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MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Audited Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021**

MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Superintendent and School Board
Monroe 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 Monroe County School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise the Monroe County School District's basic financial statements as listed in the contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Monroe County School District, as of June 30, 2021, 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 5-12, 49, 50, 51, 52, and 53 respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Monroe 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 June 1, 2023, on our consideration of the Monroe 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 Monroe 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 Monroe County School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Okolona, Mississippi
June 1, 2023

Watkins Ward and Stafford, PLLC

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

The following discussion and analysis of Monroe County School District's financial performance provides an overview of the School District's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2021. 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 2021 decreased \$1,488,216, which represents a 317.52% decrease from fiscal year 2020. Total net position for 2020 decreased \$525,176, which represents a 52.8% decrease from fiscal year 2019.
- General revenues amounted to \$17,275,330 and \$17,580,885, or 77% and 84% of all revenues for fiscal years 2021 and 2020, respectively. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and grants and contributions accounted for \$5,235,562 or 23% of total revenues for 2021, and \$3,387,254, or 16% of total revenues for 2020.
- The District had \$23,999,108 and \$21,493,315 in expenses for fiscal years 2021 and 2020; only \$5,235,562 for 2021 and \$3,387,254 for 2020 of these expenses was offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions. General revenues of \$17,275,330 for 2021 and \$17,580,885 for 2020 were inadequate for both 2021 and 2020 to provide for these programs.
- Among major funds, the General Fund had \$17,660,888 in revenues and \$16,679,979 in expenditures in 2021, and \$18,043,113 in revenues and \$16,274,628 in expenditures for 2020. The General Fund's fund balance increased by \$79,774 from 2020 to 2021 and increased by \$923,925 from 2019 to 2020.
- Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation decreased \$184,976 for 2021, and decreased by \$782,857 for 2020. The decrease for 2021 was due to net effect of asset additions and retirements of \$353,127 coupled with the increase in accumulated depreciation of \$538,103.
- Long-term debt increased by \$728,599 for 2021 and decreased by \$160,650 for 2020. The liability for compensated absences increased by \$19,432 for 2021 and increased by \$36,290 for 2020.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

Government-wide Financial Statements

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

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

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the District's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the

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change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

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

Fund Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

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

Reconciliation of Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Supplementary Information

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

Other information

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

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net position

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position. Liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded assets and deferred outflows of resources by \$1,019,516 as of June 30, 2021.

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

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Table 1 presents a summary of the District's net position at June 30, 2021 and 2020.

Table 1
Condensed Statement of Net Position

	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020	Percentage Change
Current assets	\$ 11,975,173	\$ 10,336,291	15.86 %
Restricted assets	2,158,774	2,096,634	2.96 %
Capital assets, net	19,811,032	19,996,008	(0.93) %
Total assets	33,944,979	32,428,933	4.67 %
Deferred outflows of resources	5,751,710	4,217,750	36.37 %
Current liabilities	1,394,170	120,686	1,055.20 %
Long-term debt outstanding	2,302,795	1,574,196	46.28 %
Net OPEB liability	1,944,602	2,104,282	(7.59) %
Net pension liability	33,871,965	30,225,824	12.06 %
Total liabilities	39,513,532	34,024,988	16.13 %
Deferred inflows of resources	1,202,673	2,152,995	(44.14) %
Net position:			
Net investment in capital assets	17,717,545	18,611,688	(4.80) %
Restricted	3,747,239	3,399,475	10.23 %
Unrestricted	(22,484,300)	(21,542,463)	(4.37) %
Total net position	\$ (1,019,516)	\$ 468,700	(317.52) %

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)	\$ (22,484,300)
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	
Unrestricted net position exclusive of the net pension liability and net OPEB liability effect	31,267,530
	<u>\$ 8,783,230</u>

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

- Increase in deferred outflows of resources in the amount of \$1,533,960.
- Increase due to Issuance of \$875,000 3-mill note less principal retirement of long-term debt outstanding totaling \$728,599.
- Increase in net pension liability in the amount of \$3,646,141.
- Increase in current liabilities of \$1,273,484.

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Changes in net position

The District's total revenues for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020 were \$22,510,892 and \$20,968,139 respectively. The total cost of all programs and services was \$23,999,108 for 2021 and \$21,493,315 for 2020.

Table 2 presents a summary of the changes in net position for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020.

Table 2
Changes in Net Position

	Year Ended June 30, 2021	Year Ended June 30, 2020	Percentage Change
Revenues:			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 1,567,194	\$ 820,850	90.92 %
Operating grants and contributions	3,668,368	2,566,404	42.94 %
General revenues:			
Property taxes	4,812,041	4,754,117	1.22 %
Grants and contributions not restricted	12,037,379	12,402,336	(2.94) %
Investment earnings	132,080	58,106	127.31 %
Sixteenth section sources	153,890	227,470	(32.35) %
Other	139,940	138,856	0.78 %
Total revenues	22,510,892	20,968,139	7.36 %
Expenses:			
Instruction	12,694,766	11,396,414	11.39 %
Support services	6,964,203	6,296,340	10.61 %
Non-instructional	1,038,601	885,502	17.29 %
Sixteenth section	47,653	29,756	60.15 %
Pension expense	3,098,073	2,673,752	15.87 %
OPEB expense	53,472	128,538	(58.40) %
Interest on long-term liabilities	102,340	83,013	23.28 %
Total expenses	23,999,108	21,493,315	11.66 %
Increase (Decrease) in net position	(1,488,216)	(525,176)	(183.37) %
Net Position, July 1	468,700	993,876	(52.84) %
Net Position, June 30	\$ (1,019,516)	\$ 468,700	(317.52) %

Governmental activities

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

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Table 3
Net Cost of Governmental Activities

	Total Expenses		Percentage Change
	2021	2020	
Instruction	\$ 12,694,766	\$ 11,396,414	11.39 %
Support services	6,964,203	6,296,340	10.61 %
Non-instructional	1,038,601	885,502	17.29 %
Sixteenth section	47,653	29,756	60.15 %
Pension expense	3,098,073	2,673,752	15.87 %
OPEB expense	53,472	128,538	(58.40) %
Interest on long-term liabilities	102,340	83,013	23.28 %
Total expenses	\$ 23,999,108	\$ 21,493,315	11.66 %

