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LAUREL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Audited Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

LAUREL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Superintendent and School Board  
Laurel School District

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

##### ***Opinions***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Laurel School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Laurel School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Laurel School District, as of June 30, 2022, 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.

##### ***Basis for Opinions***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards (Government Auditing Standards)*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Laurel School District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

##### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Laurel School District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

##### ***Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are

considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Laurel School District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Laurel School District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

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

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

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

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Laurel 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 and the Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures for Governmental Funds are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The 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 basic financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and the Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures for Governmental Funds

are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

### ***Other Information***

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises 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 but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 3, 2023, on our consideration of the Laurel School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Laurel 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 Laurel School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

McKenzie CPA, PLLC  
Madison, Mississippi  
March 3, 2023



## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS



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The following discussion and analysis of Laurel School District's financial performance provides an overview of the School District's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2022. 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 2022 increased \$17,074,705, including a prior period adjustment of \$52,905, which represents an 167% increase from fiscal year 2021. Total net position for 2021 increased \$5,851,653, including a prior period adjustment of (\$748,455) and a fund reclassification of \$99,043, which represents an 36% increase from fiscal year 2020.
- General revenues amounted to \$36,019,863 and \$29,833,040, or 79% and 74% of all revenues for fiscal years 2022 and 2021, respectively. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and grants and contributions accounted for \$9,547,550, or 21% of total revenues for 2022, and \$10,597,829, or 26% of total revenues for 2021.
- The District had \$28,545,613 and \$33,929,804 in expenses for fiscal years 2022 and 2021; only \$9,547,550 for 2022 and \$10,597,829 for 2021 of these expenses was offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions. General revenues of \$36,019,863 for 2022 were adequate to provide for these programs and \$29,833,040 for 2021 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- Among major funds, the General Fund had \$26,316,743 in revenues and \$21,574,533 in expenditures for 2022, and \$25,994,865 in revenues and \$21,182,928 in expenditures in 2021. The General Fund's fund balance increased by \$6,018,982 from 2021 to 2022, and increased by \$4,704,229, including a prior period adjustment of \$58,408 and a reclassification of fund type of \$99,043 from 2020 to 2021.
- Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, increased by \$5,191,636 for 2022 and decreased by \$1,785,191 for 2021. The increase for 2022 was due primarily to the increase in construction in progress.
- Long-term debt, including the liability for compensated absences, decreased by \$1,821,150 for 2022 and decreased by \$1,771,686 for 2021. The decrease for 2022 was due primarily to principal payments on outstanding long-term debt. The liability for compensated absences decreased by \$83,150 for 2022 and increased by \$168,716 for 2021.

## **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

### **Government-wide Financial Statements**

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

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all the District's nonfiduciary assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows, with the differences between them reported as "net position." Over

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

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

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

### **Fund Financial Statements**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Notes to the financial statements**

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

### **Required Supplementary Information**

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents budgetary comparison schedules, Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, Schedule of District Contributions (PERS), Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability, and Schedule of District Contributions (OPEB) as required supplementary information. The District adopts an annual operating budget for all governmental funds. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for the General Fund and each 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. Assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded Liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$6,874,189 as of June 30, 2022.

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

Table 1 presents a summary of the District's net position at June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2021.

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

	<b>June 30, 2022</b>	<b>June 30, 2021</b>	<b>Percentage Change</b>
Current assets	\$ 26,047,635	\$ 19,224,918	35.49 %
Restricted assets	13,198,478	12,915,122	2.19 %
Capital assets, net	37,533,292	32,341,656	16.05 %
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>76,779,405</b>	<b>64,481,696</b>	<b>19.07 %</b>
 <b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>	 <b>7,692,101</b>	 <b>8,582,389</b>	 <b>(10.37) %</b>
 Current liabilities	 2,453,751	 1,732,898	 41.60 %
Long-term debt outstanding	19,280,785	21,218,896	(9.13) %
Net OPEB liability	2,148,541	2,969,459	(27.65) %
Net pension liability	37,129,640	53,831,122	(31.03) %
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>61,012,717</b>	<b>79,752,375</b>	<b>(23.50) %</b>
 <b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>	 <b>16,585,100</b>	 <b>3,512,226</b>	 <b>372.21 %</b>
 <b>Net position:</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	19,146,148	12,275,155	55.97 %
Restricted	25,303,948	24,682,607	2.52 %
Unrestricted	(37,576,407)	(47,158,278)	20.32 %
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ 6,873,689</b>	<b>\$ (10,200,516)</b>	<b>167.39 %</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)	\$ (37,576,407)
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	48,822,712
Unrestricted net position, exclusive of the net pension liability and net OPEB liability effect	\$ 11,246,305

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

- Increase in net capital assets in the amount of \$5,191,636.
- The principal retirement of \$1,738,000 of long-term debt.

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**Changes in net position**

The District's total revenues for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2021 were \$45,567,413 and \$40,430,869, respectively. The total cost of all programs and services was \$28,545,613 for 2022 and \$33,929,804 for 2021.

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

**Table 2  
Changes in Net Position**

	Year Ended June 30, 2022	Year Ended June 30, 2021	Percentage Change
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 300,284	\$ 2,530,329	(88.13) %
Operating grants and contributions	9,247,266	8,067,500	14.62 %
General revenues:			
Property taxes	13,681,748	13,918,209	(1.70) %
Grants and contributions not restricted	14,206,644	14,471,902	(1.83) %
Investment earnings	727,453	491,073	(48.14) %
Increase (Decrease) in fair market value	-	(6,032)	100.00 %
Sixteenth section sources	-	631,077	(100.00) %
Other	7,404,018	326,811	2,165.54 %
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>45,567,413</b>	<b>40,430,869</b>	<b>12.70 %</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Instruction	14,409,270	15,871,308	(9.21) %
Support services	11,625,661	11,006,568	5.62 %
Non-instructional	2,071,530	1,752,248	18.22 %
Pension expense	(301,130)	4,295,516	(107.01) %
OPEB expense	(235,427)	14,575	(1,715.28) %
Interest on long-term liabilities	975,709	989,589	(1.40) %
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>28,545,613</b>	<b>33,929,804</b>	<b>(15.87) %</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in net position</b>	<b>17,021,800</b>	<b>6,501,065</b>	<b>161.83 %</b>
<b>Net Position, July 1, as previously reported</b>	<b>(10,200,516)</b>	<b>(16,052,169)</b>	36.45 %
<b>Fund Reclassification</b>		<b>99,043</b>	(100.00) %
<b>Prior Period Adjustment</b>	<b>52,905</b>	<b>(748,455)</b>	107.07 %
<b>Net Position, July 1, as restated</b>	<b>(10,147,611)</b>	<b>(16,701,581)</b>	<b>39.24 %</b>
<b>Net Position, June 30</b>	<b>\$ 6,874,189</b>	<b>\$ (10,200,516)</b>	<b>167.39 %</b>

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**Governmental activities**

The following table presents the cost of six major District functional activities: instruction, support services, non-instructional, 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</b>
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Change</b>
Instruction	\$ 14,409,270	\$ 15,871,308	(9.21) %
Support services	11,625,661	11,006,568	5.62 %
Non-instructional	2,071,530	1,752,248	18.22 %
Pension expense	(301,130)	4,295,516	(107.01) %
OPEB expense	(235,427)	14,575	(1,715.28) %
Interest on long-term liabilities	975,709	989,589	(1.40) %
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 28,545,613</b>	<b>\$ 33,929,804</b>	<b>(15.87) %</b>
	<b>Net (Expense) Revenue</b>		<b>Percentage</b>
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Change</b>
Instruction	\$ (10,291,325)	\$ (11,958,677)	13.94 %
Support services	(9,050,140)	(8,221,932)	(10.07) %
Non-instructional	782,554	2,148,314	(63.57) %
Pension Expense	301,130	(4,295,516)	107.01 %
OPEB expense	235,427	(14,575)	1,715.28 %
Interest on long-term liabilities	(975,709)	(989,589)	1.40 %
<b>Total net (expense) revenue</b>	<b>\$ (18,998,063)</b>	<b>\$ (23,331,975)</b>	<b>18.57 %</b>

- Net cost of governmental activities (\$18,998,063 for 2022 and \$23,132,934 for 2021) was financed by general revenue, which is primarily made up of property taxes (\$13,681,748 for 2022 and \$13,918,209 for 2021) and state and federal revenues (\$14,206,644 for 2022 and \$14,471,902 for 2021). In addition, there was \$0 and \$631,077 in Sixteenth Section sources for 2022 and 2021, respectively.
- Investment earnings amounted to \$727,453 for 2022 and \$491,073 for 2021.

