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LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Audited Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

# LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Superintendent and School Board  
Lowndes 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 Lowndes 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 Lowndes 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 our 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 opinion.

#### ***Opinion***

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 Lowndes 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.

#### ***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 4-12 and 49-54 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 Lowndes 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 May 21, 2021, on our consideration of the Lowndes 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 Lowndes 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 Lowndes County School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

McKenzie CPA, PLLC  
Madison, Mississippi  
May 21, 2021

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## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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Management's Discussion and Analysis  
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The following discussion and analysis of Lowndes 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 \$2,766,530, including a fund reclassification of \$33,462 and a prior period adjustment of (\$4,237), which represents a 10% increase from fiscal year 2019. Total net position for 2019 decreased \$8,069,144, including a prior period adjustment of (\$4,572,982), which represents a 42% decrease from fiscal year 2018.
- General revenues amounted to \$52,693,874 and \$48,587,059, or 86% and 86% 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 \$8,659,207, or 14% of total revenues for 2020, and \$8,223,693, or 14% of total revenues for 2019.
- The District had \$58,615,776 and \$60,306,914 in expenses for fiscal years 2020 and 2019; only \$8,659,207 for 2020 and \$8,223,693 for 2019 of these expenses was offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions. General revenues of \$52,693,874 for 2020 were adequate to provide for these programs. General revenues of \$48,587,059 for 2019 were not adequate to provide for these programs.
- Among major funds, the General Fund had \$49,566,547 in revenues and \$44,826,707 in expenditures for 2020, and \$47,005,756 in revenues and \$46,261,542 in expenditures in 2019. The General Fund's fund balance increased by \$3,115,514 from 2019 to 2020, including a fund reclassification of \$33,462 and a prior period adjustment of (\$2,230), and decreased by \$1,072,651 from 2018 to 2019, including a prior period adjustment of \$404,082.
- Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, decreased by \$3,465,461 for 2020 and decreased by \$3,391,048 for 2019. The decrease for 2020 was due primarily to the increase in accumulated depreciation.
- Long-term debt, excluding compensated absences and bond premiums, decreased by \$2,625,706 for 2020 and increased by \$1,793,221 for 2019. The decrease for 2020 was due primarily to principal payments on outstanding long-term debt. The liability for compensated absences increased by \$34,029 for 2020 and decreased by \$68,843 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.

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



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time, increases or decreases in the District's net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating.

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

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

### **Fund Financial Statements**

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

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

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

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

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

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**Reconciliation of Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Notes to the financial statements**

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

**Required Supplementary Information**

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

**Supplementary Information**

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

**Other Information**

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

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## 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 \$24,514,211 as of June 30, 2020.

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	\$ 18,113,145	\$ 6,501,496	178.60 %
Restricted assets	2,602,194	5,608,172	(53.60) %
Capital assets, net	97,651,751	101,117,212	(3.43) %
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>118,367,090</b>	<b>113,226,880</b>	<b>4.54 %</b>
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>	<b>9,201,833</b>	<b>5,951,809</b>	<b>54.61 %</b>
Current liabilities	4,030,749	830,343	385.43 %
Long-term debt outstanding	63,507,243	66,206,811	(4.08) %
Net OPEB liability	4,988,022	4,356,538	14.50 %
Net pension liability	78,459,672	73,346,246	6.97 %
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>150,985,686</b>	<b>144,739,938</b>	<b>4.32 %</b>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>1,097,448</b>	<b>1,719,492</b>	<b>(36.18) %</b>
<b>Net position:</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	39,039,753	40,207,323	(2.90) %
Restricted	5,433,259	3,143,508	72.84 %
Unrestricted	(68,987,223)	(70,631,572)	2.33 %
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ (24,514,211)</b>	<b>\$ (27,280,741)</b>	<b>10.14 %</b>

Additional information on unrestricted net position:

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

Total unrestricted net position (deficit)	\$ (68,987,223)
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	75,343,309
Unrestricted net position, exclusive of the net pension liability and net OPEB liability effect	<u>\$ 6,356,086</u>

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

- Decrease in net capital assets in the amount of \$3,465,461.
- The principal retirement of \$2,625,706 of long-term debt.

### Changes in net position

The District's total revenues for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019 were \$61,353,081 and \$56,810,752, respectively. The total cost of all programs and services was \$58,615,776 for 2020 and \$60,306,914 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
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 1,483,449	\$ 1,715,642	(13.53) %
Operating grants and contributions	7,175,758	6,508,051	10.26 %
General revenues:			
Property taxes	25,792,656	22,415,287	15.07 %
Grants and contributions not restricted	26,502,266	25,525,002	3.83 %
Investment earnings	84,607	131,704	(35.76) %
Sixteenth section sources	127,808	179,151	(28.66) %
Other	186,537	335,915	(44.47) %
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>61,353,081</b>	<b>56,810,752</b>	<b>8.00 %</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Instruction	29,407,549	30,681,920	(4.15) %
Support services	18,165,193	18,198,804	(0.18) %
Non-instructional	1,943,689	1,993,328	(2.49) %
Sixteenth section	67,282	63,121	6.59 %
Pension expense	6,778,101	7,030,572	(3.59) %
OPEB expense	315,544	205,293	53.70 %
Interest on long-term liabilities	1,938,418	2,133,876	(9.16) %
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>58,615,776</b>	<b>60,306,914</b>	<b>(2.80) %</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in net position</b>	<b>2,737,305</b>	<b>(3,496,162)</b>	<b>178.29 %</b>
<b>Net Position, July 1, as previously reported</b>	<b>(27,280,741)</b>	<b>(19,211,597)</b>	<b>(42.00) %</b>
<b>Fund Reclassification</b>	<b>33,462</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>N/A %</b>
<b>Prior Period Adjustment</b>	<b>(4,237)</b>	<b>(4,572,982)</b>	<b>99.91 %</b>
<b>Net Position, July 1, as restated</b>	<b>(27,251,516)</b>	<b>(23,784,579)</b>	<b>(14.58) %</b>
<b>Net Position, June 30</b>	<b>\$ (24,514,211)</b>	<b>\$ (27,280,741)</b>	<b>10.14 %</b>

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**Governmental activities**

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

**Table 3  
Net Cost of Governmental Activities**

	<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>Percentage Change</b>
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	
Instruction	\$ 29,407,549	\$ 30,681,920	(4.15) %
Support services	18,165,193	18,198,804	(0.18) %
Non-instructional	1,943,689	1,993,328	(2.49) %
Sixteenth section	67,282	63,121	6.59 %
Pension Expense	6,778,101	7,030,572	(3.59) %
OPEB Expense	315,544	205,293	53.70 %
Interest on long-term liabilities	1,938,418	2,133,876	(9.16) %
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 58,615,776</b>	<b>\$ 60,306,914</b>	<b>(2.80) %</b>

  

	<b>Net (Expense) Revenue</b>		<b>Percentage Change</b>
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	
Instruction	\$ (24,638,194)	\$ (26,189,496)	(5.92) %
Support services	(16,263,137)	(16,916,412)	(3.86) %
Non-instructional	44,107	448,193	(90.16) %
Sixteenth section	(67,282)	(55,765)	20.65 %
Pension Expense	(6,778,101)	(7,030,572)	(3.59) %
OPEB Expense	(315,544)	(205,293)	53.70 %
Interest on long-term liabilities	(1,938,418)	(2,133,876)	(9.16) %
<b>Total net (expense) revenue</b>	<b>\$ (49,956,569)</b>	<b>\$ (52,083,221)</b>	<b>(4.08) %</b>

- Net cost of governmental activities (\$49,956,569 for 2020 and \$52,083,221 for 2019) was financed by general revenue, which is primarily made up of property taxes (\$25,792,656 for 2020 and \$22,415,287 for 2019) and state and federal revenues (\$26,502,266 for 2020 and \$25,525,002 for 2019). In addition, there was \$127,808 and \$179,151 in Sixteenth Section sources for 2020 and 2019, respectively.
- Investment earnings amounted to \$84,607 for 2020 and \$131,704 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.

