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SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Audited Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Superintendent and School Board  
Simpson County School District

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

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Simpson County School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Simpson County School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### ***Opinions***

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

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## ***Other Matters***

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

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

### ***Other Information***

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

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

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

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated May 20, 2022, on my consideration of the Simpson County School District's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Simpson 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 Simpson County School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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

Charles L. Shivers, CPA, LLC  
Ridgeland, MS  
May 20, 2022

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

The following discussion and analysis of Simpson 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 increased \$836,882, including a prior period adjustment of \$96,642, which represents a 21% increase from fiscal year 2020. Total net position for 2020 increased \$771,262, including a prior period adjustment of \$132,405, which represents a 17% increase from fiscal year 2019
- General revenues amounted to \$29,672,858 and \$30,685,637, or 76% and 82% 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 \$9,304,498, or 24% of total revenues for 2021, and \$6,742,676, or 18% of total revenues for 2020.
- The District had \$38,237,116 and \$36,789,456 in expenses for fiscal years 2021 and 2020; only \$9,304,498 for 2021 and \$6,742,676 for 2020 of these expenses was offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions. General revenues of \$29,672,858 for 2021 and \$30,685,637 for 2020 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- Among major funds, the General Fund had \$28,185,359 in revenues and \$24,994,945 in expenditures for 2021, and \$29,016,630 in revenues and \$28,152,084 in expenditures in 2020. The General Fund's fund balance increased by \$2,690,275 from 2020 to 2021 and increased by \$246,191, including a prior period adjustment of \$132,331, from 2019 to 2020.
- Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, decreased by \$281,887 for 2021 and increased by \$591,968 for 2020. The decrease for 2021 was due primarily to the increase in accumulated depreciation.
- Long-term debt decreased by \$408,471 for 2021 and decreased by \$376,717 for 2020. This decrease for 2021 was due primarily to the principal payments on outstanding long-term debt. The liability for compensated absences decreased by \$28,471 for 2021 and decreased by \$3,717 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 change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

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

## **Fund Financial Statements**

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the District are in the governmental funds category.

**Governmental funds** – All 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Notes to the financial statements**

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

## **Required Supplementary Information**

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

## Supplementary Information

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

## Other Information

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

## GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

### Net position

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position. Liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded assets and deferred outflows of resources by \$3,057,705 as of June 30, 2021.

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

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

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

	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020	Percentage Change
Current assets	\$ 15,449,832	\$ 12,857,048	20.17 %
Restricted assets	9,249,430	9,259,483	(0.11) %
Capital assets, net	34,048,674	34,330,561	(0.82) %
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>58,747,936</b>	<b>56,447,092</b>	<b>4.08 %</b>
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>	<b>6,330,184</b>	<b>4,083,974</b>	<b>55.00 %</b>
Current liabilities	2,402,370	2,496,645	(3.78) %
Long-term debt outstanding	6,128,069	6,536,540	(6.25) %
Net OPEB liability	3,135,305	3,409,970	(8.05) %
Net pension liability	54,464,348	48,260,939	12.85 %
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>66,130,092</b>	<b>60,704,094</b>	<b>8.94 %</b>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>2,005,733</b>	<b>3,721,559</b>	<b>(46.11) %</b>
<b>Net position:</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	27,911,690	27,769,909	0.51 %
Restricted	7,981,314	7,994,583	(0.17) %
Unrestricted	(38,950,709)	(39,659,079)	1.79 %
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ (3,057,705)</b>	<b>\$ (3,894,587)</b>	<b>21.49 %</b>

Additional information on unrestricted net position:

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

Total unrestricted net position (deficit)	\$ (38,950,709)
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	53,144,198
Unrestricted net position, exclusive of the net pension liability and net OPEB liability effect	<u>\$ 14,193,489</u>

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

- Decrease in net capital assets in the amount of \$281,887.
- The principal retirement of \$380,000 of long-term debt.

### Changes in net position

The District's total revenues for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020 were \$38,977,356 and \$37,428,313, respectively. The total cost of all programs and services was \$38,237,116 for 2021 and \$36,789,456 for 2020.

Table 2 presents a summary of the changes in net position for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2022.

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

	<u>Year Ended</u> <u>June 30, 2021</u>	<u>Year Ended</u> <u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Change</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 427,498	\$ 701,014	(39.02) %
Operating grants and contributions	8,877,000	6,041,662	46.93 %
General revenues:			
Property taxes	9,560,861	9,580,964	(0.21) %
Grants and contributions not restricted	18,303,488	18,998,553	(3.66) %
Investment earnings	36,287	206,852	(82.46) %
Sixteenth section sources	803,333	444,304	80.81 %
Other	968,889	1,454,964	(33.41) %
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u><b>38,977,356</b></u>	<u><b>37,428,313</b></u>	<b>4.14 %</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Instruction	18,801,697	16,802,119	11.90 %
Support services	12,258,019	14,058,803	(12.81) %
Non-instructional	1,510,488	1,947,340	(22.43) %
Sixteenth section	103,896	125,980	(17.53) %
Pension expense	5,354,257	3,524,873	51.90 %
OPEB expense	81,117	205,946	(60.61) %
Interest on long-term liabilities	127,642	124,395	2.61 %
<b>Total expenses</b>	<u><b>38,237,116</b></u>	<u><b>36,789,456</b></u>	<b>3.93 %</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in net position</b>	<u><b>740,240</b></u>	<u><b>638,857</b></u>	<b>15.87 %</b>
<b>Net Position, July 1, as previously reported</b>	<u><b>(3,894,587)</b></u>	<u><b>(4,665,849)</b></u>	<b>16.53 %</b>
<b>Prior Period Adjustment</b>	<u><b>96,642</b></u>	<u><b>132,405</b></u>	<b>(27.01) %</b>
<b>Net Position, July 1, as restated</b>	<u><b>(3,797,945)</b></u>	<u><b>(4,533,444)</b></u>	<b>16.22 %</b>
<b>Net Position, June 30</b>	<u><b>\$ (3,057,705)</b></u>	<u><b>\$ (3,894,587)</b></u>	<b>21.49 %</b>

### Governmental activities

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

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

	<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>Percentage Change</b>
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	
Instruction	\$ 18,801,697	\$ 16,802,119	11.90 %
Support services	12,258,019	14,058,803	(12.81) %
Non-instructional	1,510,488	1,947,340	(22.43) %
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<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 38,237,116</b>	<b>\$ 36,789,456</b>	<b>3.93 %</b>

  

	<b>Net (Expense) Revenue</b>		<b>Percentage Change</b>
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	
Instruction	\$ (13,585,111)	\$ (13,986,737)	2.87 %
Support services	(9,682,477)	(12,078,794)	19.84 %
Non-instructional	1,881	(55)	3,520.00 %
Sixteenth section	(103,896)	(125,980)	17.53 %
Pension Expense	(5,354,257)	(3,524,873)	(51.90) %
OPEB Expense	(81,117)	(205,946)	60.61 %
Interest on long-term liabilities	(127,642)	(124,395)	(2.61) %
<b>Total net (expense) revenue</b>	<b>\$ (28,932,619)</b>	<b>\$ (30,046,780)</b>	<b>3.71 %</b>