**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 \$37,220,193, an increase of \$6,439,198, which includes a prior period adjustment of \$95,430, and a decrease in inventory of \$803.

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\$11,488,914, or 31% 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 \$25,731,779, or 69% is either non-spendable, restricted, committed or assigned to indicate that it is not available for spending except only for the purposes to which it is restricted, committed or assigned.

The General Fund is the principal operating fund of the District. The increase in fund balance in the General Fund for the fiscal year was \$6,018,982. The fund balance of Other Governmental Funds showed a decrease in the amount of \$2,881,794, which includes a prior period adjustment of \$4,750 and a decrease in inventory of \$803. The increase (decrease) in the fund balances for the other major funds were as follows:

<u>Major Fund</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Tite I Fund	no increase or decrease
Nora Davis Construction Fund	\$ 3,628,538
Sixteenth Section Principal Fund	(326,528)

## BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

During the year, the District revised the annual operating budget. Budget revisions were made to address and correct the original budgets to reflect more accurately the sources and uses of funding for the School District. Budget revisions during the fiscal year were routine in nature and were insignificant when compared to total revenues and expenditures of the District.

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

## CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

**Capital Assets.** As of June 30, 2022, the District's total capital assets were \$57,337,260, including land, school buildings, building improvements and other improvements, buses, other school vehicles, furniture and equipment. This amount represents an increase of \$5,702,214 from 2021. Total accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2022, was \$19,803,968, and total depreciation expense for the year was \$1,137,186, resulting in total net capital assets of \$37,533,292.

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

	<u>June 30, 2022</u>	<u>June 30, 2021</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Land	\$ 895,163	\$ 895,163	0.00 %
Construction in progress	5,921,517	-	100.00 %
Buildings	23,925,176	24,554,339	(2.56) %
Building improvements	4,603,209	4,914,404	(6.33) %
Improvements other than buildings	1,473,503	1,370,419	7.52 %
Mobile equipment	586,646	488,390	20.12 %
Furniture and equipment	128,078	118,941	7.68 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 37,533,292</b>	<b>\$ 32,341,656</b>	<b>16.05 %</b>

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

**Debt Administration.** At June 30, 2022, the District had \$18,815,109 in outstanding long-term debt, of

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which \$1,842,105 is due within one year. During the fiscal year, the District made principal payments totaling \$1,738,000 on outstanding long-term debt. The liability for compensated absences decreased \$83,150 from the prior year.

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

	<u>June 30, 2022</u>	<u>June 30, 2021</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
General Obligation refunding bonds payable	\$ 11,700,000	\$ 13,370,000	(12.49) %
Three mill notes payable	873,000	941,000	(7.23) %
Qualified school construction bonds payable	6,000,000	6,000,000	- %
Compensated absences payable	242,109	325,259	(25.56) %
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 18,815,109</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 20,636,259</u></b>	(8.83) %
Premiums	465,676	582,637	(20.07) %
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 19,280,785</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 21,218,896</u></b>	(9.13) %

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

## CURRENT ISSUES

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

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

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

## CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Superintendent's Office of the Laurel School District, 303 West 8th Street (P.O. Box 288), Laurel, MS 39441.



## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**LAUREL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Statement of Net Position**  
**June 30, 2022**

**Exhibit A**

	Governmental Activities
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 23,773,533
Due from other governments	2,084,234
Accrued interest receivable	17,798
Inventories	172,070
Restricted assets	13,198,478
Land	895,163
Construction in progress	5,921,517
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:	
Buildings	23,925,176
Building improvements	4,603,209
Improvements other than buildings	1,473,503
Mobile equipment	586,646
Furniture and equipment	128,078
Total Assets	<u>76,779,405</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	
Deferred outflows - advance refunding of debt	651,532
Deferred outflows - pensions	6,620,641
Deferred outflows - OPEB	419,928
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>7,692,101</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,840,158
Unearned revenue	185,762
Interest payable on long-term liabilities	427,831
Long-term liabilities, due within one year:	
Capital related liabilities	1,830,000
Non-capital related liabilities	12,105
Net OPEB liability	91,424
Long-term liabilities, due beyond one year:	
Capital related liabilities	16,743,000
Capital related bond premiums	465,676
Non-capital related liabilities	230,004
Net pension liability	37,129,640
Net OPEB liability	2,057,117
Total Liabilities	<u>61,012,717</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	
Deferred inflows - pensions	15,364,786
Deferred inflows - OPEB	1,220,314
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>16,585,100</u>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	19,146,148
Restricted for:	
Expendable:	
School-based activities	2,149,865
Debt service	5,298,725
Capital improvements	5,506,270
Unemployment benefits	57,338
Non-expendable:	
Sixteenth section	12,291,750
Unrestricted	(37,576,407)
Total Net Position (deficit)	<u>\$ 6,873,689</u>

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

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**Statement of Activities  
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**Exhibit B**

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Governmental Activities	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions		
Governmental Activities:						
Instruction	\$ 14,409,270	\$ 255,617	\$ 3,862,328	\$ -	\$	(10,291,325)
Support services	11,625,661	1,883	2,573,638	-		(9,050,140)
Non-instructional	2,071,530	42,784	2,811,300	-		782,554
Pension expense	(301,130)	-	-	-		301,130
OPEB expense	(235,427)	-	-	-		235,427
Interest on long-term liabilities	975,709	-	-	-		(975,709)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 28,545,613</u>	<u>\$ 300,284</u>	<u>\$ 9,247,266</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>(18,998,063)</u>

General Revenues:

Taxes:

General purpose levies	10,912,712
Debt purpose levies	2,769,036

Unrestricted grants and contributions:

State	14,040,989
Federal	165,655
Unrestricted investment earnings	727,453
Other	7,404,018

Total General Revenues	<u>36,019,863</u>
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Change in Net Position	<u>17,021,800</u>
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Net Position - Beginning, as previously reported	(10,200,516)
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Prior Period Adjustments	<u>52,405</u>
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Net Position - Beginning, as restated	<u>(10,148,111)</u>
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Net Position (deficit) - Ending	<u>\$ 6,873,689</u>
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The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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**Governmental Funds**

**Balance Sheet**  
**June 30, 2022**

**Exhibit C**

	Major Funds					
	General Fund	Title I Fund	Nora Davis Construction Fund	Sixteenth Section Principal Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 13,973,468	\$	\$ 4,128,337	\$ 9,077,684	\$ 5,671,728	\$ 32,851,217
Cash with fiscal agents	-				4	4
Investments					4,120,790	4,120,790
Due from other governments	218,750	968,447			897,037	2,084,234
Accrued interest receivable					17,798	17,798
Due from other funds	2,431,862				29,134	2,460,996
Advances to other funds				3,597,822		3,597,822
Inventories					172,070	172,070
Total assets	\$ 16,624,080	\$ 968,447	\$ 4,128,337	\$ 12,675,506	\$ 10,908,561	\$ 45,304,931
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>						
<b>Liabilities:</b>						
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 1,266,241	29,906	499,799		44,212	\$ 1,840,158
Due to other funds	16,500	938,541		383,756	1,122,199	2,460,996
Advances from other funds	3,597,822					3,597,822
Unavailable revenue - federal programs					185,762	185,762
Total Liabilities	4,880,563	968,447	499,799	383,756	1,352,173	8,084,738
<b>Fund Balances:</b>						
<b>Nonspendable:</b>						
Inventory					172,070	172,070
Permanent fund principal				8,693,928	-	8,693,928
Advances				3,597,822	-	3,597,822
<b>Restricted:</b>						
Debt service					5,726,556	5,726,556
Capital projects			3,628,538		1,877,732	5,506,270
Grant activities					1,206,060	1,206,060
Unemployment benefits					57,338	57,338
Food service					516,632	516,632
<b>Assigned:</b>						
Activity Funds	255,103			-	-	255,103
<b>Unassigned</b>	11,488,414				-	11,488,414
Total Fund Balances	11,743,517	-	3,628,538	12,291,750	9,556,388	37,220,193
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 16,624,080	\$ 968,447	\$ 4,128,337	\$ 12,675,506	\$ 10,908,561	\$ 45,304,931