	Net (Expense) Revenue		Percentage Change
	2021	2020	
Instruction	\$ (8,723,897)	\$ (9,130,063)	4.45 %
Support services	(6,874,506)	(6,210,015)	(10.70) %
Non-instructional	136,395	149,076	(8.51) %
Sixteenth section	(47,653)	(29,756)	(60.15) %
Pension expense	(3,098,073)	(2,673,752)	(15.87) %
OPEB expense	(53,472)	(128,538)	58.40 %
Interest on long-term liabilities	(102,340)	(83,013)	(23.28) %
Total net (expense) revenue	\$ (18,763,546)	\$ (18,106,061)	(3.63) %

- Net cost of governmental activities (\$18,763,546 for 2021 and \$18,106,061 for 2020) was financed by general revenue, which is primarily made up of property taxes (\$4,812,041 for 2021 and \$4,754,117 for 2020) and state and federal revenues (\$12,037,379 for 2021 and \$12,402,336 for 2020). In addition, there was \$153,890 and \$227,470 in Sixteenth Section sources for 2021 and 2020, respectively.
- Investment earnings amounted to \$132,080 for 2021 and \$58,106 for 2020.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

As noted earlier, the District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds. The focus of the District's governmental funds is to provide information on current inflows, outflows and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the District's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the District's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

The financial performance of the District as a whole is reflected in its governmental funds. As the District completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$12,753,238, an increase of

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\$437,402, which includes a decrease in inventory of \$39,771. \$6,571,518 or 52% 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 \$6,181,720 or 48% is either nonspendable, restricted, committed or assigned to indicate that it is not available for spending except only for the purposes to which it is restricted, committed or assigned.

The General Fund is the principal operating fund of the District. The increase in fund balance in the General Fund for the fiscal year was \$79,774. The fund balance of Other Governmental Funds showed an increase in the amount of \$357,628, which includes a decrease in reserve for inventory of \$39,771.

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, 2021, the District's total capital assets were \$33,585,015, including land, school buildings, building and other improvements, buses, other school vehicles, and furniture and equipment, and any intangible assets. This amount represents an increase of \$353,127 from 2020. Total accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2021, was \$13,773,983 and total depreciation expense for the year was \$847,835, resulting in total net capital assets of \$19,811,032.

Table 4
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation

	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020	Percentage Change
Land	\$ 498,838	\$ 498,838	0.00 %
Construction in Progress	150,203	21,747	590.68 %
Buildings	13,322,927	13,648,957	(2.39) %
Building improvements	2,315,197	2,442,458	(5.21) %
Improvements other than buildings	1,782,835	1,773,483	0.53 %
Mobile equipment	1,133,723	961,738	17.88 %
Furniture and equipment	157,088	166,407	(5.60) %
Leased property under capital leases	450,221	482,380	(6.67) %
Total	\$ 19,811,032	\$ 19,996,008	(0.93) %

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, 2021, the District had \$2,302,795 in outstanding long-term debt, of which \$154,329 is due within one year. The liability for compensated absences increased \$19,432 from the prior year.

Table 5
Outstanding Long-Term Debt

	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020	Percentage Change
Three mill notes payable	\$ 875,000	95,000	821.05 %
Obligations under energy efficiency leases	158,487	229,320	(30.89) %
Qualified school construction bonds payable	1,060,000	1,060,000	0.00 %
Compensated absences payable	209,308	189,876	10.23 %
Total	\$ 2,302,795	\$ 1,574,196	46.28 %

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

CURRENT ISSUES

The Monroe 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 questions about this report, contact the Superintendent's Office of the Monroe County School District, Post Office Box 209, Amory, Mississippi, 38821.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2021

Exhibit A

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 11,360,061
Due from other governments	591,444
Other receivables, net	60
Inventories	23,608
Restricted assets	2,158,774
Capital assets, non-depreciable:	
Land	498,838
Construction in progress	150,203
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:	
Buildings	13,322,927
Building improvements	2,315,197
Improvements other than buildings	1,782,835
Mobile equipment	1,133,723
Furniture and equipment	157,088
Leased property under capital leases	450,221
Total Assets	<u>33,944,979</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Deferred outflows - pensions	5,316,162
Deferred outflows - OPEB	435,548
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>5,751,710</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,380,709
Interest payable on long-term liabilities	13,461
Long-term liabilities, due within one year:	
Capital related liabilities	154,329
Net OPEB liability - current portion	67,973
Long-term liabilities, due beyond one year:	
Capital related liabilities	1,939,158
Non-capital related liabilities	209,308
Net pension liability	33,871,965
Net OPEB liability - non-current portion	1,876,629
Total Liabilities	<u>39,513,532</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Deferred inflows - pensions	775,358
Deferred inflows - OPEB	427,315
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>1,202,673</u>
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	17,717,545
Restricted for:	
Expendable:	
School-based activities	562,854
Debt service	761,160
Capital improvements	887,390
Forestry improvements	24,065
Unemployment benefits	50,667
Non-expendable:	
Sixteenth section	1,461,103
Unrestricted	(22,484,300)
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (1,019,516)</u>

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

MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Exhibit B

				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Program Revenues		
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities:				
Instruction	\$ 12,694,766	\$ 392,198	\$ 3,578,671	\$ (8,723,897)
Support services	6,964,203	-	89,697	(6,874,506)
Non-instructional	1,038,601	1,174,996	-	136,395
Sixteenth section	47,653	-	-	(47,653)
Pension expense	3,098,073	-	-	(3,098,073)
OPEB expense	53,472	-	-	(53,472)
Interest on long-term liabilities	102,340	-	-	(102,340)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 23,999,108</u>	<u>\$ 1,567,194</u>	<u>\$ 3,668,368</u>	<u>\$ (18,763,546)</u>
General Revenues:				
Taxes:				
				4,638,935
				173,106
Unrestricted grants and contributions:				
				11,827,589
				209,790
				132,080
				153,890
				139,940
				<u>17,275,330</u>
Change in Net Position				
				<u>(1,488,216)</u>
Net Position - Beginning				
				<u>468,700</u>
Net Position - Ending				
				<u>\$ (1,019,516)</u>

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MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2021