- Net cost of governmental activities (\$28,932,618 for 2021 and \$30,046,780 for 2020) was financed by general revenue, which is primarily made up of property taxes (\$9,560,861 for 2021 and \$9,580,964 for 2020) and state and federal revenues (\$18,303,488 for 2021 and \$18,998,553 for 2020). In addition, there was \$803,333 and \$444,304 in Sixteenth Section sources for 2021 and 2020, respectively.
- Investment earnings amounted to \$36,287 for 2021 and \$206,852 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 \$22,936,768, an increase of \$2,731,344, which includes a decrease in inventory of \$70,596. \$13,882,804 or 61% of the fund balance is unassigned, which represents the residual classification for the General Fund's fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. The remaining fund balance of \$9,053,964 or 39% 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 \$2,690,275. The fund balance of Other Governmental Funds showed a decrease in the amount of \$2,371, which includes a decrease in reserve for inventory of \$70,596. The increase (decrease) in the fund balances for the other major funds were as follows:



Major Fund	Increase (Decrease)
Title I-A Basic Fund	\$ 26
EHA Part B Fund	no increase or decrease
16th Section Principal Fund	43,414

## BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

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

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

## CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

**Capital Assets.** As of June 30, 2021, the District's total capital assets were \$52,799,270, including land, construction in progress, school buildings, building improvements, improvements other than buildings, buses, other school vehicles and furniture and equipment. This amount represents an increase of \$803,908 from 2020. Total accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2021, was \$18,750,596, and total depreciation expense for the year was \$1,214,320, resulting in total net capital assets of \$34,048,674.

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

	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020	Percentage Change
Land	\$ 638,514	\$ 638,514	0.00 %
Construction in Progress	74,451	1,064,377	(93.01) %
Buildings	30,704,673	29,923,774	2.61 %
Building improvements	219,660	232,261	(5.43) %
Improvements other than buildings	570,362	595,996	(4.30) %
Mobile equipment	1,352,882	1,380,497	(2.00) %
Furniture and equipment	488,132	495,142	(1.42) %
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 34,048,674</b>	<b>\$ 34,330,561</b>	<b>(0.82) %</b>

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

**Debt Administration.** At June 30, 2021, the District had \$6,128,069 in outstanding long-term debt, of which \$400,342 is due within one year. The liability for compensated absences decreased \$28,471 from the prior year.

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

	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020	Percentage Change
Limited tax notes payable	3,661,000	4,041,000	(9.40) %
Qualified school construction bonds payable	2,344,980	2,344,980	0.00 %
Compensated absences payable	122,089	150,560	(18.91) %
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,128,069</b>	<b>\$ 6,536,540</b>	<b>(6.25) %</b>

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

## CURRENT ISSUES

The Simpson 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.

#### **CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Superintendent's Office of the Simpson County School District, 111 Education Lane, Mendenhall, Mississippi 39114.

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## BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

Exhibit A

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 13,062,952
Due from other governments	2,315,517
Accrued interest receivable	13,565
Inventories	57,798
Restricted assets (Note 4)	9,249,430
Non-depreciable capital assets (Note 5)	712,965
Depreciable capital assets, net (Note 5)	33,335,709
Total Assets	<u>58,747,936</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Deferred outflow - pensions (Note 7)	5,673,250
Deferred outflow - OPEB (Note 8)	656,934
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>6,330,184</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,762,494
Interest payable on long-term liabilities	639,876
Long-term liabilities (Due within one year)	
Capital related liabilities (Note 6)	388,000
Non-capital related liabilities (Note 6)	12,342
Net OPEB liability (Note 8)	106,517
Long-term liabilities (Due beyond one year)	
Capital related liabilities (Note 6)	5,617,980
Non-capital related liabilities (Note 6)	109,747
Net OPEB liability (Note 8)	3,028,788
Net pension liability (Note 7)	54,464,348
Total Liabilities	<u>66,130,092</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Deferred inflows - pensions (Note 7)	1,186,473
Deferred inflows - OPEB (Note 8)	688,256
Deferred inflow - deferred credit on bonds payable	131,004
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>2,005,733</u>
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	27,911,690
Restricted net position	
Expendable	
School-based activities	795,540
Debt service	2,026,017
Forestry improvements	221,541
Unemployment benefits	79,610
Non-expendable	
Sixteenth section	4,858,606
Unrestricted	<u>(38,950,709)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (3,057,705)</u>

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

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

Exhibit B

Functions / Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	
Governmental Activities				
Instruction	\$ 18,801,697	384,271	4,832,316	(13,585,111)
Support services	12,258,019		2,575,543	(9,682,477)
Non-instructional	1,510,488	43,227	1,469,142	1,881
Sixteenth section	103,896			(103,896)
Pension expense	5,354,257			(5,354,257)
OPEB expense	81,117			(81,117)
Interest on long-term liabilities	127,642			(127,642)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>38,237,116</u>	<u>427,498</u>	<u>8,877,000</u>	<u>(28,932,618)</u>
General Revenues				
Taxes				
General purpose levies				9,065,739
Debt purpose levies				495,122
Unrestricted grants and contributions				
State				18,188,396
Federal				115,092
Unrestricted investment earnings				36,287
Sixteenth section sources				803,333
Other				968,889
Total General Revenues				<u>29,672,858</u>
Changes in Net Position				<u>740,240</u>
Net Position - Beginning, as previously reported				(3,894,587)
Prior Period Adjustments (Note 10)				96,642
Net Position - Beginning - as restated				<u>(3,797,945)</u>
Net Position - Ending				<u>\$ (3,057,705)</u>

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

SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds  
June 30, 2021

Exhibit C

	Major Funds					Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Title I-A Basic Fund	EHA Part B Fund	16th Section Principal Fund	Other Governmental Funds	
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 13,062,952	26		4,816,885	2,185,312	20,065,175
Cash with fiscal agent (Note 2)					25,307	25,307
Investments (Note 2)					2,221,900	2,221,900
Due from other governments	379,649	512,887	911,370		511,611	2,315,517
Accrued interest receivable					13,565	13,565
Due from other funds (Note 3)	2,498,761			124,655	201,214	2,699,975
Advances to other funds (Note 3)						124,655
Inventories					57,798	57,798
Total Assets	15,941,362	512,913	911,370	4,941,540	5,216,707	27,523,892
Liabilities and Fund Balances						
Liabilities						
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	1,349,710	25,956	50,561		336,267	1,762,494
Due to other funds (Note 3)	201,214	486,931	860,809	34,449	1,116,572	2,699,975
Advances from other funds (Note 3)	124,655					124,655
Total Liabilities	1,675,579	512,887	911,370	34,449	1,452,839	4,587,124
Fund Balances						
Nonspendable					57,798	57,798
Inventory					1,310	4,733,951
Permanent fund principal				4,732,641		124,655
Advances				124,655		
Restricted						
Debt service					2,665,893	2,665,893
Forestry improvements					221,541	221,541
Unemployment benefits					79,610	79,610
Grant activities		26			737,716	737,742
Assigned						
School activities	382,979					382,979
Other purposes				49,795		49,795
Unassigned	13,882,804					13,882,804
Total Fund Balances	14,265,783	26	0	4,907,091	3,763,868	22,936,768
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 15,941,362	512,913	911,370	4,941,540	5,216,707	27,523,892

