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Audited Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Superintendent and School Board Stone County School District

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

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

In our opinion, the accompanying 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 Stone County School District, as of June 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows 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 and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *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 Stone County 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 Stone County 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 Responsibilities 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 generally accepted auditing

standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 Stone County 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 Stone County 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) on pages 6-14, 49-50, 51, 52, 53 & 54, respectively, 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 Stone County School District's basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 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 basic

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 January 30, 2023, on our consideration of the Stone County School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Stone County School District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Stone County School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Cunningham CPAs, PLLC Belzoni, MS

January 30, 2023

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Management's Discussion and Analysis For Year Ended June 30, 2022

The following discussion and analysis of Stone County School District's financial performance provides an overview of the Stone County School District's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2022. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Stone County 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 Stone County School District's financial performance.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Total net position for 2022 increased \$7,532,090, which represents a 39% increase from fiscal year 2021. Total net position for 2021 increased \$572,362, which represents a 3% increase from fiscal year 2020.
- General revenues amounted to \$19,963,317 and \$20,213,598, or 64% and 75% 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 \$11,467,924, or 36% of total revenues for 2022, and \$6,579,878, or 25% of total revenues for 2021.
- The District had \$23,899,151 and \$26,221,114 in expenses for fiscal years 2022 and 2021; only \$11,467,924 for 2022 and \$6,579,878 for 2021 of these expenses was offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions. General revenues of \$19,963,317 for 2022 and \$20,213,598 for 2021 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- Among major funds, the General Fund had \$20,038,560 in revenues and \$18,075,588 in expenditures for 2022, and \$19,481,724 in revenues and \$17,842,254 in expenditures in 2021. The General Fund's fund balance increased by \$4,401,516 from 2021 to 2022, and increased by \$1,328,553, from 2020 to 2021.
- Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, increased by \$649,071, including an adjustment for GASB 87 right to use assets, for 2022 and decreased by \$410,525 for 2021. The increase for 2022 was due primarily to construction in progress and other capital additions net of the increase in accumulated depreciation.
- Long-term debt decreased by \$870,031 for 2022 and decreased by \$80,090 for 2021. This
 decrease for 2022 was due to principal payments on outstanding long-term debt. The liability for
 compensated absences decreased by \$14,082 for 2022 and increased by \$28,616 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 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.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For Year Ended June 30, 2022

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

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

Fund Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Reconciliation of Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

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

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

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

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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 governmentwide financial statements, but are reported as expenditures on the governmental funds financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

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

Required Supplementary Information

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

Supplementary Information

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

Other Information

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

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net position

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position. Liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded assets and deferred outflows of resources by \$12,001,649 as of June 30, 2022.

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.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For Year Ended June 30, 2022

Table I
Condensed Statement of Net Position

33.1143	 June 30, 2022	 June 30, 2021	Percentage Change	е
Current assets	\$ 15,732,131	\$ 10,727,081	46.66	%
Restricted assets	515,636	727,233	(29.10)	%
Capital assets, net	11,247,802	10,598,731	6.12	%
Total assets	 27,495,569	22,053,045	24.68	%
Deferred outflows of resources	5,471,808	 4,092,171	33.71	%
Current liabilities	1,075,597	983,791	9.33	%
Long-term debt outstanding	2,996,456	3,880,569	(22.78)	%
Leases payable	108,172	-	N/A	%
Net OPEB liability	1,799,121	2,134,974	(15.73)	%
Net pension liability	28,948,668	37,902,863	(23.62)	%
Total liabilities	34,928,014	44,902,197	(22.21)	%
Deferred inflows of resources	 10,041,012	 776,758	1,192.68	%
Net position:				
Net investment in capital assets	8,483,170	7,303,668	16.15	%
Restricted	1,505,094	1,406,993	6.97	%
Unrestricted	(21,989,913)	(28,244,400)	22.14	%
Total net position	\$ (12,001,649)	\$ (19,533,739)	38.56	%

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)	\$ (21,989,913)
Less unrestricted deficit in net position resulting from recognition of the net pension and net OPEB liability, including the deferred	
outflows and deferred inflows related to pensions and OPEB	 35,114,963
Unrestricted net position, exclusive of the	
net pension and net OPEB liability effect	\$ 13,125,050

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 \$649,071.
- The principal retirement of \$934,996 of long-term debt.
- Issuing \$64,965 in shortfall notes payable.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For Year Ended June 30, 2022

