
Special Education - Grants to States	H027A180108	84.027	697,602
Special Education - Preschool Grants	H173A180113	84.173	29,395
Total Special Education Cluster			726,997
Total passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education			2,844,821
Total U.S. Department of Education			2,844,821
<u>U. S. Department of Health and Human Services</u>			
Passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education:			
Medical Assistance Program	1905MS5ADM	93.778	37,190
Total passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education			37,190
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			37,190
Total for All Federal Awards			\$ 4,866,884

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

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Notes to the Supplementary Information
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

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, 2020. 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 presented on the same basis of accounting and the same significant accounting policies, as applicable, as those used for the financial statements; however, the expenditures include transfers out. 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.

(3) Indirect Cost Rate

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

(4) Other Items

Donated commodities of \$121,249 are included in the National School Lunch Program.

FORREST COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures - Governmental Funds
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Expenditures	Total	Instruction and Other Student Instructional Expenditures	General Administration	School Administration	Other
Salaries and fringe benefits \$	21,011,032	15,755,209	1,279,453	1,426,873	2,549,497
Other	8,785,977	1,477,832	446,817	35,846	6,825,482
Total \$	<u>29,797,009</u>	<u>17,233,041</u>	<u>1,726,270</u>	<u>1,462,719</u>	<u>9,374,979</u>
Total number of students *	<u>2,250</u>				
Cost per student \$	<u>13,243</u>	<u>7,659</u>	<u>767</u>	<u>650</u>	<u>4,167</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

Forrest County School DistrictStatement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
General Fund
Last Four Years**"UNAUDITED"**

	2020	2019*	2018*	2017*
Revenues:				
Local sources	\$ 9,331,078	8,223,359	8,063,353	7,777,497
State sources	11,643,408	11,561,629	10,595,342	10,818,519
Federal sources	188,794	282,282	263,817	324,054
Sixteenth section sources	181,900	209,094	258,064	353,479
Total Revenues	<u>21,345,180</u>	<u>20,276,364</u>	<u>19,180,576</u>	<u>19,273,549</u>
Expenditures:				
Instruction	11,959,741	11,874,985	11,028,874	10,784,019
Support services	8,329,974	7,632,436	7,396,112	7,696,110
Noninstructional services	62,702	81,098	74,272	77,442
Sixteenth section	54,233	41,175	59,762	149,609
Debt service:				
Interest	18,841	19,859	20,837	21,777
Other	-	-	-	9,610
Total Expenditures	<u>20,425,491</u>	<u>19,649,553</u>	<u>18,579,857</u>	<u>18,738,567</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>919,689</u>	<u>626,811</u>	<u>600,719</u>	<u>534,982</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Bonds and notes issued	500,000	-	-	650,000
Insurance recovery	81,175	2,595	1,472	-
Sale of transportation equipment	3,420	-	-	-
Sale of other property	1,845	959	-	9,803
Operating transfers in	202,487	222,805	213,272	425,217
Operating transfers out	(819,232)	(571,883)	(192,848)	(470,564)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(30,305)</u>	<u>(345,524)</u>	<u>21,896</u>	<u>614,456</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	889,384	281,287	622,615	1,149,438
Fund Balances:				
Beginning of period, as previously reported	9,532,595	9,251,308	8,628,693	7,479,255
Prior period adjustments	500,000	-	-	-
Beginning of period, as restated	<u>10,032,595</u>	<u>9,251,308</u>	<u>8,628,693</u>	<u>7,479,255</u>
End of period	<u>\$ 10,921,979</u>	<u>9,532,595</u>	<u>9,251,308</u>	<u>8,628,693</u>

*SOURCE - PRIOR YEAR AUDIT REPORTS

Forrest County School District

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

All Governmental Funds

Last Four Years

"UNAUDITED"