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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 \$17,330,142, an increase of \$5,380,971, which includes a fund reclassification of \$33,462, a prior period adjustment of (\$4,237), and an increase in inventory of \$65,244. \$10,584,734, or 61% of the fund balance is unassigned, which represents the residual classification for the General Fund's fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. The remaining fund balance of \$6,745,408, or 39% is either non-spendable, 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 \$3,115,514, which includes a fund reclassification of \$33,462 and a prior period adjustment of (\$2,230). The fund balance of Other Governmental Funds showed a decrease in the amount of \$445,859, which includes a prior period adjustment of (\$2,007) and an increase in inventory of \$65,244. The increase (decrease) in the fund balances for the other major funds were as follows:

<u>Major Fund</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
QSCB Bond Issue Fund	\$ 652,808
2015 GO Bonds \$44M Issue Fund	\$ 2,058,508

## BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

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

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

## CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

**Capital Assets.** As of June 30, 2020, the District's total capital assets were \$150,586,270, including land, school buildings, building improvements and other improvements, buses, other school vehicles, and furniture and equipment. This amount represents a gross increase of \$94,125 from 2019. Total accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2020, was \$52,934,519, and total depreciation expense for the year was \$3,634,014, resulting in total net capital assets of \$97,651,751.

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

	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Land	\$ 2,349,388	\$ 2,349,388	0.00 %
Buildings	85,982,252	88,139,868	(2.45) %
Building improvements	2,291,500	2,438,130	(6.01) %
Improvements other than buildings	4,251,812	4,551,983	(6.59) %
Mobile equipment	1,756,370	2,208,759	(20.48) %
Furniture and equipment	1,020,429	1,429,084	(28.60) %
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 97,651,751</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 101,117,212</u></b>	<b><u>(3.43) %</u></b>

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 \$62,160,245 in outstanding long-term debt, of which \$2,819,246 is due within one year. During the fiscal year, the District made principal payments totaling \$2,625,706 on outstanding long-term debt. The liability for compensated absences increased \$34,029 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 bonds payable	\$ 40,260,000	\$ 41,360,000	(2.66) %
Certificates of participation payable	5,185,000	5,780,000	(10.29) %
Three mill notes payable	8,820,000	9,315,000	(5.31) %
Obligations under capital leases	-	173,478	(100.00) %
Obligations under energy efficiency leases	4,292,407	4,554,635	(5.76) %
Qualified school construction bonds payable	3,000,000	3,000,000	0.00 %
Compensated absences payable	602,838	568,809	5.98 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 62,160,245</b>	<b>\$ 64,751,922</b>	<b>(4.00) %</b>
Bond premiums	1,346,998	1,454,889	(7.42) %
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 63,507,243</b>	<b>\$ 66,206,811</b>	<b>(4.08) %</b>

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

## CURRENT ISSUES

The Lowndes 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 Lowndes County School District, 1053 Hwy 45 South, Columbus, MS 39701.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



**LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2020**

**Exhibit A**

	Governmental Activities
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,856,536
Cash with fiscal agents	10,665
Due from other governments	1,114,059
Inventories	131,885
Restricted assets	2,602,194
Capital assets, non-depreciable:	
Land	2,349,388
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:	
Buildings	85,982,252
Building improvements	2,291,500
Improvements other than buildings	4,251,812
Mobile equipment	1,756,370
Furniture and equipment	1,020,429
Total Assets	<u>118,367,090</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	
Deferred outflows - pensions	8,397,988
Deferred outflows - OPEB	803,845
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>9,201,833</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,385,197
Interest payable on long-term liabilities	645,552
Long-term liabilities, due within one year:	
Capital related liabilities	2,520,000
Non-capital related liabilities	299,246
Net OPEB liability	186,806
Long-term liabilities, due beyond one year:	
Capital related liabilities	54,745,000
Capital related bond premiums	1,346,998
Non-capital related liabilities	4,595,999
Net pension liability	78,459,672
Net OPEB liability	4,801,216
Total Liabilities	<u>150,985,686</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	
Deferred inflows - pensions	730,054
Deferred inflows - OPEB	367,394
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>1,097,448</u>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	39,039,753
Restricted for:	
Expendable:	
School-based activities	650,952
Debt service	4,136,410
Forestry improvements	36,251
Unemployment benefits	118,027
Non-expendable:	
Sixteenth section	491,619
Unrestricted	(68,987,223)
Total Net Position (deficit)	<u>\$ (24,514,211)</u>

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

**LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

**Exhibit B**

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities:					
Instruction	\$ 29,407,549	\$ 995,459	\$ 3,773,896	\$ -	\$ (24,638,194)
Support services	18,165,193	101,458	1,800,598	-	(16,263,137)
Non-instructional	1,943,689	386,532	1,601,264	-	44,107
Sixteenth section	67,282	-	-	-	(67,282)
Pension expense	6,778,101	-	-	-	(6,778,101)
OPEB expense	315,544	-	-	-	(315,544)
Interest on long-term liabilities	1,938,418	-	-	-	(1,938,418)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 58,615,776</u>	<u>\$ 1,483,449</u>	<u>\$ 7,175,758</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (49,956,569)</u>
General Revenues:					
Taxes:					
General purpose levies					20,310,295
Debt purpose levies					5,482,361
Unrestricted grants and contributions:					
State					25,684,057
Federal					818,209
Unrestricted investment earnings					84,607
Sixteenth section sources					127,808
Other					186,537
Total General Revenues					<u>52,693,874</u>
Change in Net Position					<u>2,737,305</u>
Net Position (deficit) - Beginning, as previously reported					(27,280,741)
Fund reclassification					33,462
Prior Period Adjustments					<u>(4,237)</u>
Net Position (deficit) - Beginning, as restated					<u>(27,251,516)</u>
Net Position (deficit) - Ending					<u>\$ (24,514,211)</u>