Exhibit C

	Major Fund		
	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,704,266	3,135,284	\$ 12,839,550
Cash with fiscal agents	5,562	673,723	679,285
Due from other governments	234,655	356,789	591,444
Other receivables, net	60	-	60
Due from other funds	389,941	196,187	586,128
Inventories	-	23,608	23,608
Total Assets	<u>\$ 10,334,484</u>	<u>4,385,591</u>	<u>\$ 14,720,075</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 1,145,759	234,950	\$ 1,380,709
Due to other funds	196,187	389,941	586,128
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 1,341,946</u>	<u>624,891</u>	<u>\$ 1,966,837</u>
Fund Balances:			
Nonspendable:			
Inventory	-	23,608	23,608
Permanent fund principal	-	1,461,103	1,461,103
Restricted:			
Debt service	-	774,621	774,621
Capital projects	-	887,390	887,390
Forestry improvement purposes	-	24,065	24,065
Grant activities	-	539,246	539,246
Unemployment benefits	-	50,667	50,667
Assigned:			
Capital improvements	2,024,936	-	2,024,936
Activity funds	380,509	-	380,509
School bus trips	15,575	-	15,575
Unassigned	<u>6,571,518</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,571,518</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>8,992,538</u>	<u>3,760,700</u>	<u>12,753,238</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 10,334,484</u>	<u>4,385,591</u>	<u>\$ 14,720,075</u>

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

MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**Exhibit C-1****Governmental Funds****Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position****June 30, 2021**

Total fund balances for governmental funds	\$	12,753,238
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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	498,838	
Construction in progress	150,203	
Buildings	20,906,596	
Building improvements	3,754,326	
Improvements other than buildings	2,984,831	
Mobile equipment	3,386,974	
Furniture and equipment	1,099,279	
Leased property under capital leases	803,968	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(13,773,983)</u>	19,811,032

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

Net pension liability	(33,871,965)	
Net OPEB liability	<u>(1,944,602)</u>	(35,816,567)

3. Deferred outflows and inflows related to the net pension and OPEB liabilities are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:

Deferred outflows of resources related to pension and OPEB	5,751,710	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pension and OPEB	<u>(1,202,673)</u>	4,549,037

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:

Three mill notes payable	(875,000)	
Qualified school construction bonds payable	(1,060,000)	
Obligations under energy efficiency lease	(158,487)	
Compensated absences	(209,308)	
Accrued interest payable	<u>(13,461)</u>	(2,316,256)

Net position of governmental activities	\$	<u><u>(1,019,516)</u></u>
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The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Governmental Funds

Exhibit D

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Major Funds		
	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:			
Local sources	\$ 5,255,864	\$ 237,867	\$ 5,493,731
State sources	12,034,912	764,025	12,798,937
Federal sources	246,455	3,813,209	4,059,664
Sixteenth section sources	123,657	30,233	153,890
Total Revenues	17,660,888	4,845,334	22,506,222
Expenditures:			
Instruction	11,039,950	3,125,995	14,165,945
Support services	5,557,632	1,750,248	7,307,880
Noninstructional services	39	1,134,852	1,134,891
Sixteenth section	-	47,653	47,653
Debt service:			
Principal	70,833	95,000	165,833
Interest	11,525	66,726	78,251
Other	-	14,225	14,225
Total Expenditures	16,679,979	6,234,699	22,914,678
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	980,909	(1,389,365)	(408,456)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Bonds and notes issued	-	875,000	875,000
Insurance recovery	8,342	-	8,342
Unrealized gain / (loss) on investments	-	(3,672)	(3,672)
Sale of other property	5,809	150	5,959
Operating transfers in	40,000	955,286	995,286
Operating transfers out	(955,286)	(40,000)	(995,286)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(901,135)	1,786,764	885,629
Net Change in Fund Balances	79,774	397,399	477,173
Fund Balances:			
July 1, 2020	8,912,764	3,403,072	12,315,836
Increase (Decrease) in reserve for inventory	-	(39,771)	(39,771)
June 30, 2021	\$ 8,992,538	\$ 3,760,700	\$ 12,753,238

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

MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Exhibit D-1

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, 2021**

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds \$ 477,173

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	\$ 693,947	
Depreciation expense	<u>(847,835)</u>	(153,888)

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.

(31,088)

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 issuance costs, 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	165,833	
Issuance of debt principal	(875,000)	
Accrued interest payable	<u>(9,864)</u>	(719,031)

4. The implementation of GASB 68 and 75 creates a change in the amount of pension and OPEB expense that is reported on the statement of activities. A breakdown of these changes are listed below:

Recording of pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement date	2,081,393	
Recording of pension expense for the current period	(3,098,073)	
Recording of OPEB contributions made subsequent to the measurement date	67,973	
Recording of OPEB expense for the current period	<u>(53,472)</u>	(1,002,179)

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

Change in compensated absences	(19,432)	
Change in inventory reserve	<u>(39,771)</u>	<u>(59,203)</u>

Change in net position of governmental activities \$ (1,488,216)

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

MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Fiduciary Funds
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
June 30, 2021

Exhibit E

	Private Purpose Trust Funds
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -
Total Assets	<u>\$ -</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ -
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ -</u>
Net Position	
Reserved for endowments	-
Held in trust	-
Total Net Position	<u>\$ -</u>

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

MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Fiduciary Funds
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Exhibit F

	Private Purpose Trust Funds
Additions	
Interest on investments	\$ 106
Total Additions	106
Deductions	
Scholarships awarded	11,198
Total Deductions	11,198
Change in Net Position	(11,092)
Net Position	
July 1, 2020	11,092
June 30, 2021	\$ -

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

MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Notes to Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

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

b. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Notes to Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

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

The school district reports the following major governmental funds:

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

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

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

The District's fiduciary funds include the following:

Walker Manufacturing Scholarship Fund – This fund contains the proceeds from the sale of a donated vo-tech vehicle from Walker Manufacturing that were used to establish a college scholarship fund for one of the district's graduating seniors each year.

Additionally, the school district reports the following fund types:

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

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

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

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

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

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

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.

MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

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

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

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

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

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

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Notes to Financial Statements
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Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

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

d. Encumbrances

An encumbrance system is not maintained to account for commitments resulting from approved purchase orders, work orders and contracts.

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

1. Cash, Cash equivalents and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents

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

Investments

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

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

Investments for the district are reported at fair market value.

2. Receivables and payables

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

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

3. Due from Other Governments

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

MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Notes to Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

4. Inventories and Prepaid Items

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

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

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 16th Section Principal fund is not available for use by the district except as provided for under state statute for loans from this fund.

6. Capital Assets

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

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

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

The following schedule details the capitalization thresholds:

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

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

MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Notes to Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

7. Deferred outflows/inflows of resources

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

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate 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 deferred inflows which are presented as deferred inflows for pension and OPEB.

See Note 8, Note 9 and Note 13 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.

MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Notes to Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

11. Postemployment Benefits Other than Pension (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the State and School Employees' Life and Health Plan (OPEB Plan) and additions to/deductions from the OPEB Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the OPEB Plan. For this purpose, benefit payments are recorded when the OPEB benefits come due. Investments are reported at fair value as determined by the state.

12. Fund Balances

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

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

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

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

Committed fund balance includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by a formal action of the School Board, the District's highest level of decision-making authority. 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

MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Notes to Financial Statements
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Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

purposes for which unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) resources are available, and amounts in any of these unrestricted classifications could be used, it is the District's general policy to spend committed resources first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts.

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

13. Accountings 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 Statements 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.

GASB 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, was implemented during fiscal year 2021. The objective of this statement is to improve guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how these activities should be reported. This statement describes four fiduciary funds that should be reported, if applicable: (1) pension (and other employee benefit) trust funds, (2) investment trust funds, (3) private-purpose trust funds, and (4) custodial funds.

f. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles general accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from the estimates.

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

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

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Note 2 – Cash and Cash Equivalents, and Cash with Fiscal Agents (Continued)

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The carrying amount of the school district's deposits with financial institutions reported in the governmental funds was \$12,839,550.

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, 2021, none of the district's bank balance of \$13,152,188 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

Cash with Fiscal Agents

The carrying amount of the school district's cash with fiscal agents held by financial institutions was \$679,285.

Note 3 – Inter-fund Receivables, Payables and Transfers

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

a. Due From/To Other Funds

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	\$ 389,941
Other Governmental Funds	General Fund	196,187
		<u>\$ 586,128</u>

Inter-fund receivables and payables resulted primarily from the General Fund's loan to various special revenue funds to cover cash deficits in pooled bank accounts

b. Inter-fund Transfers

Transfers Out	Transfers In	Amount
General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	\$ 955,286
Other Governmental Funds	General Fund	40,000
		<u>\$ 995,286</u>

The transfers represent board approved operating transfers for school operations and planning purposes.

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Note 4 – Restricted Assets

The restricted assets represent the cash balance, totaling \$1,479,489 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. Also, restricted assets include the cash with fiscal agents balances of \$5,562 of the various Activity Funds and \$673,723 of the QSCB Debt Service Sinking Fund.

Note 5 – Capital Assets

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

	Balance 7/1/2020	Increases	Decreases	Completed Constuction	Balance 6/30/2021
Governmental Activities:					
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets:</u>					
Land	\$ 498,838				\$ 498,838
Construction in progress	21,747	158,903		(30,447)	150,203
Total non-depreciable capital assets	520,585	158,903	-	(30,447)	649,041
<u>Depreciable capital assets:</u>					
Buildings	20,906,596				20,906,596
Building improvements	3,725,406	28,920			3,754,326
Improvements other than buildings	2,884,237	70,147		30,447	2,984,831
Mobile equipment	3,360,647	333,880	307,553		3,386,974
Furniture and equipment	1,030,449	102,097	33,267		1,099,279
Leased property under capital lease	803,968				803,968
Total depreciable capital assets	32,711,303	535,044	340,820	30,447	32,935,974
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>					
Buildings	7,257,639	326,030			7,583,669
Building improvements	1,282,948	156,181			1,439,129
Improvements other than buildings	1,110,754	91,242			1,201,996
Mobile equipment	2,398,909	131,140	276,798		2,253,251
Furniture and equipment	864,042	111,083	32,934		942,191
Leased property under capital leases	321,588	32,159			353,747
Total accumulated depreciation	13,235,880	847,835	309,732	-	13,773,983
Total depreciable capital assets, net	19,475,423	(312,791)	31,088	30,447	19,161,991
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 19,996,008	(153,888)	31,088	-	\$ 19,811,032

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Note 5 – Capital Assets (Continued)

Depreciation expense was charged to the following governmental functions:

Governmental activities:	Amount
Instruction	\$ 179,080
Support services	643,116
Non-instructional	25,639
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 847,835</u>

The capital assets above include significant amounts of buildings and furniture and equipment which have been valued at estimated historical cost. The estimated historical cost was based on replacement cost multiplied by the consumer price index implicit price deflator for the year of acquisition.

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

Governmental Activities:	Spent to June 30, 2021	Remaining Commitment
Reroofing Project - Hatley	150,203	6,370
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 150,203</u>	<u>\$ 6,370</u>

Construction projects included in governmental activities are funded with donations.

Note 6 – Long-term Liabilities

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

Description	Balance 7/1/2020	Additions	Reductions	Balance 6/30/2021	Amounts due within one year
A. Three mill notes payable	95,000	875,000	95,000	875,000	78,000
B. Obligations under energy efficiency leases	229,320		70,833	158,487	76,329
C. Qualified school construction bonds payable	1,060,000			1,060,000	
D. Compensated absences payable	189,876	19,432		209,308	
Total	<u>\$ 1,574,196</u>	<u>894,432</u>	<u>165,833</u>	<u>2,302,795</u>	<u>154,329</u>

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Note 6 – Long-term Liabilities (Continued)

A. Three mill notes payable

Debt currently outstanding is as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Three Mill Note-Series 2020	3.29%	10/15/2020	10/15/2030	875,000	875,000
Total				<u>\$ 875,000</u>	<u>875,000</u>

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

Three Mill Note Payable - Series 2020

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	\$ 78,000	15,137	93,137
2023	80,000	13,788	93,788
2024	82,000	12,404	94,404
2025	84,000	10,986	94,986
2026	86,000	9,532	95,532
2027-2031	465,000	24,549	489,549
Total	<u>\$ 875,000</u>	<u>86,396</u>	<u>961,396</u>

This debt will be retired from the District Maintenance Fund.

B. Obligations under energy efficiency leases

Debt currently outstanding is as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Energy efficiency lease					
Equipment Lease	5.44%	12/16/2010	6/30/2023	\$ 808,482	158,487
Total				<u>\$ 808,482</u>	<u>158,487</u>

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

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Note 6 – Long-term Liabilities (Continued)

Ameresco Equipment Lease

Year Ending

June 30		Principal	Interest	Total
2022	\$	76,329	7,598	83,927
2023		82,158	3,367	85,525
Total	\$	<u>158,487</u>	<u>10,965</u>	<u>169,452</u>

This debt will be retired from the District Maintenance Fund.

An energy efficiency lease agreement dated December 16, 2010 was executed by and between the district, the lessee, and First Security Leasing, the lessor.