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



SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2021

Exhibit C-1

		<u>Amount</u>
Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds		\$ 22,936,768
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds:		
Land	638,514	
Construction in progress	74,451	
Buildings	43,764,730	
Building improvements	315,021	
Improvement other than buildings	743,644	
Mobile equipment	5,256,750	
Furniture and equipment	2,006,160	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(18,750,596)</u>	34,048,674
Some liabilities, including net pension obligations, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:		
Net pension liability		(54,464,348)
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:		
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	5,673,250	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	<u>(1,186,473)</u>	4,486,777
Some liabilities, including net OPEB obligations, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:		
Net OPEB liability		(3,135,305)
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:		
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	656,934	
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	<u>(688,256)</u>	(31,322)
Long-term liabilities and related accrued interest are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:		
Qualified school construction bonds	(2,344,980)	
Notes payable	(3,661,000)	
Compensated absences	(122,089)	
Deferred credit on bonds payable	(131,004)	
Accrued interest payable	<u>(639,876)</u>	(6,898,949)
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities		<u>\$ (3,057,705)</u>

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

SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Exhibit D

	Major Funds					Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Title I-A Basic Fund	EHA Part B Fund	16th Section Principal Fund	Other Governmental Funds	
Revenues						
Local sources	\$ 9,361,828				707,528	10,069,356
State sources	18,022,466				1,029,170	19,051,636
Federal sources	115,092	2,149,699	931,984		4,843,381	8,040,156
Sixteenth section sources	685,973			43,414	117,932	847,319
Total Revenues	<u>28,185,359</u>	<u>2,149,699</u>	<u>931,984</u>	<u>43,414</u>	<u>6,698,011</u>	<u>38,008,467</u>
Expenditures						
Instruction	15,106,125	1,142,582	369,652		3,549,146	20,167,505
Support services	9,802,028	962,211	547,289		1,829,535	13,141,063
Noninstructional services		23,269			1,718,772	1,742,041
Sixteenth section	5,005				98,891	103,896
Facilities acquisition and construction	74,451				449,488	523,939
Debt service						
Principal (Note 6)						
Interest	7,336					
Total Expenditures	<u>24,994,945</u>	<u>2,128,062</u>	<u>916,941</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,135,468</u>	<u>36,175,416</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>3,190,414</u>	<u>21,637</u>	<u>15,043</u>	<u>43,414</u>	<u>(1,437,457)</u>	<u>1,833,051</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Insurance loss recoveries (Note 14)	968,889					968,889
Operating transfers in (Note 3)	129,060				1,727,081	1,856,141
Operating transfers out (Note 3)	(1,598,088)	(21,611)	(15,043)		(221,399)	(1,856,141)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(500,139)</u>	<u>(21,611)</u>	<u>(15,043)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,505,682</u>	<u>968,889</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>2,690,275</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>43,414</u>	<u>68,225</u>	<u>2,801,940</u>
Fund Balances						
July 1, 2020	11,575,508	0	0	4,863,677	3,766,239	20,205,424
Decrease in reserve for inventory					(70,596)	(70,596)
June 30, 2021	<u>\$ 14,265,783</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,907,091</u>	<u>3,763,868</u>	<u>22,936,768</u>

## SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Exhibit D-1

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures  
and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	<u>Amount</u>	
Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds		\$ 2,801,940
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. In the current period, those amounts are:		
Capital outlay	838,128	
Depreciation expense	<u>(1,214,320)</u>	(376,192)
In the Statement of Activities, only the gain/loss on the sale of assets is reported, while in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the sale increases financial resources. Thus, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balance by the cost of the asset sold.		(2,337)
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts and the difference between the carrying value of refunded debt and the acquisition cost of refunded debt when debt is first issued. These amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities:		
Payments of debt principal	380,000	
Accrued interest payable	(54,338)	
Deferred credit of bonds payable	<u>43,668</u>	369,330
Some items relating to pensions and reported in the statement of activities do not provide or require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as revenues/expenditures in the governmental funds. These activities include:		
Pension expense	(5,354,257)	
Contributions made subsequent to the measurement date	<u>3,318,481</u>	(2,035,776)
Some items relating to OPEB and reported in the statement of activities do not provide or require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as revenues/expenditures in the governmental funds. These activities include:		
OPEB expense	(81,117)	
Contributions made subsequent to the measurement date	<u>106,517</u>	25,400
Some items reported in the Statement of Activities do not provide or require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as revenues/expenditures in the governmental funds. These activities include:		
Change in compensated absences	28,471	
Change in inventory reserve	<u>(70,596)</u>	(42,125)
Changes in Net Position of Governmental Activities		<u>\$ 740,240</u>

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

## SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Notes to the Financial Statements

For 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, the 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 program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements - Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported in separate columns in the fund financial statements. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as other governmental funds.

The school district reports the following major governmental funds:

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**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.

**Title I-A Basic Fund** - This Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the Federal funds whose use is restricted for services associated with providing supplemental educational service to students.

**EHA Part B Fund** - This special revenue fund is financed with federal funds and is used to account for the activities associated with providing special education students with appropriate services.

**16<sup>th</sup> Section Principal Fund** - This fund is used to account for the non-expendable resources generated from the sale of non-renewable resources on sixteenth section lands.

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **D. Encumbrances**

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

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

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

###### **Cash and cash equivalents**

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

###### **Investments**

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

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

Investments for the district are reported at fair market value.

##### **2. Receivables and payables**

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

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“advances to/from other funds” (i.e. the non-current portion of inter-fund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as “due to/from other funds.”

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

3. Due from Other Governments

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

4. Inventories and Prepaid Items

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

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

5. Restricted Assets

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

6. Capital Assets

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

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

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

The following schedule details the capitalization thresholds:

	Capitalization Policy	Estimated Useful Life
Land	\$ 0	0
Construction in progress	0	0
Buildings	50,000	40 years
Building improvements	25,000	20 years

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	Capitalization Policy	Estimated Useful Life
Improvements other than buildings	25,000	20 years
Mobile equipment	5,000	5-10 years
Furniture and equipment	5,000	3-7 years

See Note 5 for details.

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 deferred outflows are directly related to pension reporting and OPEB reporting.

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 deferred inflows are directly related to pension reporting, OPEB reporting and the deferred credit on bonds payable.

See Note 15 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

In the government-wide financial statements, outstanding debt is reported as liabilities. See Note 6 for details.

10. Pensions

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

11. Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the State and School Employees' Life and Health Plan (OPEB Plan) and additions to/deductions from the OPEB Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the 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.



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#### 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 documented in the board minutes of 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 of education and/or the business manager pursuant to authorization established by the school board.

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

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

The Simpson County School District has adopted a policy to maintain a minimum unassigned fund balance in the General Fund that is not less than 5% of the District Maintenance Fund revenues. If the unassigned fund balance falls below the 5%, the school district will develop a restoration plan to achieve and maintain the minimum unassigned fund balance.

#### 13. Accounting Standards Update

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

GASB 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, was implemented during fiscal year 2020. The objective of this statement is to improve guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. This statement describes four fiduciary funds that should be reported,

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if applicable: (1) pension (and other employee benefit) trust funds, (2) investment trust funds, (3) private-purpose trust funds, and (4) custodial funds.

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

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

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

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

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

The carrying amount of the school district's deposits with financial institutions reported in the governmental funds was \$20,065,175.

**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.

#### Cash with Fiscal Agents

The carrying amount of school district's cash with fiscal agents held by financial institutions was \$25,307.