Changes in net position

The District's total revenues for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2021 were \$31,431,241 and \$26,793,476, respectively. The total cost of all programs and services was \$23,899,151 for 2022 and \$26,221,114 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	
Revenues:					
Program revenues:					
Charges for services	\$	623,281	\$ 532,621	17.02	%
Operating grants and contributions		10,844,643	6,047,257	79.33	%
General revenues:					
Property taxes		6,272,277	6,157,667	1.86	%
Grants and contributions not restricted		13,103,772	13,116,662	(0.10)	%
Investment earnings		300,084	208,910	43.64	%
Sixteenth section sources		159,209	920,847	(82.71)	%
Other		127,975	 (190,488)	167.18	%
Total revenues		31,431,241	26,793,476	17.31	%
Expenses:					
Instruction		12,961,132	12,681,057	2.21	%
Support services		8,392,513	8,319,520	0.88	%
Non-instructional		1,630,779	1,295,533	25.88	%
Sixteenth section		26,709	784,373	(96.59)	%
Pension expense		938,108	2,987,312	(68.60)	%
OPEB expense		(118,533)	20,624	(674.73)	%
Interest on long-term liabilities		68,443	 132,695	(48.42)	%
Total expenses		23,899,151	26,221,114	(8.86)	%
Increase (Decrease) in net position		7,532,090	572,362	1,215.97	%
Net Position, July 1		(19,533,739)	 (20,106,101)	2.85	%
Net Position, June 30	\$	(12,001,649)	\$ (19,533,739)	38.56	%

Governmental activities

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

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Table 3
Net Cost of Governmental Activities

	 Total I	Percentag	е		
	 2022		2021	Change	
Instruction	\$ 12,961,132	\$	12,681,057	2.21	%
Support services	8,392,513		8,319,520	0.88	%
Non-instructional	1,630,779		1,295,533	25.88	%
Sixteenth section	26,709		784,373	(96.59)	%
Pension Expense	938,108		2,987,312	(68.60)	%
OPEB Expense	(118,533)		20,624	(674.73)	%
Interest on long-term liabilities	68,443		132,695	(48.42)	%
Total expenses	\$ 23,899,151	26,221,114	(8.86)	%	
	 Net (Expe	nse)	Revenue	Percentag	e
	2022		2021	Change	
Instruction	\$ (6,956,852)	\$	(9,490,257)	26.69	%
Support services	(5,191,994)		(6,437,789)	19.35	%
Non-instructional	632,346		211,814	198.54	%
Sixteenth section	(26,709)		(784,373)	96.59	%
Pension Expense	(938,108)		(2,987,312)	68.60	%
OPEB Expense	118,533		(20,624)	674.73	%
Interest on long-term liabilities	(68,443)		(132,695)	48.42	%
Total net (expense) revenue	 	_			

- Net cost of governmental activities (\$12,431,227 for 2022 and \$19,641,236 for 2021) was financed by general revenue, which is primarily made up of property taxes (\$6,272,277 for 2022 and \$6,157,667 for 2021) and state and federal revenues (\$13,103,772 for 2022 and \$13,116,662 for 2021). In addition, there was \$159,209 and \$920,847 in sixteenth section sources for 2022 and 2021, respectively.
- Investment earnings amounted to \$300,084 for 2022 and \$208,910 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 \$15,008,201, an increase of \$4,483,155, which includes an increase in inventory of \$1,748. \$5,035,740 or 34% of the fund balance is unassigned, which represents the residual classification for the General Fund's fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. The remaining fund balance of \$9,972,461 or 66%

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is either nonspendable, restricted, committed or assigned to indicate that it is not available for spending except only for the purposes to which it is restricted, committed or assigned.

The General Fund is the principal operating fund of the District. The increase in fund balance in the General Fund for the fiscal year was \$4,401,516. The fund balance of Other Governmental Funds showed increase in the amount of \$81,639, which includes an increase in reserve for inventory of \$1,748, due primarily to normal operations. The increase (decrease) in the fund balances for the other major funds were as follows:

<u>Major Fund</u> <u>Increase (Decrease)</u>

ESSER II No increase or decrease

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

During the year, the District revised the annual operating budget. Budget revisions were made to address and correct the original budgets to reflect more accurately the sources and uses of funding for the Stone County School 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 \$22,612,177, including land, school buildings, building improvements, improvements other than buildings, buses, other school vehicles, furniture and equipment, and any intangible assets. This amount represents an increase of \$1,257,653 from 2021. Total accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2022, was \$11,364,375, and total depreciation expense for the year was \$608,582, resulting in total net capital assets of \$11,247,802.