The agreement authorized the borrowing of \$808,482 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 to exceed fifteen (15) 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.

C. Qualified school construction bonds payable

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

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Qualified School Construction Bonds Payable-Series 2010	6.00%	12/17/2010	6/30/2028	\$ 1,060,000	1,060,000
Total				<u>1,060,000</u>	<u>1,060,000</u>

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

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Note 6 – Long-term Liabilities (Continued)

Bonds Payable - Series 2010

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	\$ -	63,600	63,600
2023	-	63,600	63,600
2024	-	63,600	63,600
2025	-	63,600	63,600
2026	-	63,600	63,600
2027-2028	1,060,000 *	127,200	1,187,200
Total	\$ 1,060,000	445,200	1,505,200

- Payable from sinking fund, see Note 12.

D. Compensated absences payable

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

Note 7 – Other Commitments

Commitments under construction contracts are described in Note 5.

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.

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

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Note 8 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

2.5 percent for each additional year of creditable service with an actuarial reduction in the benefit for each year of creditable service below 30 years or the number of years in age that the member is below 65, whichever is less. Average compensation is the average of the employee's earnings during the four highest compensated years of creditable service. Benefits vest upon completion of eight years of membership service (four years of membership service for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2007). PERS also provides certain death and disability benefits. A Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) payment is made to eligible retirees and beneficiaries. The COLA is equal to 3.0 percent of the annual retirement allowance for each full fiscal year of retirement up to the year in which the retired member reaches age 60 (55 for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), with 3.0 percent compounded for each fiscal year thereafter.

Contributions. PERS members are required to contribute 9.00% of their annual covered salary, and the school district is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The employer's rate as of June 30, 2021 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 State of Mississippi Legislature. The school district's contributions to PERS for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019 were \$2,081,393, \$2,027,237 and \$1,762,418, 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, 2021, the school district reported a liability of \$33,871,965 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020, 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, 2021 net pension liability was .174969 percent, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2020. This was an increase of .003153 percent from its proportionate share used to calculate the June 30, 2020 net pension liability, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2019.

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the District recognized pension expense of \$3,098,073. At June 30, 2021, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 293,228	\$
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	1,393,707	
Changes of assumptions	186,067	
Changes in proportion and differences between the entity's contributions and proportionate share of overall contributions	1,361,767	(775,358)
Entity's contributions subsequent to the measurement date	2,081,393	
Total	<u>\$ 5,316,162</u>	<u>\$ (775,358)</u>

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Note 8 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

\$2,081,393 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, 2022. 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,	
2022	\$ 37,183
2023	1,221,537
2024	752,358
2025	448,333
Total	\$ <u>2,459,411</u>

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability as of June 30, 2020 was determined by actuarial valuation prepared as of June 30, 2019. The following actuarial assumptions are applied to all periods included in the measurement:

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

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

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the four-year period from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2018. The experience report is dated April 2, 2019.

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:

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Note 8 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	27.00 %	4.90 %
International Equity	22.00	4.75
Global Equity	12.00	5.00
Fixed Income	20.00	0.50
Real Estate	10.00	4.00
Private Equity	8.00	6.25
Cash	1.00	0.00
Total	100.00	

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 employer 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 presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.75%, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.75%) or 1- percentage-point higher (8.75%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
Entity's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 43,843,097	\$ 33,871,965	\$ 25,641,775

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 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 \$67,973 for the year ended June 30, 2021.

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

At June 30, 2021, the District reported a liability of \$1,944,602 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2020, 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 an actuarial valuation as of that date. The basis for the District's

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

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, 2020, the District's proportion was .24988200 percent. This was an increase of .00189376 percent from the proportionate share as of the measurement date of June 30, 2019.

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$53,472. At June 30, 2021, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 2,479	\$ (338,413)
Changes of assumptions	301,917	(82,176)
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	62	
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	63,117	(6,726)
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	67,973	-
Total	<u>\$ 435,548</u>	<u>\$ (427,315)</u>

\$67,973 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, 2022. 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:

2022	\$ (16,971)
2023	(16,971)
2024	(13,668)
2025	936
2026	(13,066)
	<u>\$ (59,740)</u>

Actuarial assumptions. The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2020 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

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

Inflation	2.75 percent
Salary increases	3.00-18.25 percent, including wage inflation
Municipal Bond Index Rate	
Measurement Date	2.19%
Prior Measurement Date	3.50%
Year FNP is projected to be depleted	
Measurement Date	2020
Prior Measurement Date	2019
Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation	
Measurement Date	2.19%
Prior Measurement Date	3.50%
Health Care Cost Trends	
Medicare Supplement Claims	7.00 percent for 2021 decreasing to an
Pre-Medicare	ultimate rate of 4.50% by 2030

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, 2020 valuation were based on the results of an 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, 2020 valuation were based on a review of recent plan experience done concurrently with the June 30, 2020 valuation.

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments is 4.5%.

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2020 was 2.19 percent. Since the Prior Measurement Date, the Discount Rate has changed from 3.50% to 2.19%.

The trust was established on June 28, 2018 with an initial contribution of \$1,000,000. As of June 30, 2020, the trust has \$1,037,371. 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 June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2020 total OPEB liability. The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2020 was based on a monthly average of the Bond Buyer 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 (1.19 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (3.19 percent) than the current discount rate:

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

		Current	
	1% Decrease	Discount	1% Increase
	(1.19%)	Rate (2.19%)	(3.19%)
Net OPEB liability	\$ 2,148,918	\$ 1,944,602	\$ 1,769,354

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:

		Healthcare	
	1% Decrease	Cost Trend	1% Increase
		Rates Current	
Net OPEB liability	\$ 1,795,542	\$ 1,944,602	\$ 2,113,479

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 – 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 11 – Risk Management

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

Participation in Public Entity Risk Pool

The school district is a member of the Mississippi School Boards Association Worker's Compensation Trust (MSBAWCT). The trust is a risk-sharing pool; such a pool is frequently referred to as a self-insurance pool. The trust consists of approximately 57 school districts and covers risks of loss arising from injuries to the members' employees. The Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission requires that an indemnity agreement be executed by each member in a workers' compensation self-insurance pool for the purpose of jointly and severally binding the pool and each of the employers comprising the group to meet the workers' compensation obligations of each member. Each member of MSBAWCT contributes quarterly to

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Note 11 – Risk Management (Continued)

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

Note 12 – Qualified School Construction Bonds

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

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. For the year ended June 30, 2021, the subsidy payments amounted to \$52,878.