#### Investments

As of June 30, 2021, the district had the following investments.

Investment Type	Rating	Maturities (in years)	Fair Value
U.S. Treasury SLGS	N/A	1 to 5	\$ 2,221,900

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

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The district has the following recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2021:

- The investments of \$2,221,900 are valued using quoted market prices (Level 1 inputs)

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

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

*Custodial Credit Risk - Investments.* Custodial credit risk is defined as the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the district will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The district does not have a formal investment policy that addresses custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2021, the district did not have any investments to which this would apply.

### 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	Major fund - Title I-A Basic Fund	\$ 486,931
	Major fund - EHA Part B Fund	860,809
	Major fund - 16th Section Principal Fund	34,449
	Other governmental funds	1,116,572
Other governmental funds	General Fund	201,214
Total		<u>\$ 2,699,975</u>

The purpose of the more significant interfund loans to the major funds and the Other Governmental Funds was to eliminate deficit cash balances in certain federal programs as part of the normal year end closing adjustments. Other interfund loans reflect over or under payments of transactions that occur in the normal course of business.

#### B. Advances To/From Other Fund

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
Major Fund - 16th Section Principal Fund	General Fund	<u>\$ 124,655</u>

Sixteenth section principal loans payable

Note: The sixteenth section principal loans payable are not reflected on the Statement of Net Position because these funds were borrowed by the General Fund from the Sixteenth Section Trust Fund (Permanent Trust) in accordance with Section 29-3-113, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The revenues and expenditures associated with these transactions are reflected on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. The interest rate on the sixteenth section principal loans payable as of June 30, 2021 is four percent.

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

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	\$ 61,105	4,986	66,091
2023	63,550	2,541	66,091
Total	<u>\$ 124,655</u>	<u>7,527</u>	<u>132,182</u>

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**C. Inter-fund Transfers**

Transfers Out	Transfers In	Amount
General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	\$ 1,598,088
Major Fund - Title I-A Basic Fund	General Fund	21,611
Major Fund - EHA Part B Fund	General Fund	15,043
Other Governmental Funds	General Fund	92,406
	Other Governmental Funds	128,993
Total		<u>\$ 1,856,141</u>

The transfer out of the General Fund was for the purpose of funding the vocational program and the Magee field house construction in the Other Governmental Funds. The transfer out of the major funds was for indirect cost. The transfer out of the Other Governmental Funds was to finance debt.

**Note 4 – Restricted Assets**

The restricted assets of \$9,249,430 represent the cash balance, cash with fiscal agent and investment balance, totaling \$7,002,223, \$25,307 and \$2,221,900, respectively, of the Sixteenth Section Principal Fund (Permanent Fund), debt service funds and various federal programs which are legally restricted and may not be used for purposes that support the district's programs.

**Note 5 – Capital Assets**

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

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	Balance 7/1/2020	Increases	Decreases	Completed Construction	Adjustments	Balance 6/30/2021
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>						
<b>Non-depreciable capital assets:</b>						
Land	\$ 638,514					638,514
Construction-in-progress	1,064,377	523,939		(1,541,602)	27,737	74,451
Total non-depreciable capital assets	1,702,891	523,939	0	(1,541,602)	27,737	712,965
<b>Depreciable capital assets:</b>						
Buildings	42,223,128			1,541,602		43,764,730
Building improvements	315,021					315,021
Improvements other than buildings	743,644					743,644
Mobile equipment	5,089,196	186,633	(19,079)			5,256,750
Furniture and equipment	1,921,482	127,556	(42,878)			2,006,160
Total depreciable capital assets	50,292,471	314,189	(61,957)	1,541,602	0	52,086,305
<b>Less accumulated depreciation for:</b>						
Buildings	12,299,354	784,383			(23,680)	13,060,057
Building improvements	82,760	12,601				95,361
Improvements other than buildings	147,648	25,634				173,282
Mobile equipment	3,708,699	212,340	(17,171)			3,903,868
Furniture and equipment	1,426,340	179,362	(42,449)		(45,225)	1,518,028
Total accumulated depreciation	17,664,801	1,214,320	(59,620)	0	(68,905)	18,750,596
Total depreciable capital assets, net	32,627,670	(900,131)	(2,337)	1,541,602	68,905	33,335,709
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 34,330,561	(376,192)	(2,337)	0	96,642	34,048,674

Depreciation expense was charged to the following governmental functions:

	Amount
<b>Governmental activities:</b>	
Instruction	\$ 845,218
Support services	328,751
Non-instructional	40,351
Total depreciation expense - Governmental activities	\$ 1,214,320

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

	Spent to June 30, 2021	Remaining Commitment
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>		
Mendenhall Elementary 5th Grade Building	\$ 74,451	2,282,702

Construction projects included in governmental activities are funded ESSER II funds.

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**Note 6 – Long-term Liabilities**

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

	Balance 7/1/2020	Additions	Reductions	Balance 6/30/2021	Amounts due within one year
A. Limited tax notes payable	\$ 4,041,000		380,000	3,661,000	388,000
B. Qualified school construction bonds payable	2,344,980			2,344,980	0
C. Compensated absences payable	150,560		28,471	122,089	12,342
Total	<u>\$ 6,536,540</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>408,471</u>	<u>6,128,069</u>	<u>400,342</u>

**A. Limited tax notes payable**

Debt currently outstanding is as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
1. Limited tax note, 2014-A	2.7	08/15/14	07/15/29	\$ 5,500,000	3,580,000
2. Limited tax note, 2014-B	2.03	07/15/14	07/15/23	350,000	81,000
Total				<u>\$ 5,850,000</u>	<u>3,661,000</u>

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

1. Limited tax note, 2014A:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	\$ 355,000	107,281	462,281
2023	370,000	99,795	469,795
2024	385,000	91,666	476,666
2025	395,000	82,785	477,785
2026	410,000	73,084	483,084
2027– 2030	1,665,000	185,888	1,850,888
Total	<u>\$ 3,580,000</u>	<u>640,499</u>	<u>4,220,499</u>

This debt will be retired from the Three Mill Retirement Fund (Debt Service Fund).

2. Limited tax note, 2014B:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	\$ 33,000	1,309	34,309
2023	27,000	700	27,700
2024	21,000	213	21,213
Total	<u>\$ 81,000</u>	<u>2,222</u>	<u>83,222</u>

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This debt will be retired from the Three Mill Retirement Fund (Debt Service Fund).

Total three mill notes payable payments for all issues:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	\$ 388,000	108,590	496,590
2023	397,000	100,495	497,495
2024	406,000	91,879	497,879
2025	395,000	82,785	477,785
2026	410,000	73,084	483,084
2027 – 2030	1,665,000	185,888	1,850,888
Total	<u>\$ 3,661,000</u>	<u>642,721</u>	<u>4,303,721</u>

**B. Qualified school construction bonds payable**

As more fully explained in Note 13, debt has been issued by the school district that qualifies as Qualified School Construction bonds. Debt currently outstanding is as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
1. Qualified School Construction Bonds	0	11/19/2009	9/15/2024	\$ 2,344,980	2,344,980

This debt is partially secured by an irrevocable pledge of building and bus fund revenues the district receives from the State of Mississippi pursuant to the Education Enhancement Funds authorization, Section 37-61-33, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). \$128,562 of those funds are applied toward this debt.