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

**LAUREL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Governmental Funds**

**Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position**  
**June 30, 2022**

**Exhibit C-1**

**Total fund balances for governmental funds** **\$ 37,220,193**

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

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

Land	\$ 895,163	
Construction in progress	5,921,517	
Buildings	35,648,115	
Building improvements	8,705,285	
Improvements other than buildings	2,747,659	
Mobile equipment	1,868,820	
Furniture and equipment	1,550,701	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(19,803,968)</u>	37,533,292
  
2. Some liabilities, including net pension obligations, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:
 

Net pension liability	(37,129,640)	
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Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	6,620,641	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	<u>(15,364,786)</u>	(45,873,785)
  
3. Some liabilities, including net OPEB obligations, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:
 

Net OPEB liability	(2,148,541)	
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Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:

Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	419,928	
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	<u>(1,220,314)</u>	(2,948,927)
  
4. Long-term liabilities and related accrued interest are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:
 

General obligation bonds	(11,700,000)	
Other bonds payable	(6,000,000)	
Notes payable	(873,000)	
Compensated absences	(242,109)	
Unamortized charges	651,532	
Unamortized premiums	(465,676)	
Accrued interest payable	<u>(427,831)</u>	(19,057,084)

**Net Position of governmental activities** **\$ 6,873,689**

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

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**Governmental Funds**

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2022**

**Exhibit D**

	Major Funds					Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Title I Fund	Nora Davis Construction Fund	Sixteenth Section Principal Fund	Other Governmental Funds	
<b>Revenues:</b>						
Local sources	\$ 11,844,232			-	2,791,618	\$ 14,635,850
State sources	14,347,723				553,247	14,900,970
Federal sources	110,835	2,752,942			5,908,283	8,772,060
Sixteenth section sources	13,953			349,542		363,495
Total Revenues	26,316,743	2,752,942	-	349,542	9,253,148	38,672,375
<b>Expenditures:</b>						
Instruction	12,086,561	1,868,664			1,895,636	15,850,861
Support services	9,112,276	537,059	10,180		2,861,454	12,520,969
Noninstructional services	-	104,965			2,105,274	2,210,239
Facilities acquisition and construction	220,345		5,676,445		24,727	5,921,517
Debt service:						
Principal					1,738,000	1,738,000
Interest	155,351				699,237	854,588
Other					8,500	8,500
Total Expenditures	21,574,533	2,510,688	5,686,625	-	9,332,828	39,104,674
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	4,742,210	242,254	(5,686,625)	349,542	(79,680)	(432,299)
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>						
Insurance recovery	506,340				6,388,698	6,895,038
Payments held by escrow agent					360,468	360,468
Payment to Qualified Zone Academy debt escrow agent					(360,468)	(360,468)
Sale of transportation equipment	16,729					16,729
Operating transfers in	1,352,999		9,315,163		954,151	11,622,313
Operating transfers out	(689,976)	(242,254)		(676,070)	(10,014,013)	(11,622,313)
Other financing uses					(134,897)	(134,897)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	1,186,092	(242,254)	9,315,163	(676,070)	(2,806,061)	6,776,870
Net Change in Fund Balances	5,928,302	-	3,628,538	(326,528)	(2,885,741)	6,344,571
<b>Fund Balances:</b>						
July 1, 2021, as previously reported	5,724,535	-		12,618,278	12,438,182	30,780,995
Prior period adjustments	90,680				4,750	95,430
July 1, 2021, as restated	5,815,215	-	-	12,618,278	12,442,932	30,876,425
Increase (Decrease) in inventory					(803)	(803)
June 30, 2022	\$ 11,743,517	\$ -	\$ 3,628,538	\$ 12,291,750	\$ 9,556,388	\$ 37,220,193

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

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**Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues,  
Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities  
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**Exhibit D-1**

**Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds** **\$ 6,344,571**

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

1. Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. In the current period, these amounts are:		
Capital outlay	\$ 6,446,194	
Depreciation expense	<u>(1,137,186)</u>	5,309,008
2. In the statement of activities, only the gain/loss on the sale of assets is reported, while in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the sale increases financial resources. Thus, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balance by the cost of the assets sold.		
		(74,347)
3. The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts and the difference between the carrying value of refunded debt and the acquisition cost of refunded debt when debt is first issued. These amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities:		
Payments of debt principal	1,738,000	
Accrued interest payable	<u>(53,978)</u>	1,684,022
4. Some items relating to pensions and reported in the statement of activities do not provide or require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as revenues/expenditures in the governmental funds. The activities include:		
Pension expense	301,130	
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>3,128,766</u>	3,429,896
5. Some items relating to OPEB and reported in the statement of activities do not provide or require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as revenues/expenditures in the governmental funds. The activities include:		
OPEB expense	235,427	
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>69,519</u>	304,946
6. Some items reported in the statement of activities do not provide or require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as revenues/expenditures in governmental funds. These activities include:		
Change in compensated absences	83,150	
Change in inventory	(803)	
Amortization of deferred charges, premiums and discounts	<u>(58,643)</u>	23,704
<b>Change in Net Position of governmental activities</b>		<u><u>\$ 17,021,800</u></u>

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

## **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 an "other stand-alone government." The school district is a related organization of, but not a component unit of, the city of Laurel since the governing authority of the city selects a majority of the school district's board but does not have financial accountability for the school district.

For financial reporting purposes, Laurel 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



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program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

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

The school district reports the following major governmental funds:

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

**Title I Fund** – This is a special revenue fund that is used as a report the revenues and expenditures for the federal grant Title I grants to local education agencies.

**Nora Davis Construction Fund** – This is a capital projects fund that is used to track revenue and expenditures from the Nora Davis Construction project.

**Sixteenth Section Principal Fund** – This is a permanent fund that accounts for the non-expendable revenues associated with earnings on sixteenth section lands and the investment earnings of these non-expendable resources.

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:

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

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

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Measurable means knowing or being able to reasonably estimate the amount. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60

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days after year end. Expenditures (including capital outlay) are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**D. Encumbrances**

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

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

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

**Cash and cash equivalents**

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

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selected by the school board. State statutes specify how these depositories are to be selected.

#### Investments

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

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

Investments for the district are reported at fair market value.

#### 2. Receivables and payables

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

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

#### 3. Due from Other Governments

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

#### 4. Inventories and Prepaid Items

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

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Capital assets are reported in the applicable governmental or business type activities columns in the government-wide Statement of Net Position. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost based on appraisals or deflated current replacement cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repair that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost in excess of the thresholds in the table below.

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

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

The following schedule details the capitalization thresholds:

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

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

7. Deferred outflows/inflows of resources

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

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

See Note 13 for further details.

8. Compensated Absences

Employees of the school district accumulate sick leave at a minimum amount as required by state law. A greater amount may be provided by school district policy provided that it does not exceed the provisions for leave as provided in Sections 25-3-93 and 25-3-95. Some employees are allowed personal leave and/or vacation leave in accordance with school

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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. Leases

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 87, *Leases* (GASB 87) to establish a single leasing model for accounting and reporting purposes. This guidance is intended to enhance the accountability, consistency and comparability of lease activities reported by governments. GASB 87 was implemented during fiscal year 2022.

The Laurel School District uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate to calculate the present value of lease payments when the rate implicit in the lease is not known.

10. Long-term Liabilities and Bond Discounts/Premiums

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

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

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. Fund Balances

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

Governmental fund balance is classified as non-spendable, restricted, committed, assigned

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or unassigned. Following are descriptions of fund classifications used by the district:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14. Accounting Standards Update

GASB 87, Leases, was implemented during fiscal year 2022. The objective of this statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. This guidance is intended to enhance the accountability, consistency and comparability of lease activities reported by governments.