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, 2021 was \$673,723. The amount accumulated in the sinking fund at the end of the seventeen-year period is expected to be sufficient to retire the debt. The following schedule reports the annual deposits to be made to the sinking fund by the school district.

Year Ending		Amount
June 30		
2022	\$	62,311
2023		62,311
2024		62,311
2025		62,311
2026		62,311
2027-2028		125,335
Total	\$	<u>436,890</u>

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Note 13 – Effect of Deferred Amounts on Net Position

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$22,484,300) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenses resulting from a deferred outflow from pensions. A portion of the deferred outflow of resources related to pension in the amount of \$2,081,393 resulting from the school district contribution subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2022. The \$3,234,769 balance of deferred outflow of resources related to pensions, at June 30, 2021 will be recognized as an expense and will decrease the unrestricted net position over the next 4 years.

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$22,484,300) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue resulting from a deferred inflow from pensions. The \$775,358 balance of deferred inflow of resources related to pensions, at June 30, 2021 will be recognized as revenue and will increase the unrestricted net position over the next 3 years.

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$22,484,300) 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 \$67,973 resulting from the school district contribution subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2022. The \$367,575 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 5 years.

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$22,484,300) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue resulting from a deferred inflow from OPEB. The \$427,315 balance of deferred inflow of resources related to OPEB, at June 30, 2021 will be recognized as revenue and will increase the unrestricted net position over the next 5 years.

Note 14 – 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
2022	107,779
2023	65,542
2024	65,542
2025	65,542
2026	62,392
2027-2031	83,933
2032-2036	24,751
2037-2041	20,161
2042-2045	4,412
Total	\$ <u>500,054</u>

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Note 15 – Insurance Loss Recoveries

The Monroe County School District received \$8,342 in insurance loss recoveries related to storm damage during the 2020-2021 fiscal year. In the government-wide Statement of Activities, the insurance loss recoveries were reported as charges for services and allocated among the expense functions based on the following percentages:

Insurance Loss			
	Recoveries	Percentage	Expense Function
\$	8,342	100%	Instruction
\$	8,342	100%	

Note 16 – Vocational School Consortium

The school district entered into a Vocational Educational Agreement dated November 13, 2015 creating the Monroe County School District Career and Technical Educational Center. The consortium was created pursuant to the provisions of Section 37-31-73, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), and approved by the Mississippi Department of Education. The consortium includes the Nettleton Line Consolidated School District, the Aberdeen School District, and the Monroe County School District.

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

The Monroe County School District has been designated as the fiscal agent for the Monroe County School District Career and Technical Educational Center, and the operations of the consortium are included in its financial statements.

The following Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances is presented to detail the financial activity of the Monroe County School District Career and Technical Educational Center.

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Note 16 – Vocational School Consortium (Continued)

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Revenues

Local sources:	
Tuition from other LEA's within the state:	
Aberdeen School District	\$ 2,160
Nettleton Line Consolidated School District	4,770
Total tuition from other LEA's within the state	<u>6,930</u>
Total local sources	<u>6,930</u>
State sources	438,580
Federal sources	<u>66,447</u>
Total Revenues	<u>511,957</u>

Expenditures

Salaries	1,019,065
Employee benefits	346,935
Other professional services	10,876
Supplies	22,292
Property	36,021
Other	46,061
Total Expenditures	<u>1,481,250</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(969,293)</u>

Other Financing Sources/Uses:

Transfer in	969,291
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses	<u>969,291</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>(2)</u>

Fund Balance:

July 1, 2020	<u>2</u>
June 30, 2021	<u>\$ -</u>

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Note 17 – State Compliance Testing

The Mississippi Office of the State Auditor (OSA) has elected to perform procedures in relation to purchasing and compliance with state laws. This report should be viewed in conjunction with the report from OSA in order to gain a comprehensive understanding of the School District's operations. This report and OSA's report will be available on OSA's website at <http://www.osa.ms.gov/reports>.

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 Monroe County School District evaluated the activity of the district through June 1, 2023 (the date the financial statements were available to be issued) and determined that no subsequent event(s) had occurred requiring disclosure in the notes to financial statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Monroe County School District
Required Supplementary Information
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (GAAP Basis)	Variances Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
Revenues:					
Local sources	\$ 5,082,707	\$ 5,254,508	\$ 5,255,864	\$ 171,801	\$ 1,356
State sources	11,731,022	12,034,912	12,034,912	303,890	-
Federal sources	288,801	246,455	246,455	(42,346)	-
Sixteenth section	186,336	123,657	123,657	(62,679)	-
Total Revenues	17,288,866	17,659,532	17,660,888	370,666	1,356
Expenditures:					
Instruction	11,109,859	11,098,394	11,039,950	11,465	58,444
Support services	5,824,678	5,500,971	5,557,632	323,707	(56,661)
Noninstructional services	-	39	39	(39)	-
Facilities acquisition and construction	188,967	173,605	-	15,362	173,605
Debt service:					
Principal	70,833	70,833	70,833	-	-
Interest	11,525	11,525	11,525	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	17,205,862	16,855,367	16,679,979	350,495	175,388
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	83,004	804,165	980,909	721,161	176,744
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Insurance recovery	1,000	8,342	8,342	7,342	-
Sale of other property	-	5,809	5,809	5,809	-
Operating transfers in	2,702,118	2,683,620	40,000	(18,498)	(2,643,620)
Operating transfers out	(3,568,210)	(3,598,906)	(955,286)	(30,696)	2,643,620
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(865,092)	(901,135)	(901,135)	(36,043)	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	(782,088)	(96,970)	79,774	685,118	176,744
July 1, 2020	7,190,181	8,912,210	8,912,764	1,722,029	554
June 30, 2021	\$ 6,408,093	\$ 8,815,240	\$ 8,992,538	\$ 2,407,147	\$ 177,298

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

Monroe County School District
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
PERS
Last 10 Fiscal Years *

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.174969%	0.171816%	0.159117%	0.179248%	0.176966%	0.172654%	0.179029%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 33,871,965	30,225,824	26,465,884	29,797,101	31,616,618	26,696,014	20,744,130
District's covered payroll	\$ 11,650,787	11,189,956	10,161,156	11,498,857	11,320,946	10,786,444	10,444,641
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	290.73%	270.12%	260.46%	259.13%	279.28%	247.50%	198.61%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	58.97%	61.59%	62.54%	61.49%	57.47%	61.70%	67.21%

* 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.