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

**LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Governmental Funds**

**Balance Sheet**  
**June 30, 2020**

**Exhibit C**

	Major Funds				
	General	QSCB	2015 GO Bonds	Other	Total
	Fund	Bond Issue	\$44M Issue	Governmental	Governmental
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Funds	Funds
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 11,199,800	\$ 600,429	\$ 3,834,359	\$ 1,713,567	\$ 17,348,155
Cash with fiscal agents	10,665	222	-	-	10,887
Investments	-	2,110,353	-	-	2,110,353
Due from other governments	563,403	12,450	89,924	448,282	1,114,059
Due from other funds	2,930,649	-	-	304,288	3,234,937
Inventories	-	-	-	131,885	131,885
Total assets	<u>\$ 14,704,517</u>	<u>\$ 2,723,454</u>	<u>\$ 3,924,283</u>	<u>\$ 2,598,022</u>	<u>\$ 23,950,276</u>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>					
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 3,328,413	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,784	\$ 3,385,197
Due to other funds	124,773	-	1,865,775	1,244,389	3,234,937
Total Liabilities	<u>3,453,186</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,865,775</u>	<u>1,301,173</u>	<u>6,620,134</u>
<b>Fund Balances:</b>					
<b>Nonspendable:</b>					
Inventory	-	-	-	131,885	131,885
Permanent fund principal	-	-	-	491,619	491,619
<b>Restricted:</b>					
Debt service	-	2,723,454	2,058,508	-	4,781,962
Forestry improvement purposes	-	-	-	36,251	36,251
Grant activities	-	-	-	519,067	519,067
Unemployment benefits	-	-	-	118,027	118,027
<b>Assigned:</b>					
School activities	666,597	-	-	-	666,597
<b>Unassigned</b>	10,584,734	-	-	-	10,584,734
Total Fund Balances	<u>11,251,331</u>	<u>2,723,454</u>	<u>2,058,508</u>	<u>1,296,849</u>	<u>17,330,142</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 14,704,517</u>	<u>\$ 2,723,454</u>	<u>\$ 3,924,283</u>	<u>\$ 2,598,022</u>	<u>\$ 23,950,276</u>

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

**LOWNDES 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** **\$ 17,330,142**

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	\$ 2,349,388	
	Buildings	124,084,793	
	Building improvements	3,665,761	
	Improvements other than buildings	7,633,932	
	Mobile equipment	8,022,821	
	Furniture and equipment	4,829,575	
	Accumulated depreciation	<u>(52,934,519)</u>	97,651,751
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	(78,459,672)	
	Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:		
	Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	8,397,988	
	Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	<u>(730,054)</u>	(70,791,738)
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	(4,988,022)	
	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	803,845	
	Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	<u>(367,394)</u>	(4,551,571)
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 bonds	(40,260,000)	
	Other bonds payable	(3,000,000)	
	Notes payable	(8,820,000)	
	Certificates of participation	(5,185,000)	
	Energy efficiency lease obligations	(4,292,407)	
	Compensated absences	(602,838)	
	Unamortized premiums	(1,346,998)	
	Accrued interest payable	<u>(645,552)</u>	(64,152,795)
<b>Net Position of governmental activities</b>			<u><u>\$ (24,514,211)</u></u>

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

**LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Governmental Funds**

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

**Exhibit D**

	Major Funds				
	General	QSCB	2015 GO Bonds	Other	Total
	Fund	Bond Issue	\$44M Issue	Governmental	Governmental
		Fund	Fund	Funds	Funds
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Local sources	\$ 21,482,384	\$ 685,308	\$ 4,578,259	\$ 678,719	\$ 27,424,670
State sources	27,138,351	-	-	1,087,032	28,225,383
Federal sources	816,722	-	-	4,655,102	5,471,824
Sixteenth section sources	129,090	-	-	656	129,746
Total Revenues	49,566,547	685,308	4,578,259	6,421,509	61,251,623
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Instruction	26,202,266	-	-	4,198,659	30,400,925
Support services	17,230,034	-	-	1,417,832	18,647,866
Noninstructional services	-	-	-	2,249,999	2,249,999
Sixteenth section	67,282	-	-	-	67,282
Debt service:					
Principal	1,030,706	-	1,100,000	495,000	2,625,706
Interest	293,669	28,800	1,415,625	318,433	2,056,527
Other	2,750	3,700	4,126	3,500	14,076
Total Expenditures	44,826,707	32,500	2,519,751	8,683,423	56,062,381
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	4,739,840	652,808	2,058,508	(2,261,914)	5,189,242
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>					
Insurance recovery	101,458	-	-	-	101,458
Payments held by escrow agent	-	213,801	-	-	213,801
Payment to QSCB debt escrow agent	-	(213,801)	-	-	(213,801)
Operating transfers in	25,815	-	-	1,962,913	1,988,728
Operating transfers out	(1,778,633)	-	-	(210,095)	(1,988,728)
Other financing uses	(4,198)	-	-	-	(4,198)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(1,655,558)	-	-	1,752,818	97,260
Net Change in Fund Balances	3,084,282	652,808	2,058,508	(509,096)	5,286,502
<b>Fund Balances:</b>					
July 1, 2019, as previously reported	8,135,817	2,070,646	-	1,742,708	11,949,171
Fund reclassification	33,462	-	-	-	33,462
Prior period adjustments	(2,230)	-	-	(2,007)	(4,237)
July 1, 2019, as restated	8,167,049	2,070,646	-	1,740,701	11,978,396
Increase (Decrease) in inventory	-	-	-	65,244	65,244
June 30, 2020	\$ 11,251,331	\$ 2,723,454	\$ 2,058,508	\$ 1,296,849	\$ 17,330,142

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

**LOWNDES 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** **\$ 5,286,502**

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	\$ 169,305	
Depreciation expense	<u>(3,634,014)</u>	(3,464,709)
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.		
		(752)
3. The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on Net Position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts and the difference between the carrying value of refunded debt and the acquisition cost of refunded debt when debt is first issued. These amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities:		
Payments of debt principal	2,625,706	
Accrued interest payable	<u>24,294</u>	2,650,000
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	(6,778,101)	
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>5,044,230</u>	(1,733,871)
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	(315,544)	
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>176,573</u>	(138,971)
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	(34,029)	
Change in inventory	65,244	
Amortization of deferred charges, premiums and discounts	<u>107,891</u>	139,106
<b>Change in Net Position of governmental activities</b>		<u><u>\$ 2,737,305</u></u>

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

**LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Fiduciary Funds**

**Statement of Fiduciary Net Position**  
**June 30, 2020**

**Exhibit E**

	Private-Purpose Trust Funds
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,257
Total Assets	<u>10,257</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Reserved for endowments	<u>10,257</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$ 10,257</u></u>

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

**LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Fiduciary Funds**  
**Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

**Exhibit F**

	Private-Purpose Trust Funds
<b>Additions</b>	
Interest on investments	\$ 30
Contributions and donations from private sources	-
Total Additions	<u>30</u>
<b>Deductions</b>	
Scholarships awarded	<u>-</u>
Total Deductions	<u>-</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>30</u>
<b>Net Position</b>	
July 1, 2019	<u>10,227</u>
June 30, 2020	<u><u>\$ 10,257</u></u>

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



LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

**Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

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

**A. Financial Reporting Entity**

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

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

Blended component unit

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

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

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

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

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

1. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and reduced by outstanding balances of bonds, notes and other debt attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.
2. Restricted net position results when constraints placed on net position use are either

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externally imposed or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

3. Unrestricted net position consists of net position not meeting the definition of the two preceding categories. Unrestricted net position often has constraints on resources imposed by management which can be removed or modified.

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

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

The school district reports the following major governmental funds:

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

QSCB Bond Issue Fund - This is a debt service fund that accounts for the retirement of the qualified construction bond issue.

2015 GO Bonds \$44M Issue Fund - This is a debt service fund that accounts for the debt retirement of the 2015 general obligation bond issue.

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

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

Endowment Funds~ These funds are used to fund scholarships for award winners

Additionally, the school district reports the following fund types:

#### GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

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

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

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

Permanent Funds - Permanent Funds are used to account for and report resources that are restricted to the extent that only earnings, and not the principal, may be used for purposes that

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support the district's programs.