## **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 \$32,581,217. The carrying amount of deposits in the government-wide financial statements was reported as cash and cash equivalents in the amount of \$23,773,533 and a portion of restricted assets in the amount of \$9,077,684 (see Note 4).

*Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits.* Custodial credit risk is defined as the risk that, in the event of the failure of a financial institution, the district will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The district does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Deposits above FDIC coverage are collateralized by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the name of the Mississippi State Treasurer on behalf of the district. As of June 30, 2022, none of the district's bank balance of \$32,284,847 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

### **Cash with Fiscal Agents**

The carrying amount of school district's cash with fiscal agents held by financial institutions was \$4.

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Investments

As of June 30, 2022, the district had the following investments.

Investment Type	Rating	Maturities (in years)	Fair Value
U.S. Treasury SLGS Deposit	N/A	5 to 10 years	\$ 2,018,902
Federal Government Obligation Money Market Funds		Less than 1 year	223,743
Qualified School Construction Bond	N/A	Less than 1 year	1,878,145
Total			<u>\$ 4,120,790</u>

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

The district has the following recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2022:

- U.S. Treasury SLGS Deposit of \$2,018,902 are valued using quoted market prices (Level 1 inputs)
- Federal Government Obligation Money Market Funds of \$223,743 are valued using quoted market prices (Level 1 inputs)
- Qualified School Construction Bonds of \$1,878,145 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, 2022, the district did not have any investments to which this would apply.

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



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**Note 3 – Inter-fund Receivables, Payables and Transfers**

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

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

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General Fund	Title I Fund	\$ 938,541
General Fund	Sixteenth Section Principal Fund	383,756
General Fund	Other governmental funds	1,109,565
Other governmental funds	General Fund	16,500
Other governmental funds	Other governmental funds	12,634
Total		<u>\$ 2,460,996</u>

The primary purpose of the inter-fund balances is to eliminate deficit cash balances in certain special revenue funds caused by negative federal award program cash flows. All balances are expected to be repaid within one year.

**B. Advances To/From Other Funds**

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
Sixteenth Section Principal Fund	General Fund	\$ 3,597,822
Total		<u>\$ 3,597,822</u>

Sixteenth section principal loans payable

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, 2022 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
2023	\$ 355,739	\$ 153,312	\$ 509,051
2024	345,115	136,649	481,764
2025	345,456	122,884	468,340
2026	359,221	108,344	467,565
2027	373,762	93,330	467,092
2028-2032	959,321	283,094	1,242,415
2033-2037	590,388	146,152	736,540
2038-2039	268,820	23,346	292,166
Total	<u>\$ 3,597,822</u>	<u>\$ 1,067,111</u>	<u>\$ 4,664,933</u>

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**C. Inter-fund Transfers**

Transfers Out	Transfers In	Amount
General Fund	Other governmental funds	\$ 689,976
Title I Fund	General Fund	86,845
Title I Fund	Other governmental funds	155,409
Sixteenth Section Principal Fund	General Fund	676,070
Other governmental funds	General Fund	590,084
Other governmental funds	Nora Davis Construction Fund	9,315,163
Other governmental funds	Other governmental funds	108,766
Total		<u>\$ 11,622,313</u>

Operating transfers were primarily for vocational and special education expenditure transfers, the transfer of expendable sixteenth section resources, unemployment compensation transfers, and other routine operating transfers.

**Note 4 – Restricted Assets**

The restricted assets represent the cash balance totaling \$9,077,684, of the Sixteenth Section Principal Fund (Permanent Fund) which is legally restricted and may not be used for purposes that support the district's programs. In addition, the restricted assets represent the cash with fiscal agent and investment balance, totaling \$4 and \$4,120,790, respectively, of the QSCB Debt Fund.

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## Note 5 – Capital Assets

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

	Balance 7/1/2021	Increases	Decreases	Adjustments	Balance 6/30/2022
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>					
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets:</u>					
Land	\$ 895,163	\$	\$	\$	895,163
Construction in progress		5,921,517			5,921,517
Total non-depreciable capital assets	895,163	5,921,517	-	-	6,816,680
<u>Depreciable capital assets:</u>					
Buildings	35,648,115				35,648,115
Building improvements	8,705,285				8,705,285
Improvements other than buildings	2,540,720	206,939			2,747,659
Mobile equipment	2,336,805	268,500	736,485		1,868,820
Furniture and equipment	1,508,958	49,238	7,495		1,550,701
Total depreciable capital assets	50,739,883	524,677	743,980	-	50,520,580
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>					
Buildings	11,093,776	625,895		3,268	11,722,939
Building improvements	3,790,881	271,437		39,758	4,102,076
Improvements other than buildings	1,170,301	103,855			1,274,156
Mobile equipment	1,848,415	95,972	662,213		1,282,174
Furniture and equipment	1,390,017	40,027	7,420	(1)	1,422,623
Total accumulated depreciation	19,293,390	1,137,186	669,633	43,025	19,803,968
Total depreciable capital assets, net	31,446,493	(612,509)	74,347	(43,025)	30,716,612
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 32,341,656	\$ 5,309,008	\$ 74,347	\$ (43,025)	\$ 37,533,292

Depreciation expense was charged to the following governmental functions:

	Amount
<b>Governmental activities:</b>	
Instruction	\$ 967,146
Support services	145,481
Non-instructional	24,559
Total depreciation expense - Governmental activities	<u>\$ 1,137,186</u>

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

	Spent to June 30, 2022	Remaining Commitment
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>		
HVAC Phase One	\$ 268,129	\$ 107,277
Nora Davis Elementary Additions and Renovations	5,628,662	8,949,559
LHS Field House Rebuild	24,726	1,768,374
Total governmental activities	5,921,517	10,825,210
Total construction in progress	<u>\$ 5,921,517</u>	<u>\$ 10,825,210</u>

Construction projects included in governmental activities are funded with the district funds, capital project funds, along with insurance proceeds from tornado damage.

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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 7/1/2021	Additions	Reductions	Balance 6/30/2022	Amounts due within one year
A. General obligation refunding bonds payable	\$ 13,370,000	\$	\$ 1,670,000	\$ 11,700,000	\$ 1,765,000
B. Three mill notes payable	941,000		68,000	873,000	65,000
C. Qualified school construction bonds payable	6,000,000			6,000,000	-
D. Compensated absences payable	325,259		83,150	242,109	12,105
Total	<u>\$ 20,636,259</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,821,150</u>	<u>\$ 18,815,109</u>	<u>\$ 1,842,105</u>
Premium on Bonds	\$ 582,637	\$	\$ 116,961	\$ 465,676	
Total including Premiums on Bonds	<u>\$ 21,218,896</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 1,938,111</u>	<u>\$ 19,280,785</u>	

**A. General obligation bonds payable**

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

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
General obligation refunding bonds, 1. Series 2014	3.5 -4.00%	11/19/2014	4/1/2028	\$ 8,100,000	\$ 8,100,000
General obligation refunding bonds, 2. Series 2015	2.0 -4.00%	5/7/2015	4/1/2024	8,825,000	3,600,000
Total				<u>\$ 16,925,000</u>	<u>\$ 11,700,000</u>

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

1. General obligation bond issue of 2015:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2023	\$ 1,765,000	\$ 126,350	\$ 1,891,350
2024	1,835,000	73,400	1,908,400
Total	<u>\$ 3,600,000</u>	<u>\$ 199,750</u>	<u>\$ 3,799,750</u>

This debt will be retired from the \$26.5 M Debt Service Fund.

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2. General obligation bond issue of 2014:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2023	\$	\$ 304,475	\$ 304,475
2024		304,475	304,475
2025		304,475	304,475
2026		304,475	304,475
2027		304,475	304,475
2028	8,100,000	186,200	8,286,200
Total	\$ 8,100,000	\$ 1,708,575	\$ 9,808,575

This debt will be retired from the \$26.5M Debt Service Fund.