**C. Compensated absences payable**

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

**Note 7 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan**

**General Information about the Pension Plan**

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

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

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creditable service up to and including 30 years (25 years for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), plus 2.5 percent for each additional year of creditable service with an actuarial reduction in the benefit for each year of creditable service below 30 years or the number of years in age that the member is below 65, whichever is less. Average compensation is the average of the employee's earnings during the four highest compensated years of creditable service. Benefits vest upon completion of eight years of membership service (four years of membership service for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2007). PERS also provides certain death and disability benefits. A Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) payment is made to eligible retirees and beneficiaries. The COLA is equal to 3.0 percent of the annual retirement allowance for each full fiscal year of retirement up to the year in which the retired member reaches age 60 (55 for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), with 3.0 percent compounded for each fiscal year thereafter.

*Contributions.* PERS members are required to contribute 9.00% of their annual covered salary, and the school district is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The employer's rate as of June 30, 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 Mississippi Legislature. The school district's contributions to PERS for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019 were \$3,318,481, \$3,259,686 and \$2,814,013, 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 \$54,464,348 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 .281341 percent, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2020. This was an increase of .007006 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 \$5,354,257. At June 30, 2021 the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 343,588	\$ 0
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	1,789,750	0
Changes of assumptions	221,431	0
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	0	1,186,473
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	3,318,481	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,673,250</b>	<b>\$ 1,186,473</b>

\$3,318,481 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:

<b>Year Ending June 30:</b>	
2022	\$ 181,435
2023	181,435
2024	357,989
2025	447,437

*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:



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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 are 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:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Domestic Equity	27.00 %	4.90 %
International Equity	22.00	4.75
Global Equity	12.00	5.00
Fixed Income	20.00	0.50
Real Estate	10.00	4.00
Private Equity	8.00	6.25
Cash	1.00	0.00
Total	100 %	

*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate (9.00%) and that employer contributions will be made at the current contribution rate (17.40%). Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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

	<u>1% Decrease (6.75%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (7.75%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (8.75%)</u>
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 70,497,407	\$ 54,464,348	\$ 41,230,633

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

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**Note 8 – Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)**

**General Information about the OPEB Plan.**

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

*Benefits provided.*

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

*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 \$106,517 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 \$3,135,305 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 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 .40288783 percent. This was an increase of .00102510 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 \$81,117. At June 30, 2021, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

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	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 3,997	\$ 545,627
Changes of assumptions	486,785	132,494
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	101	0
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	59,534	10,135
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	106,517	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 656,934</b>	<b>\$ 688,256</b>

\$106,517 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	\$	(32,456)
2023		(32,456)
2024		(29,497)
2025		(13,872)
2026		(29,558)

*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:

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 ultimate
Pre-Medicare	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 the last actuarial experience study, dated April 2, 2019.

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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 4.50%.

*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 both the June 30, 2019 and the 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 Buyers General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index Rate.

*Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (1.19 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (3.19 percent) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease (1.19%)	Current Discount Rate (2.19%)	1% Increase (3.19%)
Net OPEB liability	\$ 3,464,727	\$ 3,135,305	\$ 2,852,752

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

	1% Decrease	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates Current	1% Increase
Net OPEB liability	\$ 2,894,975	\$ 3,135,305	\$ 3,407,589

*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 9 – Sixteenth Section Lands

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

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Year Ending June 30	Amount
2022	\$ 39,162
2023	35,632
2024	35,086
2025	20,936
2026	11,787
2027 – 2031	58,085
2032 – 2036	58,185
2037 – 2041	54,935
Thereafter	30,915
Total	<u>\$ 344,723</u>

**Note 10 – Prior Period Adjustments**

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

Exhibit B - Statement of Activities

Explanation	Amount
Error correction - capital assets	<u>\$ 96,642</u>

**Note 11 – Contingencies**

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

**Note 12 – Risk Management**

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

**Note 13 – Qualified School Construction Bonds**

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

The school district makes equal annual payments into a sinking fund which is used to payoff the bonds at termination. The current maturity limit of tax credit bonds is 17 years, per the U. S. Treasury Department. Under this program, ten percent of the proceeds must be subject to a binding commitment to be spent within six months of issuance and 100% must be spent within three years. Up to two percent of bond proceeds can be used to pay costs of issuance. The amount on deposit at June 30, 2021 was \$2,247,207. The amount accumulated in the sinking fund at the end of the seventeen-year period is expected to be sufficient to retire the debt. The following schedule reports the annual deposits to be made to the sinking fund by the school district.

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Year Ending June 30	Amount
2022	\$ 200,000
2023	200,000
2024	200,000
2025	200,000
Total	<u>\$ 800,000</u>

**Note 14 - Insurance loss recoveries**

The School District received \$968,889 in insurance loss recoveries related to fire damage to the vocational center during the 2019-2020 fiscal year. In the government-wide Statement of Activities, the insurance loss recoveries were reported as other revenues.

**Note 15 – Effect of Deferred Amounts on Net Position**

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$38,950,709) 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 \$3,318,481 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 \$2,354,769 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 (\$38,950,709) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue resulting from a deferred inflow from pensions. The \$1,186,473 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 4 years.

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$38,950,709) 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 \$106,517 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 \$550,417 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 (\$38,950,709) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue resulting from a deferred inflow from OPEB. The \$688,256 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.

The net investment in capital assets amount \$27,911,690 includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue from the deferred credit on bonds payable that resulted from the issuance of an interest free debt obligation. The \$131,004 balance of deferred inflow of resources as of June 30, 2021 will be recognized as revenue and increase net investment in capital assets over the remaining five years of the outstanding debt obligation.

**Note 16 - Subsequent Events**

Events that occur after the Statement of Net Position date but before the financial statements are available to be issued must be evaluated for recognition or disclosure. The effects of subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that existed at the Statement of Net Position date are recognized in the accompanying financial statements. Subsequent events which provide evidence about conditions that existed after the Statement of Net Position date require disclosure in the accompanying notes. Management of the School District evaluated the activity of the district through May 20, 2022, (the date the financial statements were available to be issued), and determined that the following subsequent event has occurred requiring disclosure in the notes to the financial statements:

The district issued \$9,500,000 in limited tax notes on December 23, 2021. The notes range from 1.54% to 1.90% interest and will have final maturity on June 1, 2037. The notes will be used to pay off existing limited tax notes of \$3,265,230 and \$48,427 and the balance will be used for repairs, construction, renovation, the purchase of land and equipment as provided by state law. The notes will be retired from a bond retirement fund which will be financed with a milage rate not to exceed 3 mills.