#### FIDUCIARY FUNDS

Private-purpose Trust Funds - Private-purpose trust funds are used to report all trust arrangements, other than those properly reported elsewhere, in which the principal and income benefit individuals, private organizations or other governments.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Revenues from the Mississippi Adequate Education Program are appropriated on a fiscal year

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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

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.

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4. Inventories and Prepaid Items

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

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

5. Restricted Assets

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

6. Capital Assets

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

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

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

The following schedule details the capitalization thresholds:

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

See Note 5 for details.

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7. Deferred outflows/inflows of resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The school district has incurred deferred outflows which are presented as deferred outflows related to pensions and deferred outflows related to OPEB. See Note 17 for further details.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The school district has incurred deferred inflows which are presented as deferred inflows related to pensions and deferred inflows related to OPEB. See Note 17 for further details.

8. Compensated Absences

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

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

9. Long-term Liabilities and Bond Discounts/Premiums

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

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

10. Pensions

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

11. 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

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fiduciary net position of the State and School Employees' Life and Health Plan (OPEB Plan) and additions to/deductions from the OPEB Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the OPEB Plan. For this purpose, 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 non-spendable, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned. Following are descriptions of fund classifications used by the district:

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

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

*Committed fund balance* includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by a formal action of the School Board, the District's highest level of decision-making authority. This formal action is a resolution approved by the School 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 the Business Manager pursuant to authorization established by the District's approved fund balance policy.

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

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

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 10% of general revenues. If the unassigned fund balance at fiscal year end falls below the goal, the District shall develop a restoration plan to achieve and maintain the minimum fund balance.

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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 this Statement was to provide temporary relief to governments in light of the 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.

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

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

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

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

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The carrying amount of the school district's deposits with financial institutions reported in the governmental funds and fiduciary funds was \$17,348,155 and \$10,257, respectively. The carrying amount of deposits reported in the government-wide financial statements included cash and cash equivalents of \$16,856,536 and a portion of restricted assets in the amount of \$491,619 (see Note 4).

**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 \$18,708,886 was exposed to custodial credit risk.



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Cash with Fiscal Agents

The carrying amount of school district's cash with fiscal agents held by financial institutions was \$10,887.

Investments

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

Investment Type	Rating	Maturities (in years)	Fair Value
QSCB Construction Bonds Common	N/A	Less than 1	\$ 2,110,353
Total			<u>\$ 2,110,353</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 prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

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

- QSCB Construction Bonds Common of \$2,110,353 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. As of June 30, 2020, the district did not have any investments to which this would apply.

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

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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**

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General Fund	2015 GO Bonds \$44M Issue Fund	\$ 1,865,775
	Other governmental funds	1,064,874
Other governmental funds	General Fund	124,773
	Other governmental funds	179,515
Total		<u>\$ 3,234,937</u>

The primary purpose of the inter-fund loans was to eliminate deficit cash balances in certain federal program funds as part of normal year end closing adjustments.

**B. Inter-fund Transfers**

Transfers Out	Transfers In	Amount
General Fund	Other governmental funds	\$ 1,778,633
Other governmental funds	General Fund	25,815
Other governmental funds	Other governmental funds	184,280
Total		<u>\$ 1,988,728</u>

Operating transfers were primarily for vocational education expenditure transfers and other routine operating transfers.

**Note 4 – Restricted Assets**

The restricted assets represent the cash balance totaling \$491,619 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 the cash with fiscal agent and investment balance, totaling \$222 and \$2,110,353, respectively, of the QSCB Debt 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	Increases	Decreases	Balance 6/30/2020
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>				
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets:</u>				
Land	\$ 2,349,388	\$	\$	2,349,388
Total non-depreciable capital assets	2,349,388	-	-	2,349,388
<u>Depreciable capital assets:</u>				
Buildings	124,084,793			124,084,793
Building improvements	3,665,761			3,665,761
Improvements other than buildings	7,633,932			7,633,932
Mobile equipment	8,009,280	13,541		8,022,821
Furniture and equipment	4,748,991	155,764	75,180	4,829,575
Total depreciable capital assets	148,142,757	169,305	75,180	148,236,882
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>				
Buildings	35,944,925	2,157,616		38,102,541
Building improvements	1,227,631	146,630		1,374,261
Improvements other than buildings	3,081,949	300,171		3,382,120
Mobile equipment	5,800,521	465,930		6,266,451
Furniture and equipment	3,319,907	563,667	74,428	3,809,146
Total accumulated depreciation	49,374,933	3,634,014	74,428	52,934,519
Total depreciable capital assets, net	98,767,824	(3,464,709)	752	95,302,363
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 101,117,212	\$ (3,464,709)	\$ 752	\$ 97,651,751

Depreciation expense was charged to the following governmental functions:

	Amount
<b>Governmental activities:</b>	
Instruction	\$ 2,639,309
Support services	888,310
Non-instructional	106,395
Total depreciation expense - Governmental activities	\$ 3,634,014

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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 bonds payable	\$ 41,360,000	\$	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 40,260,000	\$ 1,400,000
B. Certificates of participation payable	5,780,000		595,000	5,185,000	620,000
C. Three mill notes payable	9,315,000		495,000	8,820,000	500,000
D. Obligations under capital leases	173,478		173,478	-	
E. Obligations under energy efficiency leases	4,554,635		262,228	4,292,407	269,104
F. Qualified school construction bonds payable	3,000,000			3,000,000	
G. Compensated absences payable	568,809	34,029		602,838	30,142
Total	\$ 64,751,922	\$ 34,029	\$ 2,625,706	\$ 62,160,245	\$ 2,819,246

  

	7/1/2019	Additions	Reductions	6/30/2020
Premiums	\$ 1,454,889	\$	\$ 107,891	\$ 1,346,998

**A. General obligation bonds payable**

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

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
1. General Obligation Bond - Series 2015	3.0 - 4.0%	9/1/2015	9/1/2032	\$ 44,000,000	\$ 40,260,000
Total				\$ 44,000,000	\$ 40,260,000

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

1. General obligation bond issue of Series 2015:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,371,125	\$ 2,771,125
2022	2,600,000	1,304,125	3,904,125
2023	2,700,000	1,224,625	3,924,625
2024	2,850,000	1,127,125	3,977,125
2025	2,950,000	1,011,125	3,961,125
2026 – 2030	16,600,000	3,216,125	19,816,125
2031 – 2035	11,160,000	546,313	11,706,313
Total	\$ 40,260,000	\$ 9,800,563	\$ 50,060,563

This debt will be retired from the 2015 Bond Debt Service Fund.

The amount of bonded indebtedness that can be incurred by the school district is limited by Sections 37-59-5 and 37-59-7, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Total outstanding bonded indebtedness during a year can be no greater than 15% of the assessed value of the taxable property within such district, according to the

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then last completed assessment for taxation, unless certain conditions, as set forth in Section 37-59-7, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) have been met. As of June 30, 2020, the amount of outstanding bonded indebtedness was equal to 8.4% of property assessments as of October 1, 2019.