Total general obligation bond payments for all issues:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2023	\$ 1,765,000	\$ 430,825	\$ 2,195,825
2024	1,835,000	377,875	2,212,875
2025		304,475	304,475
2026		304,475	304,475
2027		304,475	304,475
2028	8,100,000	186,200	8,286,200
Total	\$ 11,700,000	\$ 1,908,325	\$ 13,608,325

The amount of bonded indebtedness that can be incurred by the school district is limited by Sections 37-59-5 and 37-59-7, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Total outstanding bonded indebtedness during a year can be no greater than 15% of the assessed value of the taxable property within such district, according to the then last completed assessment for taxation, unless certain conditions, as set forth in Section 37-59-7, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) have been met. As of June 30, 2022, the amount of outstanding bonded indebtedness was equal to 5.4% of property assessments as of October 1, 2021.

**B. Three mill notes payable**

Debt currently outstanding as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Limited Tax Notes, Series 2017	2.13%	3/1/2017	4/4/2027	\$ 1,225,000	\$ 873,000
Total				\$ 1,225,000	\$ 873,000

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

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest and Maintenance Charges	Total
2023	\$ 65,000	\$ 18,595	\$ 83,595
2024	72,000	17,210	89,210
2025	80,000	15,677	95,677
2026	276,000	13,973	289,973
2027	380,000	8,094	388,094
Total	<u>\$ 873,000</u>	<u>\$ 73,549</u>	<u>\$ 946,549</u>

This debt will be retired from the \$1.225 Note Debt Service Fund.

**C. Qualified school construction bonds payable**

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

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Limited Tax Note, Series 2010-A	5.50%	8/1/2010	8/1/2025	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000
Limited Tax Note, Series 2010-B	5.50%	8/1/2010	8/1/2025	1,500,000	1,500,000
Limited Tax Note, Series 2011	4.55%	8/1/2011	8/1/2026	1,600,000	1,600,000
Limited Tax Note, Series 2012	0.00%	9/15/2012	9/15/2027	1,400,000	1,400,000
Total				<u>\$ 6,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,000,000</u>

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

1. Limited Tax Note, Series 2010-A

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest and Maintenance Charges	Total
2023	\$ -	\$ 82,500	\$ 82,500
2024	-	82,500	82,500
2025	-	82,500	82,500
2026	1,500,000	82,500	1,582,500
Total	<u>\$ 1,500,000</u>	<u>\$ 330,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,830,000</u>

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2. Limited Tax Note, Series 2010-B

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest and Maintenance Charges	Total
2023	\$ -	\$ 82,500	\$ 82,500
2024	-	82,500	82,500
2025	-	82,500	82,500
2026	1,500,000	82,500	1,582,500
Total	<u>\$ 1,500,000</u>	<u>\$ 330,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,830,000</u>

3. Limited Tax Note, Series 2011

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest and Maintenance Charges	Total
2023	\$ -	\$ 72,800	\$ 72,800
2024	-	72,800	72,800
2025	-	72,800	72,800
2026	-	72,800	72,800
2027	1,600,000	72,800	1,672,800
Total	<u>\$ 1,600,000</u>	<u>\$ 364,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,964,000</u>

4. Limited Tax Note, Series 2012

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest and Maintenance Charges	Total
2023	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2024	-	-	-
2025	-	-	-
2026	-	-	-
2027	-	-	-
2028	1,400,000	-	1,400,000
Total	<u>\$ 1,400,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,400,000</u>

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Total qualified school construction bonds payable payments for all issues are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest and Maintenance Charges	Total
2023	\$	\$ 237,800	\$ 237,800
2024		237,800	237,800
2025		237,800	237,800
2026	3,000,000	237,800	3,237,800
2027	1,600,000	72,800	1,672,800
2028	1,400,000	-	1,400,000
Total	<u>\$ 6,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,024,000</u>	<u>\$ 7,024,000</u>

**D. Compensated absences payable**

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



## Note 7 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan

### General Information about the Pension Plan

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

*Benefits provided.* Membership in PERS is a condition of employment granted upon hiring for qualifying employees and officials of the State of Mississippi, state universities, community and junior colleges, and teachers and employees of the public school districts. For those persons employed by political subdivisions and instrumentalities of the State of Mississippi, membership is contingent upon approval of the entity's participation in PERS by the PERS' Board of Trustees. If approved, membership for the entity's employees is a condition of employment and eligibility is granted to those who qualify upon hiring. Participating members who are vested and retire at or after age 60 or those who retire regardless of age with at least 30 years of creditable service (25 years of creditable service for employees who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011) are entitled, upon application, to an annual retirement allowance payable monthly for life in an amount equal to 2.0 percent of their average compensation for each year of creditable service up to and including 30 years (25 years for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), plus 2.5 percent for each additional year of creditable service with an actuarial reduction in the benefit for each year of creditable service below 30 years or the number of years in age that the member is below 65, whichever is less. Average compensation is the average of the employee's earnings during the four highest compensated years of creditable service. Benefits vest upon completion of eight years of membership service (four years of membership service for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2007). PERS also provides certain death and disability benefits. A Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) payment is made to eligible retirees and beneficiaries. The COLA is equal to 3.0 percent of the annual retirement 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, 2022 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, 2022, 2021 and 2020 were \$3,128,766, \$2,906,282 and \$3,221,781, respectively, which equaled the required contributions for each year.

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**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions**

At June 30, 2022, the school district reported a liability of \$37,129,640 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2021, 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, 2022 net pension liability was 0.251208 percent, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2021. This was a decrease of 0.026862 percent from its proportionate share used to calculate the June 30, 2021 net pension liability, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2020.

For the year ended June 30, 2022, the District recognized pension expense of (\$301,130). At June 30, 2022 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	\$ 621,048	\$
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		14,840,621
Changes of assumptions	2,870,827	
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions		524,165
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	3,128,766	
Total	\$ <u>6,620,641</u>	\$ <u>15,364,786</u>

\$3,128,766 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, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30:	
2023	\$ (3,027,672)
2024	(2,647,083)
2025	(2,865,922)
2026	(3,332,234)

*Actuarial assumptions.* The total pension liability as of June 30, 2021 was determined by actuarial valuation prepared as of June 30, 2020, by the new actuarial assumptions adopted by the Board subsequent to the June 30, 2020 valuation based on the experience investigation for the four-year period ending June 30, 2020, and by the investment experience for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. The following actuarial assumptions are applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.40 percent
Salary increases	2.65-17.90 percent, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.55 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

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Mortality rates for service retirees were based on the PubS.H-2010(B) Retiree Table with the following adjustments: For males, 95% of male rates up to age 60, 110% for ages 61 to 75 and 101% for ages above 77. For females, 84% of female rates up to age 72 and 100% for ages above 76. Mortality rates for disability retirees were based on the PubG.H-2010 Disabled Table adjusted 134% for males and 121% for females. Mortality rates for Contingent Annuitants were based on the PubS.H-2010(B) Contingent Annuitant Table, adjusted 97% for males and 110% for females. Mortality rates will be projected generationally using the MP-2020 projection scale to account for future improvements in life expectancy.

The actuarial assumptions used for the purposes of determining the total pension liability were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2020. The experience report is dated April 20, 2021.

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 %	4.60 %
International Equity	22.00	4.50
Global Equity	12.00	4.80
Fixed Income	20.00	(0.25)
Real Estate	10.00	3.75
Private Equity	8.00	6.00
Cash Equivalents	1.00	(1.00)
Total	<u>100 %</u>	

*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.55 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 7.55%, 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 (6.55%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.55%) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (6.55%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (7.55%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (8.55%)</u>
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 52,584,275	\$ 37,129,640	\$ 24,393,791

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

## **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 \$69,519 for the year ended June 30, 2022.

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

At June 30, 2022, the District reported a liability of \$2,148,541 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2021, 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, 2021, the District's proportion was 0.33378926 percent. This was an increase of 0.04778731 percent from the proportionate share as of the measurement date of June 30, 2020.