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SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule for the 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	\$ 9,418,580	9,345,129	9,361,828	(73,451)	16,699
State sources	17,960,766	18,022,466	18,022,466	61,700	0
Federal sources	122,300	115,092	115,092	(7,208)	0
Sixteenth section sources	174,500	728,087	685,973	553,587	(42,114)
Total Revenues	27,676,146	28,210,774	28,185,359	534,628	(25,415)
Expenditures					
Instruction	15,255,088	15,286,738	15,106,125	(31,650)	180,613
Support services	11,066,928	10,026,283	9,802,028	1,040,645	224,255
Sixteenth section	9,100	5,005	5,005	4,095	0
Facilities acquisition and construction	0	74,451	74,451	(74,451)	0
Debt service					
Interest	9,597	7,336	7,336	2,261	0
Total Expenditures	26,340,713	25,399,813	24,994,945	940,900	404,868
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,335,433	2,810,961	3,190,414	1,475,528	379,453
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Insurance loss recoveries	0	976,306	968,889	976,306	(7,417)
Operating transfers in	3,551,352	3,301,605	129,060	(249,747)	(3,172,545)
Operating transfers out	(5,648,761)	(4,770,633)	(1,598,088)	878,128	3,172,545
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(2,097,409)	(492,722)	(500,139)	1,604,687	(7,417)
Net Change in Fund Balances			2,690,275		
Fund Balances					
July 1, 2020			11,575,508		
June 30, 2021			\$ 14,265,783		

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

SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule for the Major Special Revenue Fund - Title I-A Basic 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					
Federal sources	\$ 2,369,344	2,377,480	2,149,699	8,136	(227,781)
Total Revenues	<u>2,369,344</u>	<u>2,377,480</u>	<u>2,149,699</u>	<u>8,136</u>	<u>(227,781)</u>
Expenditures					
Instruction	1,226,680	1,391,045	1,142,582	(164,365)	248,463
Support services	1,082,531	1,079,118	962,211	3,413	116,907
Noninstructional services	37,262	42,304	23,269	(5,042)	19,035
Total Expenditures	<u>2,346,473</u>	<u>2,512,467</u>	<u>2,128,062</u>	<u>(165,994)</u>	<u>384,405</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>22,871</u>	<u>(134,987)</u>	<u>21,637</u>	<u>(157,858)</u>	<u>156,624</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Operating transfers out	(22,871)	(21,611)	(21,611)	1,260	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(22,871)</u>	<u>(21,611)</u>	<u>(21,611)</u>	<u>1,260</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances			<u>26</u>		
Fund Balances					
July 1, 2020			<u>0</u>		
June 30, 2021			<u>\$ 26</u>		

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

SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule for the Major Special Revenue Fund - EHA Part B Fund  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

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	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (GAAP Basis)	Variances Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
Revenues					
Federal sources	\$ 983,301	1,166,040	931,984	182,739	(234,056)
Total Revenues	<u>983,301</u>	<u>1,166,040</u>	<u>931,984</u>	<u>182,739</u>	<u>(234,056)</u>
Expenditures					
Instruction	422,041	477,042	369,652	(55,001)	107,390
Support services	542,273	667,772	547,289	(125,499)	120,483
Noninstructional services	500	1,078	0	(578)	1,078
Total Expenditures	<u>964,814</u>	<u>1,145,892</u>	<u>916,941</u>	<u>(181,078)</u>	<u>228,951</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>18,487</u>	<u>20,148</u>	<u>15,043</u>	<u>1,661</u>	<u>(5,105)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Operating transfers out	(18,486)	(20,750)	(15,043)	(2,264)	5,707
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(18,486)</u>	<u>(20,750)</u>	<u>(15,043)</u>	<u>(2,264)</u>	<u>5,707</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances			<u>0</u>		
Fund Balances					
July 1, 2020			<u>0</u>		
June 30, 2021			<u>\$ 0</u>		

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

SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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	0.281341%	0.274335%	0.279610%	0.291187%	0.288142%	0.299814%	0.306614%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 54,464,348	48,260,939	46,507,450	48,405,162	51,469,356	46,345,333	37,628,324
District's covered payroll	\$ 18,733,828	17,866,749	17,857,156	18,679,822	18,433,162	18,730,635	18,788,000
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	290.73%	270.12%	260.44%	259.13%	279.22%	247.43%	200.28%
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 notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

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

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

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

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 3,318,481	3,259,686	2,814,013	2,812,502	2,942,072	2,903,223	2,950,075
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	3,318,481	3,259,686	2,814,013	2,812,502	2,942,072	2,903,223	2,950,075
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 19,071,730	18,733,828	17,866,749	17,857,156	18,679,822	18,433,162	18,730,635
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	17.40%	17.40%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%

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

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

SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability  
OPEB  
Last 10 Fiscal Years \*

	2021	2020	2019	2018
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.40288783%	0.40186273%	0.40364523%	0.40301711%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 3,135,305	3,409,970	3,122,398	3,162,109
Covered employee payroll	\$ 18,733,828	17,866,749	17,857,156	18,679,822
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered employee payroll	16.74%	19.09%	17.49%	16.93%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	0.13%	0.12%	0.13%	0.00%

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

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

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

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

	2021	2020	2019	2018
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 106,517	125,035	136,682	134,805
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	106,517	125,035	136,682	134,805
Contribution deficiency (excess)	0	0	0	0
Covered employee payroll	\$ 19,071,730	18,733,828	17,866,749	17,857,156
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	0.56%	0.67%	0.77%	0.75%

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

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, GASB Statement 75 was implemented in the FYE 6-30-18, and, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the District has only presented information for the years in which information is available. Prior year information is based on historical amounts reported in prior year audit report(s).



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Budgetary Comparison Schedule

(1) Basis of Presentation

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

(2) Budget Amendments and Revisions

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

Pension Schedules

(1) *Changes of assumptions*

2015:

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

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

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

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

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

2016:

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

2017:

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

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

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

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

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%

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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

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.

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(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.

(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

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SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Federal Grantor/ Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title	Assistance Listing No.	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
<b><u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u></b>			
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:			
COVID-19 - summer food service program for children	10.559	215MS326N1099	\$ 1,722,149
Total child nutrition cluster			1,722,149
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education			1,722,149
<b>Total U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>			<b>1,722,149</b>
<b><u>Department of the Treasury</u></b>			
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:			
COVID-19 - Coronavirus relief fund	21.019	*	1,152,235
COVID-19 - MS Pandemic Response Broadband Availability Act HB1788	21.019	*	651,560
Total passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education			1,803,795
<b>Total Department of the Treasury</b>			<b>1,803,795</b>
<b><u>U.S. Department of Education</u></b>			
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:			
Title I - grants to local educational agencies	84.010	S010A200024	2,367,888
Career and technical education - basic grants to states	84.048	V048A200024	66,971
Rural education	84.358	S358B200024	133,494
Supporting effective instruction - state grants	84.367	S367A200023	68,530
Student support and academic enrichment program	84.424	S424A200025	16,578
Total			2,653,461
Education stabilization funds:			
COVID-19 - Education stabilization fund (ESSER) I	84.425D	S425D200031	906,309
COVID-19 - Education stabilization fund (ESSER) II	84.425D	S425D210031	113,866
Total education stabilization funds			1,020,175
Special education cluster:			
Special education - grants to states	84.027	H027A200108	931,973
Special education - preschool grants	84.173	H173A200113	43,543
Total special education cluster			975,516
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education			4,649,152
<b>Total U.S. Department of Education</b>			<b>4,649,152</b>
Total for All Federal Awards			\$ 8,175,096

\* Pass through numbers have not been provided by the Mississippi Department of Education

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

SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Notes to the Supplementary Information  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

(1) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of the School District under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 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 School District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the School District.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

(3) Indirect Cost Rate

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

(4) Noncash Awards

Donated commodities of \$167,877 are included in the Summer Food Service Program for Children.