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

Monroe County School District
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of District Contributions
PERS
Last 10 Fiscal Years

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 2,081,393	2,027,237	1,762,418	1,600,382	1,811,070	1,783,049	1,698,865
Contribution in relation to the contractually required contribution	2,081,393	2,027,237	1,762,418	1,600,382	1,811,070	1,783,049	1,698,865
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
District's covered payroll	11,962,029	11,650,787	11,189,956	10,161,156	11,498,857	11,320,946	10,786,444
Contributions as a percentage of its covered payroll	17.40%	17.40%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%

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.

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Monroe County School District
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability
OPEB
Last 10 Fiscal Years *

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.24988200%	0.24798824%	0.24230687%	0.24380000%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 1,944,602	2,104,282	1,874,365	1,913,208
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 11,650,787	11,189,956	10,953,264	11,498,857
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	16.69%	18.81%	17.11%	16.63%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	0.13%	0.12%	0.13%	0.00%

* 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 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.

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

Monroe County School District
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of District Contributions
OPEB
Last 10 Fiscal Years

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 67,973	77,550	84,346	81,563
Contribution in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	67,973	77,550	84,346	81,563
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ <u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	11,962,029	11,650,787	11,189,956	10,953,264
Contributions as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	0.57%	0.67%	0.75%	0.74%

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years.
 However, GASB 75 was implemented in FYE 6/30/18, and, until a full 10-year trend is compiled,
 the District has only presented information for the years in which information is available.

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

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

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule

(1) Basis of Presentation

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

(2) Budget Amendments and Revisions

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

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

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

2019:

The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the PubS.H-2010(B) Retiree Table with the following adjustments: for males, 112% of male rates from ages 18 to 75 scaled down to 105% for ages 80 to 119; for females, 85% of the female rates from 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, 2018 valuation for the June 30, 2020 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	30.9 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

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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.

2020: The discount rate was changed from 3.50% for the prior Measurement Date to 2.19% for the current Measurement Date.

(2) *Changes in benefit provisions*

2017: None

2018: None

2019: None

2020: The schedule of monthly retiree contributions was increased as of January 1, 2021. In addition, the deductibles and coinsurance maximums were increased for the Select Coverage and the coinsurance maximums were increased for the Base Coverage beginning January 1, 2021.

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- (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, 2019 actuarial valuation) were used to determine contribution rates reported in that schedule for the year ending June 30, 2020:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Amortization method	Level dollar
Amortization period	30 years, open
Asset valuation method	Market Value of Assets
Price inflation	2.75%
Salary increases, including wage inflation	3.00% to 18.25%
Initial health care cost trend rates	
Medicare Supplement Claims	7.00%
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	3.50%

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Monroe County School District
Supplementary Information
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Federal Grantor/ Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number	Passed through to Sub- Recipients	Federal Expenditures
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u>				
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:				
Child nutrition cluster:				
School breakfast program	10.553	215MS326N1099	-	21,272
National school lunch program	10.555	215MS326N1099	-	67,623
COVID-19 - Summer food service program for children	10.559	215MS326N1099	-	967,575
Total child nutrition cluster			-	1,056,470
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education			-	1,056,470
Total US Department of Agriculture			-	1,056,470
<u>U.S. Department of Treasury</u>				
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:				
Coronavirus relief fund	21.019	N/A	-	1,211,926
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education			-	1,211,926
Total U.S. Department of Treasury			-	1,211,926
<u>Federal Communications Commission</u>				
Administered through the Universal Service Administrative Company:				
The schools and libraries program of the universal service fund	32.XXX	N/A	-	90,754
Total Federal Communications Commission			-	90,754
<u>U.S. Department of Education</u>				
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:				
Title I grants to local educational agencies	84.010	S010A180024	-	34,212
Title I grants to local educational agencies	84.010	S010A190024	-	161,297
Title I grants to local educational agencies	84.010	S010A200024	-	312,897
Total Title I grant to local educational agencies			-	508,406
Rural education	84.358	S358B200024	-	59,886
Supporting effective instruction state grants	84.367	S367A200023	-	72,752
Subtotal			-	641,044
Special education cluster:				
State Grants - B (611)	84.027A	H027A200108	-	5,098
Special education - grants to states	84.027	H027A200108	-	474,014
Total Special Education - Grants to States			-	479,112
Special education - preschool grants	84.173	H173A200113	-	16,947
Total special education cluster			-	496,059
Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund I	84.425D	S425D200031	-	346,365
COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund (ESSER)			-	346,365
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education			-	1,483,468
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services				
Vocational rehabilitation grants to states	84.126	N/A	-	66,447
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services			-	66,447
Total U.S. Department of Education			-	1,549,915
<u>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</u>				
Passed-through Mississippi Dept of Human Services:				
Medicaid cluster:				
Medical assistance program	93.778	2005MS5ADM	-	31,567
Total passed-through Mississippi Dept of Human Services			-	31,567
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			-	31,567
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ -	\$ 3,940,632

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

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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 Monroe County School District under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2021. 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 Monroe County School District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the Monroe County School District.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

(3) Noncash Awards – Commodities

The amount of commodities reported on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is the value of commodities received by the district and reported under the National School Lunch Program CFDA #10.555. The value of the commodities received during the fiscal year was \$16,990.

(4) Indirect Cost Rate

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

Monroe County School District
Supplementary Information
Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures - Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Expenditures	Total	Instruction and Other Student Instructional Expenditures	General Administration	School Administration	Other
Salaries and fringe benefits	\$ 16,910,640	13,489,877	539,955	1,392,172	1,488,636
Other	6,004,038	2,506,465	148,254	50,832	3,298,487
Total	<u>\$ 22,914,678</u>	<u>15,996,342</u>	<u>688,209</u>	<u>1,443,004</u>	<u>4,787,123</u>
Total number of students *	<u>2,095</u>				
Cost per student	<u>\$ 10,938</u>	<u>7,635</u>	<u>329</u>	<u>689</u>	<u>2,285</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

Monroe County School District
Other Information
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
General Fund
Last Four Years
UNAUDITED