**B. Certificates of participation payable**

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

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
1. Trust Certificates	2.65-4.0%	10/24/2014	10/1/2027	\$ 7,995,000	\$ 5,185,000
Total				<u>\$ 7,995,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,185,000</u>

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

1. Certificates of participation issue of 2014:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	\$ 620,000	\$ 131,542	\$ 751,542
2022	645,000	112,192	757,192
2023	665,000	92,242	757,242
2024	685,000	71,692	756,692
2025	705,000	53,010	758,010
2026 – 2028	1,865,000	44,560	1,909,560
Total	<u>\$ 5,185,000</u>	<u>\$ 505,238</u>	<u>\$ 5,690,238</u>

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

**C. Three mill notes payable**

Debt currently outstanding is as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Limited tax notes, Series 2013	2.0%-4.0%	12/30/2013	10/1/2031	\$ 9,870,000	\$ 7,665,000
Limited tax notes, Series 2014	2.0%-3.63%	4/15/2014	10/1/2031	1,630,000	1,155,000
Total				<u>\$ 11,500,000</u>	<u>\$ 8,820,000</u>

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

1. Limited tax note issue of 2013:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	\$ 400,000	\$ 271,570	\$ 671,570
2022	415,000	259,345	674,345
2023	425,000	246,745	671,745
2024	440,000	233,770	673,770
2025	450,000	219,970	669,970
2026 – 2030	3,800,000	729,670	4,529,670
2031 – 2032	1,735,000	70,100	1,805,100
Total	<u>\$ 7,665,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,031,170</u>	<u>\$ 9,696,170</u>

This debt will be retired from the Series notes 3 mill Fund (Debt Service Fund).

2. Limited tax note issue of 2014:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	\$ 100,000	\$ 34,912	\$ 134,912
2022	100,000	32,412	132,412
2023	105,000	29,337	134,337
2024	105,000	26,187	131,187
2025	110,000	24,612	134,612
2026 – 2030	435,000	73,504	508,504
2031 – 2032	200,000	7,250	207,250
Total	<u>\$ 1,155,000</u>	<u>\$ 228,214</u>	<u>\$ 1,383,214</u>

This debt will be retired from the Series notes 3 mill Fund (Debt Service Fund).

Total certificates of participation payments for all issues:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	\$ 500,000	\$ 306,482	\$ 806,482
2022	515,000	291,757	806,757
2023	530,000	276,082	806,082
2024	545,000	259,957	804,957
2025	560,000	244,582	804,582
2026 – 2030	4,235,000	803,174	5,038,174
2031 – 2032	1,935,000	77,350	2,012,350
Total	<u>\$ 8,820,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,259,384</u>	<u>\$ 11,079,384</u>

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**D. Obligations under capital leases**

The school district has entered into a lease agreement as lessee for financing the acquisition of various Apple MacBook Air, Apple Care, and Third Party Equipment at a cost of \$4,749,102 with a down payment of \$0. This lease qualifies as a capital lease for accounting purposes.

The option available to the lessee for this lease is to purchase the equipment or replace the product at the end of the lease term.

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
1. Capital Lease	1.21%	5/26/2017	7/17/2019	\$ 520,080	\$ -
Total				<u>\$ 520,080</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

This debt was paid off during the FY 20 fiscal year.

**E. Obligations under energy efficiency leases**

Debt currently outstanding is as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
1. Energy efficiency lease	2.605%	8/17/2017	8/17/2033	\$ 4,749,102	\$ 4,292,407
Total				<u>\$ 4,749,102</u>	<u>\$ 4,292,407</u>

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

1. Obligation under energy efficiency lease:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	\$ 269,104	\$ 110,075	\$ 379,179
2022	276,159	103,019	379,178
2023	283,401	95,780	379,181
2024	290,832	88,348	379,180
2025	298,457	84,561	383,018
2026 – 2030	1,613,852	282,048	1,895,900
2031 – 2034	1,260,602	66,525	1,327,127
Total	<u>\$ 4,292,407</u>	<u>\$ 830,356</u>	<u>\$ 5,122,763</u>

This debt will be retired from the District Maintenance Fund.

An energy efficiency lease agreement dated August 17, 2017, was executed by and between the district, the lessee, and Bank of America, the lessor.

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The agreement authorized the borrowing of \$4,749,102 for the purchase of energy efficiency equipment, machinery, supplies, building modifications and other energy saving items. Payments of the lease shall be made from the district maintenance fund and not exceed fifteen years.

The district entered into this energy efficiency lease agreement under the authority of Section 31-7-14, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

Upon written notice to the lessor, the lessee has the option of repaying the total amount due as set forth by the agreement.

**F. Qualified school construction bonds payable**

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

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Qualified school construction bonds	0.96%	12/17/2009	9/15/2024	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000
Total				<u>\$ 3,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,000,000</u>

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

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	\$	\$ 28,200	\$ 28,200
2022		28,200	28,200
2023		28,200	28,200
2024		28,200	28,200
2025	3,000,000	28,200	3,028,200
Total	<u>\$ 3,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 141,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,141,000</u>

The debt will be retired from the QSCB Debt Retirement Fund (Debt Service Fund).

The district will make annual payments to a sinking fund maintained by the paying agent. See Note 15.

**G. Compensated absences payable**

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



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**Note 7 – Other Commitments**

Operating leases:

The school district has entered into operating leases for copying and reproduction equipment for 48 months at a base annual price and additional charges for cost per image.

The base annual price with the cost per image price for the year ended June 30, 2020, amounted to \$132,935.

Future lease payments for these leases are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Amount
2021	\$ 129,175
2022	107,646
Total	<u>\$ 236,821</u>

**Note 8 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan**

**General Information about the Pension Plan**

*Plan Description.* The school district contributes to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. PERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Plan provisions and the Board of Trustees' authority to determine contribution rates are established by Miss. Code Ann. Section 25-11-1 et seq., (1972, as amended) and may be amended only by the Mississippi Legislature. PERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report is available at [www.pers.ms.gov](http://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 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

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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 amended only by the Mississippi Legislature. The school district's contributions to PERS for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, 2019 and 2018 were \$5,044,230, \$4,568,438 and \$4,435,211, 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 \$78,459,672 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 0.445997 percent, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2019. This was an increase of 0.005028 percent 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 \$6,778,101. At June 30, 2020 the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 156,650	\$ 710,320
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	1,816,079	
Changes of assumptions	778,497	
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	602,532	19,734
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	5,044,230	
Total	\$ <u>8,397,988</u>	\$ <u>730,054</u>

\$5,044,230 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 Ending June 30:	
2021	\$ 812,908
2022	672,076
2023	661,546
2024	477,174

**Actuarial assumptions.** The total pension liability as of 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

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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.

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	27.00 %	4.90 %
International Equity	22.00	4.75
Global Equity	12.00	5.00
Fixed Income	20.00	1.50
Real Estate	10.00	4.00
Private Equity	8.00	6.25
Cash	1.00	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%, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.75%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.75%) than the current rate:

	<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	\$ 103,137,957	\$ 78,459,672	\$ 58,089,963

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

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

**General Information about the OPEB Plan.**

*Plan description.* State law mandates that all state, public education, library, junior and community college and retiring employees be offered health and life benefit coverage through the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan (the Plan). The Plan was established by Section 25-15-3 et seq., Mississippi Code Ann. (1972), which may be amended only by the State Legislature. The State and School Employees' Health Insurance Management Board (the Board) administers the Plan. The Board has the sole legal authority to promulgate rules and regulations governing the operations of the Plan within the confines of the law governing the Plan. The Plan is self-insured and is financed through premiums collected from employers, employees, retirees and COBRA participants. The Plan provides for Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) as a multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan. 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.