For the year ended June 30, 2022, the District recognized OPEB expense of (\$235,427). At June 30, 2022, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 2,337	\$ 671,821
Changes of assumptions	347,972	72,666
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	100	
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions		475,827
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	69,519	
Total	\$ <u>419,928</u>	\$ <u>1,220,314</u>

\$69,519 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, 2023. 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:	
2023	\$ (211,112)
2024	(201,748)
2025	(171,317)
2026	(173,986)
2027	(111,742)

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*Actuarial assumptions.* The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021, using the following key actuarial assumptions and other inputs:

Inflation	2.40 percent
Salary increases	2.65-17.90 percent, including wage inflation
Municipal Bond Index Rate	
Measurement Date	2.13%
Prior Measurement Date	2.19%
Year FNP is projected to be depleted	
Measurement Date	2021
Prior Measurement Date	2020
Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation	
Measurement Date	2.13%
Prior Measurement Date	2.19%
Health Care Cost Trends	
Medicare Supplement Claims	6.50% for 2022 decreasing to an ultimate
Pre-Medicare	rate of 4.50% by 2030

Mortality rates for service retirees were based on the PubS.H-2010(B) Retiree Table with the following adjustments: For males, 95% of male rates up to age 60, 110% for ages 61 to 75 and 101% for ages above 77. For females, 84% of female rates up to age 72 and 100% for ages above 76. Mortality rates for disability retirees were based on the PubG.H-2010 Disabled Table adjusted 134% for males and 121% for females. Mortality rates for Contingent Annuitants were based on the PubS.H-2010(B) Contingent Annuitant Table, adjusted 97% for males and 110% for females. Mortality rates will be projected generationally using the MP-2020 projection scale to account for future improvements in life expectancy.

The demographic actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2021 valuation were based on the results of the last actuarial experience study, dated April 20, 2021.

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, 2021 valuation were based on a review of recent plan experience done concurrently with the June 30, 2021 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, 2021 was 2.13 percent. Since the Prior Measurement Date, the Discount Rate has changed from 2.19% to 2.13%.

The trust was established on June 28, 2018 with an initial contribution of \$1,000,000. As of June 30, 2021, the trust has \$1,044,424. 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, 2020 and the June 30, 2021 total OPEB liability. The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2021 was based on a monthly average of the Bond Buyers General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index Rate.

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*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 (1.13 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (3.13 percent) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease (1.13%)	Current Discount Rate (2.13%)	1% Increase (3.13%)
Net OPEB liability	\$ 2,378,128	\$ 2,148,541	\$ 1,952,784

*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	\$ 1,990,105	\$ 2,148,541	\$ 2,327,840

*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 – Prior Period Adjustments

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

### Exhibit B - Statement of Activities

Explanation	Amount
To correct a prior year asset or liability at the governmental fund level	\$ (43,025)
To correct a prior year revenue or expenditure	95,430
Total	<u>\$ 52,405</u>

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

Fund	Explanation	Amount
General Fund	To correct a prior year revenue or expenditure	90,680
Other governmental funds	To correct a prior year revenue or expenditure	\$ 4,750
Total		<u>\$ 95,430</u>

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**Note 10 – Contingencies**

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

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

**Note 11 – Risk Management**

The school district is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. 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 12 – Qualified School Construction Bonds**

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

When the stated interest rate on the QSCB results in interest payments that exceed the supplemental interest payments discussed in the preceding paragraph, the school district may apply for a direct cash subsidy payment from the U.S. Treasury which is intended to reduce the stated interest rate to a nominal percentage. These subsidy payments do not include the amount of any supplemental interest paid on a QSCB. For the year ended June 30, 2022, the subsidy payments amounted to \$210,416.

The school district makes equal annual payments into a sinking fund which is used to pay off the bonds at termination. The current maturity limit of tax credit bonds is 17 years, per the U. S. Treasury Department. Under this program, ten percent of the proceeds must be subject to a binding commitment to be spent within six months of issuance and 100% must be spent within three years. Up to two percent of bond proceeds can be used to pay costs of issuance. The amount on deposit at June 30, 2022 was \$4,120,794. The amount accumulated in the sinking fund at the end of the seventeen-year period is expected to be sufficient to retire the debt. The following schedule reports the annual deposits to be made to the sinking fund by the school district.

Year Ending June 30	Amount
2023	\$ 400,000
2024	400,000
2025	400,000
2026	301,000
2027	301,000
2028	96,000
Total	<u>\$ 1,898,000</u>



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**Note 13 – Effect of Deferred Amounts on Net Position**

The net investment in capital assets net position amount of \$19,146,148 includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenses resulting from a deferred outflow from advance refunding of school district debt. The \$651,532 balance of the deferred outflow of resources at June 30, 2022 will be recognized as an expense and decrease the net investment in capital assets net position over the next 6 years.

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$37,576,407) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenses resulting from a deferred outflow from pensions. A portion of the deferred outflow of resources related to pensions in the amount of \$3,128,766 resulting from the school district contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2023. The \$3,491,875 balance of deferred outflow of resources related to pensions at June 30, 2022, will be recognized as an expense and will decrease the unrestricted net position over the next 3 years.

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$37,576,407) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue resulting from a deferred inflow from pensions. The \$15,364,786 balance of deferred inflow of resources related to pensions at June 30, 2022, will be recognized as revenue and will increase the unrestricted net position over the next 4 years.

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$37,576,407) 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 \$69,519 resulting from the school district contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2023. The \$350,409 balance of deferred outflow of resources related to OPEB at June 30, 2022, will be recognized as an expense and will decrease the unrestricted net position over the next 5 years.

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$37,576,407) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue resulting from a deferred inflow from OPEB. The \$1,220,314 balance of deferred inflow of resources related to OPEB at June 30, 2022, will be recognized as revenue and will increase the unrestricted net position over the next 5 years.

**Note 14 - Insurance Recovery**

The Laurel School District received \$6,895,038 in insurance recoveries related to fire and storm damages during the 2021-2022 fiscal year. In the government-wide Statement of Activities, the insurance loss recoveries were reported in general revenues.

**Note 15 - Juvenile Detention Center**

The school district was required to participate in the Jones County Juvenile Detention Center. This consortium was created pursuant to the provisions of Section 43-21-321, Mississippi Code Ann. (1972), and approved by the Mississippi Department of Education and includes the Columbia School District, East Jasper County School District, George County School District, Greene County School District, Jones County School District, Lamar County School District, Laurel School District, Marion County School District, Wayne County School District and West Jasper County School District.

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**Note 16 – State Compliance Testing**

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

**Note 17 - Subsequent Events**

Events that occur after the Statement of Net Position date but before the financial statements are available to be issued must be evaluated for recognition or disclosure. The effects of subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that existed at the Statement of Net Position date are recognized in the accompanying financial statements. Subsequent events which provide evidence about conditions that existed after the Statement of Net Position date require disclosure in the accompanying notes. Management of the Laurel School District evaluated the activity of the district through March 3, 2023, (the date the financial statements were available to be issued), and determined that there were no subsequent events that have occurred requiring disclosure in the notes to the financial statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**LAUREL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Required Supplementary Information**

**Budgetary Comparison Schedule**  
**General Fund**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2022**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (GAAP Basis)	Variances	
				Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Local sources	\$ 12,141,228	11,846,775	\$ 11,844,232	\$ (294,453)	\$ (2,543)
State sources	14,626,404	14,347,723	14,347,723	(278,681)	-
Federal sources	290,491	110,835	110,835	(179,656)	-
Sixteenth section sources	139,100	12,781	13,953	(126,319)	1,172
Total Revenues	27,197,223	26,318,114	26,316,743	(879,109)	(1,371)
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Instruction	13,191,868	12,185,658	12,086,561	1,006,210	99,097
Support services	10,381,187	9,112,277	9,112,276	1,268,910	1
Facilities acquisition and construction	-	206,939	220,345	(206,939)	(13,406)
Debt service:					
Principal	574,370	155,351		419,019	155,351
Interest			155,351	-	(155,351)
Total Expenditures	24,147,425	21,660,225	21,574,533	2,487,200	85,692
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	3,049,798	4,657,889	4,742,210	1,608,091	84,321
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>					
Proceeds of loans	81,345	-		(81,345)	-
Insurance recovery		506,340	506,340	506,340	-
Sale of transportation equipment		16,729	16,729	16,729	-
Operating transfers in	2,358,131	3,962,924	1,352,999	1,604,793	(2,609,925)
Operating transfers out	(2,584,180)	(3,299,901)	(689,976)	(715,721)	2,609,925
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(144,704)	1,186,092	1,186,092	1,330,796	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	2,905,094	5,843,981	5,928,302	2,938,887	84,321
Prior period adjustments		35,609	90,680	35,609	55,071
July 1, 2021, as restated	5,780,106	5,815,715	5,815,215	35,609	(500)
June 30, 2022	\$ 8,685,200	\$ 11,659,696	\$ 11,743,517	\$ 2,974,496	\$ 83,821