	2020	2019*	2018*	2017*
Revenues:				
Local sources	\$ 12,924,192	9,792,485	8,714,795	8,318,760
State sources	12,628,533	12,414,562	12,035,864	11,766,963
Federal sources	5,001,094	5,010,237	4,315,390	3,953,012
Sixteenth section sources	225,960	276,438	324,139	443,328
Total Revenues	<u>30,779,779</u>	<u>27,493,722</u>	<u>25,390,188</u>	<u>24,482,063</u>
Expenditures:				
Instruction	14,391,782	14,496,407	13,278,574	12,831,675
Support services	10,009,822	9,342,573	8,723,435	8,648,877
Noninstructional services	1,781,632	1,443,225	1,418,427	1,495,914
Sixteenth section	80,441	74,316	95,278	165,076
Facilities acquisition and construction	3,169,415	1,262,491	10,829	670,773
Debt service:				
Principal	295,000	660,000	645,000	510,000
Interest	65,443	80,236	100,574	105,995
Other	3,474	4,933	2,884	14,434
Total Expenditures	<u>29,797,009</u>	<u>27,364,181</u>	<u>24,275,001</u>	<u>24,442,744</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>982,770</u>	<u>129,541</u>	<u>1,115,187</u>	<u>39,319</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Bonds and notes issued	500,000	-	-	650,000
Insurance recovery	81,175	2,595	1,472	9,803
Payment held by QSCB escrow agent	143,915	138,995	139,905	139,808
Payment to QSCB escrow agent	(143,915)	(138,995)	(139,905)	(139,808)
Sale of transportation equipment	3,420	-	-	-
Sale of other property	2,124	3,614	-	1,010
Operating transfers in	1,107,139	880,108	491,539	981,201
Operating transfers out	(1,107,139)	(880,108)	(491,539)	(981,201)
Other financing uses	-	-	(1,940)	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>586,719</u>	<u>6,209</u>	<u>(468)</u>	<u>660,813</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,569,489	135,750	1,114,719	700,132
Fund Balances:				
Beginning of period, as previously reported	13,191,733	13,058,042	11,953,314	11,250,034
Prior period adjustment	<u>426,409</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Beginning of period, as restated	13,618,142	13,058,042	11,953,314	11,250,034
Increase (decrease) in inventory	<u>126,644</u>	<u>(2,059)</u>	<u>(9,991)</u>	<u>3,148</u>
End of period	<u>\$ 15,314,275</u>	<u>13,191,733</u>	<u>13,058,042</u>	<u>11,953,314</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
Forrest 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 Forrest County School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Forrest County School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 7, 2021.

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) as a basis for designing 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 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 Forrest 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 financial statements. 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 7, 2021

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 THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Superintendent and School Board
Forrest County School District

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Forrest 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 Forrest County School District's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2020. The Forrest 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 for each of Forrest County School District's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and 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 each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination on the school district's compliance.

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Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Forrest 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, 2020.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC
January 7, 2021

Certified Public Accountants

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
Forrest County School District

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Forrest County School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, which collectively comprise Forrest County School District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 7, 2021. 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 disclosed the following instance of

noncompliance with other state laws and regulations. Our finding and recommendation and your response are as follows:

Finding 1

Criteria:

Section 29-3-57, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) states, “It is the duty of the Superintendent of Education to collect prompt all rentals due. Upon a sixty (60) day default in payment of any rental accounting to the terms of such lease, the lease shall be declared terminated unless the Board of Education finds extenuating circumstances were presented.”

Condition:

We noted several sixteenth section leases that were not cancelled after they were past due for more than 60 days as required by state law.

Cause:

Unknown.

Effect:

Several leases that were over 60 days past due were not cancelled.

Recommendation:

Procedures should be put in place to monitor leases more effectively so that timely notices are sent to lease holders who are past due 60 days or more.

School District’s Response:

Procedures to ensure the 60 day delinquent leases are presented to the Forrest County School Board in accordance with Section 29-3-57, MS Code Ann. (1972)

1. The Forrest County School District has hired a new assistant to provide support in the prompt notice of payments due to leaseholders.
2. The 16th Section Land Manager will meet weekly with the assistant to discuss payments received and the status of all current leases.
3. The 16th Section Land Manager will send two payment due notices to each leaseholder in advance of the due date.
4. The 16th Section Land Manager will ensure that all 60 day delinquent leases are sent to the Forrest County Board of Education for cancellation.
5. The 16th Section Land Manager will meet with the Superintendent monthly to discuss and show documentation for leases paid and those that are delinquent (60 days past due).

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

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

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

FORTENBERRY & BALLARD, PC

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC
January 7, 2021

Certified Public Accountants

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Forrest County School District

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

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 program:
 - a. Material weakness(es) identified? No.
 - b. Significant deficiency(ies) identified? None reported.
5. Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major program: 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 Educational 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 Awards Findings and Questioned Costs

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