*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 \$176,573 for the year ended June 30, 2020.

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**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 \$4,988,022 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 0.58783512 percent. This was an increase of 0.02464751 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 \$315,544. At June 30, 2020, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 7,542	\$ 71,398
Changes of assumptions	371,870	258,653
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	94	
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	247,766	37,343
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	176,573	
Total	\$ <u>803,845</u>	\$ <u>367,394</u>

\$176,573 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 recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30:

2021	\$ 31,021
2022	31,021
2023	31,021
2024	46,408
2025	85,412
Thereafter	34,995

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*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	
Measurement Date	2019
Prior Measurement Date	2018
Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation	
Measurement Date	3.50%
Prior Measurement Date	3.89%
Health Care Cost Trends	
Medicare Supplement Claims	7.00 percent for 2019 decreasing to an
Pre-Medicare	ultimate rate of 4.75% by 2028

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 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:

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	1% Decrease (2.50%)	Current Discount Rate (3.50%)	1% Increase (4.50%)
Net OPEB liability	\$ 5,540,822	\$ 4,988,022	\$ 4,515,050

*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	\$ 4,622,171	\$ 4,988,022	\$ 5,402,469

*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/>.

#### **Note 10 – Sixteenth Section Lands**

Sixteenth section school lands, or lands granted in lieu thereof, constitute property held in trust for the benefit of the public schools. The school board, under the general supervision of the Office of the Secretary of State, has control and jurisdiction of said school trust lands and of all funds arising from any disposition thereof. It is the duty of the school board to manage the school trust lands 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	\$ 130,922
2022	129,622
2023	128,806
2024	123,691
2025	122,234
2026 – 2030	586,982
2031 – 2035	563,516
2036 – 2040	470,898
2041 – 2045	333,566
2046 – 2050	256,549
Thereafter	70,491
Total	<u>\$ 2,917,277</u>

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### Note 11 – Contingencies

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

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

### Note 12 – Prior Period Adjustments

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

#### Exhibit B - Statement of Activities

Explanation	Amount
1. Increase or decrease in a prior period revenue or expenditure.	\$ (4,237)
Total	<u>\$ (4,237)</u>

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

Fund	Explanation	Amount
General Fund	Increase or decrease in a prior period revenue or expenditure.	\$ (2,230)
Other governmental funds	Increase or decrease in a prior period revenue or expenditure.	<u>(2,007)</u>
Total		<u>\$ (4,237)</u>

### Note 13 – Risk Management

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

### Note 14 – Trust Certificates

A trust agreement dated October 24, 2014, was executed by and between the school district and The Peoples Bank, as trustees.

The trust agreement authorized the issuance of trust certificates in the principal amount of \$7,995,000. Approximately \$7,832,000 was used to provide financing for the construction and renovation of school buildings and related facilities and equipment (the "project"); the remainder of approximately \$163,000 was



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used to pay the cost of issuance.

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

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

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

#### **Note 15 – Qualified School Construction Bonds**

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

When the stated interest rate on the QSCB results in interest payments that exceed the supplemental interest payments discussed in the preceding paragraph, the school district may apply for a direct cash subsidy payment from the U.S. Treasury which is intended to reduce the stated interest rate to a nominal percentage. These subsidy payments do not include the amount of any supplemental interest paid on a QSCB.

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 \$2,110,575. 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.

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Year Ending June 30	Amount
2021	\$ 214,000
2022	214,000
2023	214,000
2024	214,000
2025	214,000
Total	<u>\$ 1,070,000</u>

**Note 16 - Insurance loss recoveries**

The Lowndes County School District received \$101,458 in insurance loss recoveries during the fiscal year related to damages to property. In the government-wide Statement of Activities, the insurance loss recoveries were reported as charges for services and were allocated to the support services expense function.

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

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$68,987,223) 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 pensions in the amount of \$5,044,230 resulting from the school district contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2021. The \$3,353,758 balance of deferred outflow of resources related to pensions 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 (\$68,987,223) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue resulting from a deferred inflow from pensions. The \$730,054 balance of deferred inflow of resources related to pensions at June 30, 2020, will be recognized as revenue and will increase the unrestricted net position over the next 3 years.

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$68,987,223) 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 \$176,573 resulting from the school district contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2021. The \$627,272 balance of deferred outflow of resources related to OPEB 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 (\$68,987,223) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue resulting from a deferred inflow from OPEB. The \$367,394 balance of deferred inflow of resources related to OPEB at June 30, 2020, will be recognized as revenue and will increase the unrestricted net position over the next 6 years.

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**Note 18 - Subsequent Events**

Events that occur after the Statement of Net Position date but before the financial statements are available to be issued must be evaluated for recognition or disclosure. The effects of subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that existed at the Statement of Net Position date are recognized in the accompanying financial statements. Subsequent events which provide evidence about conditions that existed after the Statement of Net Position date require disclosure in the accompanying notes. Management of the Lowndes County School District evaluated the activity of the district through May 21, 2021, (the date the financial statements were available to be issued), and determined that there were no subsequent events that have occurred requiring disclosure in the notes to the financial statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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**Required Supplementary Information**

**Budgetary Comparison Schedule**  
**General Fund**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (GAAP Basis)	Variances	
				Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Local sources	\$ 21,657,157	\$ 21,482,384	\$ 21,482,384	\$ (174,773)	\$ -
State sources	26,857,621	27,138,351	27,138,351	280,730	-
Federal sources	717,100	816,722	816,722	99,622	-
Sixteenth section sources	198,560	129,090	129,090	(69,470)	-
Total Revenues	49,430,438	49,566,547	49,566,547	136,109	-
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Instruction	27,601,212	26,202,266	26,202,266	1,398,946	-
Support services	18,257,352	17,230,034	17,230,034	1,027,318	-
Sixteenth section	79,319	67,282	67,282	12,037	-
Debt service:					
Principal	1,030,706	1,030,706	1,030,706	-	-
Interest	275,396	293,669	293,669	(18,273)	-
Other	3,000	2,750	2,750	250	-
Total Expenditures	47,246,985	44,826,707	44,826,707	2,420,278	-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	2,183,453	4,739,840	4,739,840	2,556,387	-
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>					
Insurance recovery	-	101,458	101,458	101,458	-
Operating transfers in	4,968,574	5,821,000	25,815	852,426	(5,795,185)
Operating transfers out	(7,815,640)	(7,574,517)	(1,778,633)	241,123	5,795,884
Other financing uses	-	(4,198)	(4,198)	(4,198)	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(2,847,066)	(1,656,257)	(1,655,558)	1,190,809	699
Net Change in Fund Balances	(663,613)	3,083,583	3,084,282	3,747,196	699
<b>Fund Balances:</b>					
July 1, 2019, as previously reported	5,776,000	8,133,586	8,135,817	2,357,586	2,231
Fund reclassification	-	-	33,462	-	33,462
Prior period adjustments	-	-	(2,230)	-	(2,230)
July 1, 2019, as restated	5,776,000	8,133,586	8,167,049	2,357,586	33,463
June 30, 2020	\$ 5,112,387	\$ 11,217,169	\$ 11,251,331	\$ 6,104,782	\$ 34,162

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

**Lowndes County School District**  
**Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability**

**PERS**

**Last 10 Fiscal Years\***

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.445997%	0.440969%	0.402518%	0.437754%	0.428420%	0.467020%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 78,459,672	\$ 73,346,246	\$ 66,912,153	\$ 78,193,795	\$ 66,225,284	\$ 49,366,176
District's covered payroll	\$ 29,005,956	\$ 28,160,070	\$ 25,821,771	\$ 28,004,190	\$ 26,765,206	\$ 24,862,933
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	270.4950%	260.4619%	259.1308%	279.2218%	247.4305%	198.5533%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	61.588%	62.535%	61.490%	57.468%	61.704%	67.208%

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.