(5) Other Items

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

SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures - Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Instruction and Other Student Instructional Expenditures</u>	<u>General Administration</u>	<u>School Administration</u>	<u>Other</u>
Salaries and fringe benefits	\$ 26,581,920	19,456,696	1,172,149	2,301,255	3,651,820
Other	9,593,496	4,754,395	430,883	44,449	4,363,769
Total	<u>36,175,416</u>	<u>24,211,091</u>	<u>1,603,032</u>	<u>2,345,704</u>	<u>8,015,589</u>
Total number of students	<u>2,915</u>				
Cost per student	<u>\$ 12,411</u>	<u>8,306</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>805</u>	<u>2,750</u>

Notes to the schedule.

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.

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



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## OTHER INFORMATION

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

	UNAUDITED			
	2021	2020*	2019*	2018*
Revenues				
Local sources	\$ 9,361,828	9,638,175	9,601,181	9,417,557
State sources	18,022,466	18,885,821	17,793,241	17,668,821
Federal sources	115,092	112,732	534,545	139,262
Sixteenth section sources	685,973	379,902	955,064	398,447
Total Revenues	<u>28,185,359</u>	<u>29,016,630</u>	<u>28,884,031</u>	<u>27,624,087</u>
Expenditures				
Instruction	15,106,125	15,509,649	14,893,760	14,709,559
Support services	9,802,028	12,577,440	10,104,856	9,394,328
Sixteenth section	5,005	55,399	13,700	23,527
Facilities acquisition and construction	74,451		0	
Debt service				
Interest	7,336	9,596	11,769	13,858
Total Expenditures	<u>24,994,945</u>	<u>28,152,084</u>	<u>25,024,085</u>	<u>24,141,272</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>3,190,414</u>	<u>864,546</u>	<u>3,859,946</u>	<u>3,482,815</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Insurance loss recoveries	968,889	1,454,964	0	0
Sale of transportation equipment	0	0	44,101	0
Sale of other property	0	0	359	12,777
Operating transfers in	129,060	24,525	235,915	310,842
Other financing sources	0	0	0	2,000
Operating transfers out	(1,598,088)	(2,230,175)	(1,132,586)	(2,126,092)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(500,139)</u>	<u>(750,686)</u>	<u>(852,211)</u>	<u>(1,800,473)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>2,690,275</u>	<u>113,860</u>	<u>3,007,735</u>	<u>1,682,342</u>
Fund Balances:				
Beginning of period, as previously reported	11,575,508	11,329,317	8,045,337	6,362,995
Prior period adjustments	0	132,331	276,245	0
Beginning of period, as restated	<u>11,575,508</u>	<u>11,461,648</u>	<u>8,321,582</u>	<u>6,362,995</u>
End of period	<u>\$ 14,265,783</u>	<u>\$ 11,575,508</u>	<u>11,329,317</u>	<u>8,045,337</u>

\* Source - Prior year audit reports.

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

	UNAUDITED			
	2021	2020*	2019*	2018*
Revenues				
Local sources	10,069,356	10,488,833	10,541,029	10,342,631
State sources	19,051,636	19,689,258	18,647,180	18,385,439
Federal sources	8,040,156	5,303,584	5,719,169	5,411,446
Sixteenth section sources	847,319	491,674	1,140,253	495,303
Total Revenues	38,008,467	35,973,349	36,047,631	34,634,819
Expenditures				
Instruction	20,167,505	18,300,894	17,587,489	17,841,754
Support services	13,141,063	15,081,282	12,292,957	11,479,075
Noninstructional services	1,742,041	2,339,669	2,362,895	2,193,553
Sixteenth section	103,896	125,980	141,327	83,649
Facilities acquisition and construction	523,939	1,165,732	0	666,245
Debt service				
Principal	380,000	373,000	367,000	361,000
Interest	116,972	126,938	135,619	143,367
Other	0	2,500	2,500	2,500
Total Expenditures	36,175,416	37,515,995	32,889,787	32,771,143
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,833,051	(1,542,646)	3,157,844	1,863,676
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Insurance loss recoveries	968,889	1,454,964	0	0
Sale of transportation equipment	0	0	44,101	0
Sale of other property	0	0	359	12,777
Operating transfers in	1,856,141	2,383,693	1,499,724	2,436,934
Other financing sources	0	0	0	2,000
Operating transfers out	(1,856,141)	(2,383,693)	(1,499,724)	(2,436,934)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	968,889	1,454,964	44,460	14,777
Net Change in Fund Balances	2,801,940	(87,682)	3,202,304	1,878,453
Fund Balances:				
Beginning of period, as previously reported	20,205,424	20,061,792	16,573,607	14,741,976
Prior period adjustments	0	132,331	282,871	0
Beginning of period, as restated	20,205,424	20,194,123	16,856,478	14,741,976
Increase (Decrease) in reserve for inventory	(70,596)	98,983	3,010	(46,822)
End of period	\$ 22,936,768	\$ 20,205,424	20,061,792	16,573,607

\* Source - Prior year audit reports.

## REPORTS ON INTERNAL CONTROLS AND COMPLIANCE

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

### Independent Auditor's Report

Superintendent and School Board  
Simpson County School District

I have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Simpson County School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Simpson County School District's basic financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated May 20, 2022.

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

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I considered Simpson 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 my opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Simpson County School District's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Simpson County School District's internal control.

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

My consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. I did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs that I consider to be material weaknesses [2021-001, 2021-002, 2021-003 and 2021-004].

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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



### **Simpson County School District's Response to Findings**

Simpson County School District's responses to the findings identified in my audit are described in the accompanying Auditee's Corrective Action Plan. Simpson County School District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, I express no opinion on them.

### **Purpose of this Report**

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

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

### Independent Auditor's Report

Superintendent and School Board  
Simpson County School District

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

I have audited Simpson 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 Simpson County School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2021. Simpson County School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Superintendent and School Board  
Simpson County School District

I have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Simpson County School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, which collectively comprise Simpson County School District's basic financial statements and have issued my report thereon dated May 20, 2022. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

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

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

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

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

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

The results of procedures performed to test compliance with certain other state laws and regulations and my audit of the financial statements disclosed the following immaterial instance of noncompliance with other state laws and regulations. My finding and recommendation and Simpson County School District's response are as follows:

CONDITION: The district entered a construction contract for an amount that was over \$25,000. The district failed to acquire a performance bond and a payment bond as required by state law.

CRITERIA: Section 31-5-31, Mississippi Code of 1972 requires that both a performance bond and a payment bond be acquired when the construction contract exceeds \$25,000.

CAUSE OF CONDITION: The cause of the condition was an oversight by management.

POTENTIAL EFFECT OF CONDITION: The cause of the condition could be construed to be a matter of noncompliance with state law.

RECOMMENDATION: It recommended that both a performance bond and a payment bond be acquired when the construction contract exceeds \$25,000.

SCHOOL DISTRICT RESPONSE: The district has implemented procedures to ensure that payment and performance bonds are acquired for all projects costing over \$25,000. The procedure requires a copy of the bonds be attached to the quote before a purchase order is approved.

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

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

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

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May 20, 2022

## SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS



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

Section I: Summary of Auditor's Results

**Financial Statements:**

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

**Federal Awards:**

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

<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
10.559	COVID-19 – Summer food service program for children
21.019	COVID-19 – Coronavirus Relief Fund
84.425D	COVID-19 – Education Stabilization Fund (ESSER) I
84.425D	COVID-19 – Education Stabilization Fund (ESSER) II

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

Section II: Financial Statement Findings

Deficiencies identified that are material weaknesses.