	2021	2020*	2019*	2018*
Revenues:				
Local sources	\$ 5,255,864	5,246,022	5,163,482	5,009,472
State sources	12,034,912	12,422,655	11,771,465	11,255,169
Federal sources	246,455	182,641	185,005	206,451
Sixteenth section sources	123,657	191,795	249,685	267,605
Total Revenues	<u>17,660,888</u>	<u>18,043,113</u>	<u>17,369,637</u>	<u>16,738,697</u>
Expenditures:				
Instruction	11,039,950	10,901,992	10,454,130	10,451,531
Support services	5,557,632	5,287,201	5,731,250	5,590,024
Noninstructional services	39	105	111	32
Sixteenth section	-	4,514	80,852	40,321
Facilities acquisition and construction	-	-	4,300	-
Debt service:				
Principal	70,833	65,650	60,767	56,167
Interest	11,525	15,166	18,537	21,654
Total Expenditures	<u>16,679,979</u>	<u>16,274,628</u>	<u>16,349,947</u>	<u>16,159,729</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>980,909</u>	<u>1,768,485</u>	<u>1,019,690</u>	<u>578,968</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Insurance recovery	8,342	55,781	2,346	5,124
Sale of other property	5,809	-	8,965	3,187
Operating transfers in	40,000	47,226	114,585	122,614
Operating transfers out	(955,286)	(947,567)	(941,701)	(776,492)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(901,135)</u>	<u>(844,560)</u>	<u>(815,805)</u>	<u>(645,567)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>79,774</u>	<u>923,925</u>	<u>203,885</u>	<u>(66,599)</u>
Fund Balances:				
Beginning of period	<u>8,912,764</u>	<u>7,988,839</u>	<u>7,784,954</u>	<u>7,851,553</u>
End of Period	<u>\$ 8,992,538</u>	<u>8,912,764</u>	<u>7,988,839</u>	<u>7,784,954</u>

*SOURCE - PRIOR YEAR AUDIT REPORTS

Monroe County School District
Other Information
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Funds
Last Four Years
UNAUDITED

	2021	2020*	2019*	2018*
Revenues:				
Local sources	\$ 5,493,731	5,700,031	5,730,918	5,584,446
State sources	12,798,937	12,967,379	12,369,898	12,208,096
Federal sources	4,059,664	2,001,250	2,104,056	2,141,808
Sixteenth section sources	153,890	227,470	296,979	312,786
Total Revenues	<u>22,506,222</u>	<u>20,896,130</u>	<u>20,501,851</u>	<u>20,247,136</u>
Expenditures:				
Instruction	14,165,945	12,654,861	12,102,064	12,017,170
Support services	7,307,880	6,128,915	6,548,253	6,348,828
Noninstructional services	1,134,891	1,081,651	1,171,407	1,252,496
Sixteenth section	47,653	29,756	111,239	91,826
Facilities acquisition and construction		-	4,300	-
Debt service:				
Principal	165,833	160,650	155,767	816,167
Interest	78,251	85,017	91,441	115,859
Other	14,225	1,250	1,250	5,655
Total Expenditures	<u>22,914,678</u>	<u>20,142,100</u>	<u>20,185,721</u>	<u>20,648,001</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>(408,456)</u>	<u>754,030</u>	<u>316,130</u>	<u>(400,865)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Insurance recovery	8,342	55,781	2,346	5,124
Bonds and notes issued	875,000			
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(3,672)	16,228	28,255	-
Payment held by QSCB debt escrow agent		62,311	62,311	62,311
Payment to QSCB debt escrow agent		(62,311)	(62,311)	(62,311)
Sale of other property	5,959	-	9,365	3,187
Operating transfers in	995,286	1,186,032	1,185,456	1,122,788
Operating transfers out	(995,286)	(1,186,032)	(1,185,706)	(1,122,788)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>885,629</u>	<u>72,009</u>	<u>39,716</u>	<u>8,311</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>477,173</u>	<u>826,039</u>	<u>355,846</u>	<u>(392,554)</u>
Fund Balances:				
Beginning of period, as previously reported	12,315,836	11,488,266	11,126,535	11,721,130
Prior period adjustments	-	-	-	(210,699)
Beginning of period, as restated	<u>12,315,836</u>	<u>11,488,266</u>	<u>11,126,535</u>	<u>11,510,431</u>
Increase (Decrease) in reserve for inventory	<u>(39,771)</u>	<u>1,531</u>	<u>5,885</u>	<u>8,658</u>
End of Period	<u>\$ 12,753,238</u>	<u>12,315,836</u>	<u>11,488,266</u>	<u>11,126,535</u>

*SOURCE - PRIOR YEAR AUDIT REPORTS

REPORTS ON INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE



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

Superintendent and School Board
Monroe 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 Monroe County School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise the Monroe County School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 1, 2023.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Monroe County School District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Monroe County School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Monroe 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 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 Monroe County School District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

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

Okolona, Mississippi
June 1, 2023

Watkins Ward and Stafford, P.C.

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

Superintendent and School Board
Monroe County School District

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Monroe 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 Monroe County School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2021. Monroe County School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

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

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of Monroe 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 the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Monroe 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 Monroe County School District's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, Monroe 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, 2021.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of Monroe 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 Monroe 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 Monroe 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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

Purpose of this Report

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

Okolona, Mississippi
June 1, 2023

Watkins Ward and Stafford, P.C.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Section 1: Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial Statements:

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|----|---|---------------|
| 1. | Type of auditors' report issued: | Unmodified |
| 2. | Internal control over financial reporting: | |
| | a. Material weakness (es) identified? | No |
| | b. Significant deficiency (ies) identified? | None reported |
| 3. | Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? | No |

Federal Awards:

- | 4. | Internal control over major programs: | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|---|---------------------|---|------------------------|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--|
| | a. Material weakness (es) identified? | No | | | | | | |
| | b. Significant deficiency (ies) identified? | None reported | | | | | | |
| 5. | Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major federal 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: | | | | | | | |
| | <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; width: 50%;"><u>CFDA Numbers</u></th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 50%;"><u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u></th> </tr> <tr> <td>10.553, 10.555, 10.559</td> <td>Child Nutrition Cluster</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21.019</td> <td>Coronavirus Relief Fund</td> </tr> </table> | <u>CFDA Numbers</u> | <u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u> | 10.553, 10.555, 10.559 | Child Nutrition Cluster | 21.019 | Coronavirus Relief Fund | |
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| 10.553, 10.555, 10.559 | Child Nutrition Cluster | | | | | | | |
| 21.019 | Coronavirus Relief Fund | | | | | | | |
| 8. | Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: | \$750,000 | | | | | | |
| 9. | Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee? | Yes | | | | | | |
| 10. | Prior fiscal year audit findings 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) | No | | | | | | |

MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

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.