**Lowndes County School District  
Required Supplementary Information**

**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	\$ 5,044,230	\$ 4,568,438	\$ 4,435,211	\$ 4,066,929	\$ 4,410,660	\$ 4,215,520
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	5,044,230	4,568,438	4,435,211	4,066,929	4,410,660	4,215,520
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 28,989,828	\$ 29,005,956	\$ 28,160,070	\$ 25,821,771	\$ 28,004,190	\$ 26,765,206
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	17.40%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%

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**Lowndes County School District**  
**Required Supplementary Information**  
**SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY**  
**OPEB**  
**Last 10 Fiscal Years\***

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.58783512%	0.56318761%	0.54982312%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 4,988,022	\$ 4,356,538	\$ 4,313,962
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 29,005,956	\$ 28,160,070	\$ 25,821,771
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	17.20%	15.47%	16.71%
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.

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.



**Lowndes County School District  
Required Supplementary Information**

**SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS**

**OPEB**

**Last 10 Fiscal Years**

	<u><b>2020</b></u>	<u><b>2019</b></u>	<u><b>2018</b></u>
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 176,573	\$ 199,935	\$ 183,911
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	176,573	199,935	183,911
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 28,989,828	\$ 29,005,956	\$ 2,816,070
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	0.61%	0.69%	0.65%

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

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, GASB Statement No.75 was implemented in FYE 6/30/2018, 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).

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

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.

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:

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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 ages 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:

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.

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

(2) *Changes in benefit provisions*

2017: None

2018: None

2019: None

(3) *Methods and assumptions used in calculations of Actuarially Determined Contributions.* The Actuarially Determined Contributions rates, as a percentage of payroll, used to determine the Actuarially Determined Contribution amounts in the Schedule of Employer Contributions are calculated as of the most recent Valuation Date. The following actuarial methods and assumptions (from the June 30, 2018 actuarial valuation) were used to determine contribution rates reported in that schedule for the year ending June 30, 2019:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Amortization method	Level dollar
Amortization period	30 years, open
Asset valuation method	Market Value of Assets
Price inflation	3%
Salary increases, including wage inflation	3.25% to 18.50%
Initial health care cost trend rates	
Medicare Supplement Claims	7.25%
Pre-Medicare	
Ultimate health care cost trend rates	
Medicare Supplement Claims	4.75%
Pre-Medicare	
Year of ultimate trend rates	
Medicare Supplement Claims	2028
Pre-Medicare	
Long-term investment rate of return, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including price inflation	3.89%

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Supplementary Information**

**Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
<b><u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u></b>			
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:			
Child nutrition cluster:			
School breakfast program	10.553	205MS326N1099	\$ 383,816
National school lunch program	10.555	205MS326N1099	1,419,627
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	205MS326N1099	48,907
Total child nutrition cluster			1,852,350
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education			1,852,350
<b>Total U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>			<b>1,852,350</b>
<b><u>U.S. Department of Defense</u></b>			
Direct Program:			
Reserve Officers' Training Corps	12.XXX	N/A	50,749
<b>Total U.S. Department of Defense</b>			<b>50,749</b>
<b><u>U.S. Department of Education</u></b>			
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:			
Title I grants to local educational agencies	84.010	ES010A190024	1,578,547
Impact Aid Facilities Maintenance	84.040	N/A	34,323
Career and technical education - basic grants to states	84.048	VO48A190024	54,609
Rural Education	84.358	ES3588180024	108,281
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365	ES365A190024	2,474
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	ES367A190023	68,588
Student Support and Academic Enrichment program	84.424	ES424A190025	94,344
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund (ESSER)	84.425	S425D200031	1,487
Subtotal			1,942,653
Special education cluster:			
Special education - grants to states	84.027	H027A180108	1,011,159
Special education - preschool grants	84.173	H173A180113	29,336
Total special education cluster			1,040,495
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education			2,983,148
<b>Total U.S. Department of Education</b>			<b>2,983,148</b>
<b><u>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</u></b>			
Passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education:			
Medical assistance program	93.778	1905MS5ADM	19,004
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education			19,004
<b>Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</b>			<b>19,004</b>
<b><u>U.S. Department of Social Security Administration</u></b>			
Passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education:			
Social Security Disability Insurance	96.001	04-19-4MSDI00	1,330
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education			1,330
<b>Total U.S. Department of Social Security Administration</b>			<b>1,330</b>
Total for All Federal Awards			<b>\$ 4,906,581</b>

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

# LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 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 Lowndes County 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 Lowndes County School District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the Lowndes County School District.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

(4) Other Items

Donated commodities are included in the National School Lunch Program.

E-rate funds have not been included on this schedule due to the fact the FCC considers the support to be in the form of providing a discount to the schools and libraries and does not consider the assistance to be direct financial support.

### Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures – Governmental Funds

(1) Basis of Accounting

This schedule is presented on the same basis of accounting and the same significant accounting policies, as applicable, as those used for the financial statements.

**LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Supplementary Information**

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

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Instruction and Other Student Instructional Expenditures</u>	<u>General Administration</u>	<u>School Administration</u>	<u>Other</u>
Salaries and fringe benefits	\$ 40,581,750	31,840,511	1,209,107	3,100,124	4,432,008
Other	15,480,631	2,649,595	706,940	27,897	12,096,199
Total	<u>\$ 56,062,381</u>	<u>34,490,106</u>	<u>1,916,047</u>	<u>3,128,021</u>	<u>16,528,207</u>
Total number of students *	<u>5,508</u>				
Cost per student	<u>\$ 10,179</u>	<u>6,262</u>	<u>348</u>	<u>568</u>	<u>3,001</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 function: Support Services - School Administration.