Finding 2021-001

**CONDITION:** For most of the school year, the business manager prepared, approved and entered general journal entries into the accounting system to post transactions in the normal course of business, make corrections as needed and close the books to prepare the year-end financial statements. The business manager also performs bank account reconciliations and has access to blank checks. Due to the timing of the audit process, this is a repeat finding from the prior year.

**CRITERIA:** A suitably designed system of accounting controls would have these duties segregated to the greatest extent possible.

**CAUSE OF CONDITION:** The cause of this condition is an inadequately designed system of accounting controls.

**POTENTIAL EFFECT OF CONDITION:** This condition could lead to errors or misappropriation of assets being made and those matters not being prevented or detected by management.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the duties and responsibilities of the business manager be segregated to the greatest extent possible.

**VIEWS OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL:** In agreement. See the district's response in the Auditee's Corrective Action Plan.

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

Finding 2021-002

CONDITION: Bank statement reconciliations for the payroll clearing account and the accounts payable account had not been properly performed for the entire fiscal year. Testing and inspection of other bank statement reconciliations revealed numerous reconciling items that were considered unusual and were not characteristic of expectations of routine bank statement reconciliations. The description of these items was vague, often not documented and carried forward to subsequent reconciliations without documentation of having cleared the bank. In addition, there was no documentation to support who performed the reconciliation nor the date the procedures were performed. This matter was brought to the attention of management in a prior year and, as a result, a consultant was employed to prepare all reconciliations for the payroll clearing account and accounts payable clearing account and to review and/or correct all other bank reconciliations. Due to the timing of the audit process, this is a repeat finding from the prior year.

CRITERIA: Bank statement reconciliations should be performed timely each month and be documented by initial and date of the person performing the procedure. All reconciling items (outstanding deposits and checks) should be documented and supported.

CAUSE OF CONDITION: The cause of the condition was an absence of controls due to a lack of segregation of duties of the business manager.

POTENTIAL EFFECT OF CONDITION: The effect of this condition resulted in account balances not being reconciled and the misstatement of the financial statements (prior to the corrections made by the auditor which were approved by school district management.)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that bank statements be reconciled timely and all reconciling items be supported and documented.

VIEWS OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: In agreement. See the district's response in the Auditee's Corrective Action Plan.

Finding 2021-003

CONDITION: When testing the required deposits to the accounts payable and payroll clearing bank accounts, it was noted that incorrect amounts were deposited for most of the year. Due to the timing of the audit process, this is a repeat finding from the prior year.

CRITERIA: Amounts to be deposited in the accounts payable and the payroll clearing bank accounts must agree with the accounting software generated amounts.

CAUSE OF CONDITION: The cause of the condition is an absence of controls due to the lack of segregation of duties of the business manager.

POTENTIAL EFFECT OF CONDITION: The effect of the condition did result in unsupported bank statement reconciliations and unreconciled account balances. This condition could also result in misstated financial statements and/or misappropriation of assets.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the amounts to be deposited in the accounts payable clearing and the payroll clearing bank accounts agree with the accounting software generated amounts.

VIEWS OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: In agreement. See the district's response in the Auditee's Corrective Action Plan.

Finding 2021-004

CONDITION: When testing certain required settlements of payroll deductions, it was noted that the settlements were sporadic and were quite often two and three months late. Due to the timing of the audit process, this is a repeat finding from the prior year.

CRITERIA: Amounts deducted from employees' paychecks should be settled to the appropriate vendor in a timely fashion after the release of the payroll.

CAUSE OF CONDITION: The cause of the condition is an absence of controls due to the lack of segregation of duties of the business manager.

POTENTIAL EFFECT OF CONDITION: The effect of the condition could result in employee's insurance being disrupted, delayed or canceled due to a failure to pay the premiums. This condition could also result in misstated financial statements and/or misappropriation of assets.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the amounts deducted from employees' paychecks be settled to the proper vendor in a timely fashion.

VIEWS OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: In agreement. See the district's response in the Auditee's Corrective Action Plan.

Section III: Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

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

AUDITEE'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN  
AND  
SUMMARY OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

May 20, 2022

As required by 2 CFR 200.516(a), the Simpson County School District has prepared and hereby submits the following corrective action plan for the findings included in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Cost for the year ended June 30, 2021:

Finding

Corrective Action Plan Details

2021-001

a. Name of contact person responsible for corrective action: Joanna Maddox

b. Corrective action planned:

The district has designed a system of accounting controls that ensures segregation of duties. Specifically, the duties of the business manager are segregated in the following ways: the business manager will enter all general journal entries. The accounting clerk will reconcile all bank statements and the business manager will review for accuracy. Blank checks are locked in a fire-proof safe and are only accessible by two employees who work outside of the Finance office. One of these employees is the main contact for this, the other being a backup.

c. Anticipated completion date: Immediately

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2021-002

a. Name of contact person responsible for corrective action: Joanna Maddox

b. Corrective action planned:

Procedures have been implemented to ensure that bank statements are reconciled timely and accurately. The accounting clerk will reconcile all statements monthly and the business manager will review for accuracy. A statement of bank reconciliations will be completed monthly for presentation to the school board. Both the accounting clerk and the business manager will sign off on this form attesting accuracy of the reconciliations. All reconciling items will have adequate documentation supporting the reason for the item.

c. Anticipated completion date: This will begin once the third party has completed the bank reconciliations through the current date.

2021-003

a. Name of contact person responsible for corrective action: Joanna Maddox

b. Corrective action planned:

Procedures have been implemented to ensure that accurate, timely deposits are made into the accounts payable and payroll clearing accounts. Accounts payable deposits (transfers) will be made from the appropriate fund as specified by the Marathon financial software the same day the checks are approved and mailed. The payroll deposits (transfers) will be made the same day the direct deposit is uploaded to the bank. The amount of each transfer will be reconciled with the bank transactions to ensure accuracy.

c. Anticipated completion date: Immediately

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2021-004

a. Name of contact person responsible for corrective action: Joanna Maddox

b. Corrective action planned:

Procedures have been implemented to ensure the amounts deducted from employee paychecks are settled to the appropriate vendor in a timely fashion after the release of payroll. The settlements will be completed by the payroll clerk and the benefits clerk after each payroll and the required documentation and check will be submitted to the vendor by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month following the pay date.

c. Anticipated completion date: Immediately

Sincerely,



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Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

May 20, 2022

As required by 2 CFR 200.511(b), the Simpson County School District has prepared and hereby submits the following Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings as of June 30, 2021.

<u>Finding</u>	<u>Status</u>
2020 - 001	Not Corrected. Due to the timing of the audit, the matter was not fully corrected for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. See Finding 2021-001. The matter was corrected during the last half of the 2020-2021 fiscal year.
2020 - 002	Not Corrected. Due to the timing of the audit, the matter was not corrected for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. See Finding 2021-002. The matter was corrected during the 2021-2022 fiscal year.
2020 - 003	Not Corrected. Due to the timing of the audit, the matter was not fully corrected for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. See Finding 2021-003. The matter was corrected during the last half of the 2020-2021 fiscal year.
2020 - 004	Not Corrected. Due to the timing of the audit, the matter was not corrected for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. See Finding 2021-004. The matter was corrected during the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Sincerely,



Joanna Maddox  
Director of Finance

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