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

**LAUREL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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**Budgetary Comparison Schedule**  
**Title I Fund**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2022**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variances	
				Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final	(GAAP Basis)	Original to Final	Final to Actual
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Federal sources	\$ 3,233,565	\$ 3,779,060	\$ 2,752,942	\$ 545,495	\$ (1,026,118)
Total Revenues	3,233,565	3,779,060	2,752,942	545,495	(1,026,118)
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Instruction	1,493,964	2,478,241	1,868,664	(984,277)	609,577
Support services	663,292	878,485	537,059	(215,193)	341,426
Noninstructional services	170,178	148,875	104,965	21,303	43,910
Total Expenditures	2,327,434	3,505,601	2,510,688	(1,178,167)	994,913
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	906,131	273,459	242,254	(632,672)	(31,205)
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>					
Operating transfers out	(58,357)	(273,459)	(242,254)	(215,102)	31,205
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(58,357)	(273,459)	(242,254)	(215,102)	31,205
Net Change in Fund Balances	847,774	-	-	(847,774)	-
Fund Balances:					
July 1, 2021				-	-
June 30, 2022	\$ 847,774	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (847,774)	\$ -

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

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

**PERS**  
**Last 10 Fiscal Years\***

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.251208%	0.278070%	0.280555%	0.289545%	0.295435%	0.296431%	0.298934%	0.296948%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 37,129,640	\$ 53,831,121	\$ 49,355,161	\$ 48,159,936	\$ 49,111,324	\$ 52,949,978	\$ 46,209,301	\$ 36,044,050
District's covered payroll	\$ 16,702,770	\$ 18,515,983	\$ 16,539,167	\$ 18,490,248	\$ 18,952,311	\$ 18,963,429	\$ 18,675,695	\$ 18,153,321
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	222.30%	290.73%	298.41%	260.46%	259.13%	279.22%	247.43%	198.64%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	70.44%	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 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.

**Laurel School District  
Required Supplementary Information**

**Schedule of District Contributions**

**PERS**

**Last 10 Fiscal Years**

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 3,128,766	\$ 2,906,282	\$ 3,221,781	\$ 2,877,815	\$ 2,912,214	\$ 2,984,989	\$ 2,986,740	\$ 2,941,422
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	3,128,766	2,906,282	3,221,781	2,877,815	2,912,214	2,984,989	2,986,740	2,941,422
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 17,981,414	\$ 16,702,770	\$ 18,515,983	\$ 18,271,841	\$ 18,490,248	\$ 18,952,311	\$ 18,963,429	\$ 18,675,695
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	17.40%	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 68 was implemented in FYE 6/30/15, and, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the District has only presented information for the years in which information is available.

**Laurel School District  
Required Supplementary Information**

**SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY**

**OPEB**

**Last 10 Fiscal Years\***

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.33378926%	0.38157657%	0.39434566%	0.40798550%	0.40920151%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 2,148,541	\$ 2,969,459	\$ 3,346,185	\$ 3,155,972	\$ 3,210,632
District's covered-employee payroll	15,869,002	18,389,533	18,058,768	18,452,907	18,384,299
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	13.54%	16.15%	18.53%	17.10%	17.46%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	0.16%	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, GASB No. 75 was implemented in FYE 6/30/18, and, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the District has only presented information for the years in which information is available.



**Laurel School District**  
**Required Supplementary Information**

**SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**OPEB**  
**Last 10 Fiscal Years**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Actuarially determined contributions	\$ 69,519	\$ 86,357	\$ 118,422	\$ 134,125	\$ 136,874
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contributions	69,519	86,357	118,422	134,125	136,874
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 17,981,414	\$ 14,776,242	\$ 15,888,897	\$ 16,883,881	\$ 18,490,248
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	0.39%	0.58%	0.75%	0.79%	0.74%

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

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, GASB Statement No.75 was implemented in FYE 6/30/2018, and, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the District has only presented information for the years in which information is available. Prior year information is based on historical amounts reported in prior year audit report(s).

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For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

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, if applicable, 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%.

Laurel School District  
Notes to the Required Supplementary Information  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

2019:

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

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

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

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

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

The percentage of active member disabilities assumed to be in the line of duty was increased from 7% to 9%.

2021:

The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the PubS.H-2010(B) Retiree Table with the following adjustments: for males, 95% of male rates up to age 60, 110% for ages 61 to 75, and 101% for ages above 77; for females, 84% of female rates up to age 72, 100% for ages above 76; and projection scale MP-2020 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.

The expectation of disabled mortality was changed to PubG.H-2010 Disabled Table for disabled retirees with the following adjustments: for males, 134% of male rates at all ages; for females, 121% of female rates at all ages; and projection scale MP-2020 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.

The expectation of contingent annuitant mortality was based on the PubS.H-2010(B) Contingent Annuitant Table with the following adjustments: for males, 97% of male rates at all ages; for females, 110% of female rates at all ages; and projection scale MP-2020 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.

The price inflation assumption was reduced from 2.75% to 2.40%.

The wage inflation assumption was reduced from 3.00% to 2.65%.

The investment rate of return assumption was changed from 7.75% to 7.55%.

The assumed load for administrative expenses was increased from 0.25% to 0.28%.

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

The percentage of active member disabilities assumed to be in the line of duty was increased from 9% to 12%.

The percentage of active member deaths assumed to be in the line of duty was decreased from 6% to 4%.

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Notes to the Required Supplementary Information  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

(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, 2019 valuation for the June 30, 2021 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	28.8 years
Asset valuation method	5-year smoothed market
Price Inflation	2.75 percent
Salary increase	3.00 percent to 18.25 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.

2021: The discount rate was changed from 2.19% for the prior Measurement Date to 2.13% for the current Measurement Date.

(2) *Changes in benefit provisions*

2017: None

2018: None

2019: None

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For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

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.

2021: The schedule of monthly retiree contributions was increased as of January 1, 2022. In addition, the in-network medical deductible was increased for the Select coverage beginning January 1, 2022.

- (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, 2020 actuarial valuation) were used to determine contribution rates reported in that schedule for the year ending June 30, 2021:

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	2.19%

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**LAUREL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Supplementary Information**

**Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2022**

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
<b><u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u></b>			
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:			
Child nutrition Cluster:			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	225MS326N1099	755,426
National School Lunch Program	10.555	225MS326N1099	1,532,710
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	225MS326N1099	180,068
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			2,468,204
Total Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education			2,468,204
<b>Total U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>			<b>2,468,204</b>
<b><u>U.S. Department of Defense</u></b>			
Direct Program:			
Reserve Officers' Training Corps	12.XXX		54,820
<b>Total U.S. Department of Defense</b>			<b>54,820</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	S010A210024	2,767,299
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048	V048A210024	56,553
Rural Education	84.358	S358A210024	5,019
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365	ES365A21004	17,927
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	S367A210023	201,760
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	S424A210025	108,315
Subtotal			3,156,873
Special Education Cluster:			
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027	H027A210108	985,117
COVID-19 - Special Education - Grants to States	84.027	H027X210108	58,395
Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173	H173A210113	17,072
COVID-19 - Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173	H173X210113	1,342
Total Special Education Cluster			1,061,926
Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund I	84.425D	S425D200031	112,910
Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund II	84.425D	S425D210031	587,679
Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund III ARP	84.425U	S425U210031	574,318
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund (ESSER) Subtotal			1,274,907
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education			5,493,706
<b>Total U.S. Department of Education</b>			<b>5,493,706</b>
<b><u>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</u></b>			
Passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education:			
Medical assistance program	93.778	2105MS5ADM	68,005
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education			68,005
<b>Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</b>			<b>68,005</b>
<b><u>U.S. Department of Social Security Administration</u></b>			
Passed-through the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services:			
Social Security Disability Insurance	96.001	*	756
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services			756
<b>Total U.S. Department of Social Security Administration</b>			<b>756</b>
Total for All Federal Awards			\$ 8,085,491

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

Laurel School District  
Notes to the Supplementary Information  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

(1) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of the Laurel School District under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2022. 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 Laurel School District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the Laurel School District.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the same basis of accounting and the same significant accounting policies, as applicable, as those used for the financial statements; however, the expenditures include transfers out. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

(3) Indirect Cost Rate

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

(4) Other Items

Donated commodities are included in the National School Lunch Program.