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

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



## OTHER INFORMATION

**LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Other Information**

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

**General Fund**

**Last Four Years**

**UNAUDITED**

	2020	2019*	2018*	2017*
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Local sources	\$ 21,482,384	\$ 20,878,316	\$ 21,529,465	\$ 22,036,848
State sources	27,138,351	25,203,398	24,460,090	24,191,265
Federal sources	816,722	746,265	615,177	724,350
Sixteenth Section sources	129,090	177,777	165,951	176,684
Total Revenues	49,566,547	47,005,756	46,770,683	47,129,147
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Instruction	26,202,266	26,538,204	25,796,843	25,695,474
Support services	17,230,034	17,319,697	17,950,812	16,305,159
Sixteenth section	67,282	61,259	63,114	61,503
Debt Service:				
Principal	1,030,706	1,935,761	2,160,723	2,125,146
Interest	293,669	403,006	238,943	292,384
Other	2,750	3,615	2,500	2,535
Total Expenditures	44,826,707	46,261,542	46,212,935	44,482,201
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	4,739,840	744,214	557,748	2,646,946
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>				
Insurance recovery	101,458	2,038	24,672	
Sale of transportation equipment			4,500	
Sale of other property			181,121	10,875
Operating transfers in	25,815	145,660	5,066,764	436,083
Operating transfers out	(1,778,633)	(2,368,645)	(5,131,285)	(10,925,128)
Other financing uses	(4,198)			
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(1,655,558)	(2,220,947)	145,772	(10,478,170)
Net Change in Fund Balances	3,084,282	(1,476,733)	703,520	(7,831,224)
<b>Fund Balances:</b>				
Beginning of period, as previously reported	8,135,817	9,208,468	8,695,011	16,533,716
Prior period adjustments	(2,230)	404,082	(193,063)	(4,481)
Fund reclassification	33,462			
Beginning of period , restated	8,167,049	9,612,550	8,501,948	16,529,235
End of Period	\$ 11,251,331	\$ 8,135,817	\$ 9,205,468	\$ 8,698,011

\*SOURCE - PRIOR YEAR AUDIT REPORTS

**LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Other Information**

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

	2020	2019*	2018*	2017*
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Local sources	\$ 27,424,670	\$ 24,585,585	\$ 25,291,141	\$ 23,583,909
State sources	28,225,383	26,163,248	25,438,504	24,902,635
Federal sources	5,471,824	5,873,375	5,080,387	5,217,270
Sixteenth section sources	129,746	186,506	183,676	179,773
Total Revenues	61,251,623	56,808,714	55,993,708	53,883,587
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Instruction	30,400,925	31,005,301	31,206,204	30,829,105
Support services	18,647,866	18,932,049	21,094,095	20,223,070
Noninstructional services	2,249,999	2,362,968	2,654,770	2,861,802
Sixteenth section	67,282	63,121	65,439	83,964
Facilities acquisition and construction			11,561,535	29,807,798
Debt service:				
Principal	2,625,706	3,300,761	3,515,723	3,475,146
Interest	2,056,527	2,205,364	2,077,301	2,842,524
Other	14,076	15,040	13,763	14,376
Total Expenditures	56,062,381	57,884,604	72,188,830	90,137,785
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	5,189,242	(1,075,890)	(16,195,122)	(36,254,198)
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>				
Insurance recovery	101,458	2,038	24,672	
Sale of transportation equipment			4,500	
Sale of other property			181,121	10,875
Payment held by escrow agent	213,801	213,899	214,000	214,000
Payment to QSCB debt escrow agent	(213,801)	(213,899)	(214,000)	(214,000)
Other financing sources			10,000	32,000
Operating transfers in	1,988,728	2,707,725	10,432,767	51,035,349
Operating transfers out	(1,988,728)	(2,707,725)	(10,432,767)	(51,035,349)
Other financing uses	(4,198)			
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	97,260	2,038	220,293	42,875
Net Change in Fund Balances	5,286,502	(1,073,852)	(15,974,829)	(36,211,323)
<b>Fund Balances:</b>				
Beginning of period, as originally reported	11,949,171	12,521,925	28,636,265	64,897,383
Prior period adjustments	(4,237)	517,471	(193,063)	(4,481)
Fund reclassification	33,462			
Beginning of period, restated	11,978,396	13,039,396	28,443,202	64,892,902
Increase (Decrease) in reserve for inventory	65,244	(16,373)	53,552	(45,314)
End of Period	\$ 17,330,142	\$ 11,949,171	\$ 12,521,925	\$ 28,636,265

\*SOURCE - PRIOR YEAR AUDIT REPORTS

## REPORTS ON INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE



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

Superintendent and School Board  
Lowndes 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 Lowndes County School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Lowndes County School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 21, 2021.

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

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Lowndes County School District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Lowndes County School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Lowndes County School District's internal control. A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Lowndes County School District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not

express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Purpose of this Report**

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

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### **Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance For Each Major Federal Program; Report on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance**

Superintendent and School Board  
Lowndes County School District

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

We have audited Lowndes County School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Lowndes County School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2020. Lowndes County School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

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

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of 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 Lowndes 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 Lowndes County School District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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

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

In our opinion, Lowndes County School District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2020.

## Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of Lowndes County School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered Lowndes 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 Lowndes County School District's internal control over compliance.

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

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

### Purpose of this Report

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

McKenzie CPA, PLLC  
Madison, Mississippi  
May 21, 2021

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



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

Superintendent and School Board  
Lowndes County School District

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Lowndes County School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, which collectively comprise Lowndes County School District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated May 21, 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 insure that the school district is complying with the requirements of Section 37-61-33(3)(a)(iii), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), relating to classroom supply funds." As required by the state legal compliance audit program prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor, we have also performed procedures to test compliance with certain other state laws and regulations. However, providing an opinion on compliance with all state laws and regulations was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

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

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

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

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

The results of procedures performed to test compliance with certain other state laws and regulations and our audit of the financial statements disclosed the following immaterial instances of noncompliance with other state laws and regulations. Our findings and recommendations and your responses are as follows:

#### **State Legal Finding 01 – Depository Bids** **Repeat Finding**

Section 37-7-333, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) requires that School boards shall advertise and accept bids for depositories, no less than once every three (3) years, when such board determines that it can obtain a more favorable rate of interest and less administrative processing.

During our test of depository compliance, we found that the district could not provide support for a depository bid to cover the 2020 fiscal year. It appears due to no support the district didn't do depositories

bids and had just continued with their current bank from the most recent bid that had expired.

#### Recommendation

We recommend that a bid for depositories be prepared and submitted to the board for approval to cover each fiscal year.

#### Response

The district will implement procedures to ensure depository bids are prepared and submitted to the board for approval and properly recorded in the minutes for each year.

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

The Lowndes County School District's responses to the findings included in this report were not audited and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

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.

McKenzie CPA, PLLC  
Madison, Mississippi  
May 21, 2021



## SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

LOWNDES 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 weaknesses identified?                    | No            |
|    | b. Significant deficiencies identified?               | None Reported |
| 3. | Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? | No            |

Federal Awards:

- |    |                                       |               |
|----|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| 4. | Internal control over major programs: |               |
|    | a. Material weakness identified?      | No            |
|    | b. Significant deficiency identified? | None Reported |

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|----|--|------------|
| 5. | Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:                                  | Unmodified |
| 6. | Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? | No         |

7. Identification of major programs:

<u>CFDA Numbers</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
84.010	Title I grants to local educational agencies
84.027: 84.173	Special Education Cluster

- |     |  |           |
|-----|--|-----------|
| 8.  | Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:   | \$750,000 |
| 9.  | Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?   | No        |
| 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 2CFR 200.511(b). | Yes       |

LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Section II: Financial Statement Findings

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

Section III: Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

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

## AUDITEE'S SUMMARY OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS

**Lowndes County School District  
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Sam Allison, Superintendent  
Sayonia Garvin, Business Manager**

**AUDITEE'S SUMMARY OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS**

As required by Uniform Guidance, the Lowndes County School District has prepared and hereby submits the following summary of prior year audit findings as of June 30, 2020:

<u>Findings</u>	<u>Status</u>
2019-001	Corrected
2019-002	Corrected
2019-003	Corrected
2019-004	Corrected
2019-005	Corrected