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

Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures – Governmental Funds

(1) Basis of Accounting

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



**LAUREL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Supplementary Information**

**Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures - Governmental Funds**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2022**

<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	\$ 23,260,762	16,514,974	1,272,391	1,809,846	3,663,551
Other	15,843,912	2,214,110	504,318	25,904	13,099,580
Total	<u>\$ 39,104,674</u>	<u>18,729,084</u>	<u>1,776,709</u>	<u>1,835,750</u>	<u>16,763,131</u>
Total number of students *	<u>2,792</u>				
Cost per student	<u>\$ 14,006</u>	<u>6,708</u>	<u>636</u>	<u>658</u>	<u>6,004</u>

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

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

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

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

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

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

## OTHER INFORMATION

**LAUREL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Other Information**

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

**General Fund**

**Last Four Years**

**UNAUDITED**

	2022	2021*	2020*	2019*
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Local sources	\$ 11,844,232	\$ 11,486,482	\$ 10,667,300	\$ 10,871,421
State sources	14,347,723	14,406,893	14,965,526	14,023,586
Federal sources	110,835	66,456	121,406	123,656
Sixteenth Section sources	13,953	35,034	31,795	230,778
Total Revenues	<u>26,316,743</u>	<u>25,994,865</u>	<u>25,786,027</u>	<u>25,249,441</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Instruction	12,086,561	12,304,555	14,004,669	14,798,059
Support services	9,112,276	8,703,103	11,274,280	10,138,486
Noninstructional services			821	
Facilities acquisition and construction	220,345			
Debt Service:				
Interest	155,351	175,270	139,078	339,924
Total Expenditures	<u>21,574,533</u>	<u>21,182,928</u>	<u>25,418,848</u>	<u>25,276,469</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>4,742,210</u>	<u>4,811,937</u>	<u>367,179</u>	<u>(27,028)</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>				
Insurance recovery	506,340	122,435	4,800	
Sale of transportation equipment	16,729			10,935
Operating transfers in	1,352,999	277,374	259,703	408,317
Operating transfers out	(689,976)	(652,779)	(800,303)	(1,865,405)
Other financing uses		(12,189)		
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>1,186,092</u>	<u>(265,159)</u>	<u>(535,800)</u>	<u>(1,446,153)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>5,928,302</u>	<u>4,546,778</u>	<u>(168,621)</u>	<u>(1,473,181)</u>
<b>Fund Balances:</b>				
Beginning of period, as previously reported	5,724,535	1,020,306	1,413,961	2,888,273
Prior period adjustments	90,680	58,408	(225,034)	(1,131)
Fund reclassification		99,043		
Beginning of period, as restated	<u>5,815,215</u>	<u>1,177,757</u>	<u>1,188,927</u>	<u>2,887,142</u>
End of Period	<u>\$ 11,743,517</u>	<u>\$ 5,724,535</u>	<u>\$ 1,020,306</u>	<u>1,413,961</u>

\*SOURCE - PRIOR YEAR AUDIT REPORTS

**LAUREL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Other Information**

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

**All Governmental Funds**

**Last Four Years**

**UNAUDITED**

	2022	2021*	2020*	2019*
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Local sources	\$ 14,635,850	\$ 14,687,836	\$ 13,792,770	\$ 13,560,935
Increase (Decrease) in fair market value		(6,032)	43,466	159,326
State sources	14,900,970	15,020,511	15,607,291	14,670,227
Federal sources	8,772,060	7,757,416	5,449,277	5,756,814
Sixteenth section sources	363,495	631,077	1,376,431	1,609,154
Total Revenues	38,672,375	38,090,808	36,269,235	35,756,456
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Instruction	15,850,861	16,564,191	16,542,388	17,636,720
Support services	12,520,969	11,998,961	13,833,423	11,882,152
Noninstructional services	2,210,239	1,929,241	2,329,951	2,396,608
Facilities acquisition and construction	5,921,517			406,325
Debt service:				
Principal	1,738,000	1,771,686	1,710,686	1,620,686
Interest	854,588	937,172	1,070,841	1,290,213
Other	8,500	8,250	8,000	10,000
Total Expenditures	39,104,674	33,209,501	35,495,289	35,242,704
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	(432,299)	4,881,307	773,946	513,752
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>				
Insurance recovery	6,895,038	2,340,061	4,116,102	
Payment held by QSCB debt escrow agent	360,468	394,094	480,152	367,036
Payment to QSCB debt escrow agent	(360,468)	(394,094)	(480,152)	(367,036)
Sale of transportation equipment	16,729			10,935
Operating transfers in	11,622,313	1,100,966	1,310,007	2,273,722
Operating transfers out	(11,622,313)	(1,100,966)	(1,310,007)	(2,273,722)
Other financing uses	(134,897)	(12,189)		
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	6,776,870	2,327,872	4,116,102	10,935
Net Change in Fund Balances	6,344,571	7,209,179	4,890,048	524,687
<b>Fund Balances:</b>				
Beginning of period, as previously reported	30,780,995	23,385,502	18,337,912	17,780,630
Prior period adjustment	95,430	58,408	87,741	17,996
Fund Reclassification		99,043		
Beginning of period, as restated	30,876,425	23,542,953	18,425,653	17,798,626
Increase (Decrease) in reserve for inventory	(803)	28,863	69,801	14,599
End of Period	\$ 37,220,193	\$ 30,780,995	\$ 23,385,502	18,337,912

\*SOURCE - PRIOR YEAR AUDIT REPORTS

## REPORTS ON INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE



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

Superintendent and School Board  
Laurel School District

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Laurel School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Laurel School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 3, 2023.

### Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Laurel School District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Laurel School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Laurel School District's internal control.

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

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

## Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

## Purpose of this Report

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

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Madison, Mississippi  
March 3, 2023

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

Superintendent and School Board  
Laurel School District

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

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

We have audited Laurel 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 Laurel School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2022. The Laurel 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.

In our opinion, the Laurel 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, 2022.

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

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Laurel School District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Laurel School District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

##### ***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Laurel School District's federal programs.

##### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Laurel School District's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve



collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Laurel School District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the Laurel School District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the Laurel School District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances 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 the Laurel School District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

#### **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

McKenzie CPA, PLLC  
Madison, Mississippi  
March 3, 2023



## SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Laurel School District  
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

Section I: Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements:

1. Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified
2. Internal control over financial reporting:
  - a. Material weaknesses identified? No
  - b. Significant deficiencies identified? None Reported
3. Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? No

Federal Awards:

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

7. Identification of major programs:

<u>CFDA Numbers</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
84.010	Title I grants to local educational agencies
	<u>Education Stabilization Funds (ESSER)</u>
84.425D	Education Stabilization Fund I (ESSER)
84.425D	Education Stabilization Fund II (ESSER)
84.425U	Education Stabilization Fund ARP III (ESSER)

8. Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$750,000
9. Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? No
10. Prior fiscal year audit finding(s) and questioned costs relative to federal awards which would require the auditee to prepare a summary schedule of prior audit findings in accordance with 2CFR 200.511(b). None Reported

Laurel School District  
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**Section II: Financial Statement Findings**

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

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

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