Table 4
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation

			Percentag	je
	 June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021	Change	
Land	\$ 922,010	\$ 922,010	0.00	%
Construction in progress	300,540	-	N/A	%
Buildings	4,463,734	4,616,476	(3.31)	%
Building improvements	3,740,303	3,856,253	(3.01)	%
Improvements other than buildings	614,779	502,988	22.23	%
Mobile equipment	947,257	648,809	46.00	%
Furniture and equipment	153,622	52,195	194.32	%
Intangible right to use equipment	 105,557		N/A	%
Total	\$ 11,247,802	\$ 10,598,731	6.12	%

Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in Note 5 included in this report. Also, see note 5 for information regarding reclassification of prior period presentation.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For Year Ended June 30, 2022

Debt Administration. At June 30, 2022, the District had \$2,996,456 in outstanding long-term debt, of which \$363,900 is due within one year. The liability for compensated absences decreased \$14,082 from the prior year.

Table 5
Outstanding Long-Term Debt

				Percenta	age
•	June 30, 2022	Ju	ıne 30, 2021	Chang	е
\$	740,000	\$	1,227,000	(39.69)	%
	188,008		419,436	(55.18)	%
	1,907,113		2,054,388	(7.17)	%
	9,347		13,675	(31.65)	%
	151,988		166,070	(8.48)	%
\$	2,996,456	\$	3,880,569	(22.78)	%
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Additional information on the District's long-term debt can be found in Note 7 included in this report. Also, see note 7 for information regarding reclassification of prior period presentation.

CURRENT ISSUES

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

The District has committed itself to financial excellence for many years. The District's system of financial planning, budgeting and internal financial controls are 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 Stone County School District, 214 Critz Street, Wiggins, MS 39777.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Net Position	Exhibit A
June 30, 2022	Governmental
	Activities
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 13,444,004
Investments	622,671
Due from other governments	1,403,779
Leases receivable	205,913
Inventories	55,764
Restricted assets	515,636
Capital assets, non-depreciable:	
Land	922,010
Construction in progress	300,540
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:	
Buildings	4,463,734
Building improvements	3,740,303
Improvements other than buildings	614,779
Mobile equipment	947,257
Furniture and equipment	153,622
Intangible assets	105,557
Total Assets	27,495,569
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Deferred outflows - pensions	5,069,395
Deferred outflows - OPEB	402,413
Total deferred outflows of resources	5,471,808
Liabilitiaa	
Liabilities	1 027 526
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,037,536
Interest payable on long-term liabilities	38,061
Long-term liabilities, due within one year:	205 200
Capital related liabilities	295,800
Non-capital related liabilities	68,100
Leases payable	99,673
Net OPEB liability	58,621
Long-term liabilities, due beyond one year:	
Capital related liabilities	2,360,660
Non-capital related liabilities	271,896
Leases payable	8,499
Net pension liability	28,948,668
Net OPEB liability	1,740,500
Total Liabilities	34,928,014
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Deferred inflows - pensions	9,129,218
Deferred inflows - OPEB	709,764
Deferred inflows - Leases	202,030
Total deferred inflows of resources	10,041,012
Not Decition	
Net Position	0.402.470
Net investment in capital assets Restricted for:	8,483,170
Expendable:	057.400
School-based activities	957,182
Debt service	266,063
Forestry improvements	29,816
Unemployment benefits	28,020
Nonexpendable:	
Sixteenth section principal	224,013
Unrestricted	(21,989,913)
Total Net Position	\$ (12,001,649)
	+ (12,001,040)

Statement of Activities	22							Exhibit B
For the Year Ended June 30, 202	22			Pı	ogram Revenu Operating	es	Capital	 Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
			Charges for		Grants and		Grants and	Governmental
Functions/Programs		Expenses	Services		Contributions		Contributions	 Activities
Governmental Activities: Instruction Support services Non-instructional Sixteenth section Pension expense OPEB expense Interest on long-term liabilities	\$	12,961,132 8,392,513 1,630,779 26,709 938,108 (118,533) 68,443	541,800 - 81,481 - - -	\$	5,462,480 3,200,519 2,181,644 - - -	\$	- - - - -	\$ (6,956,852) (5,191,994) 632,346 (26,709) (938,108) 118,533 (68,443)
Total Governmental Activities	\$	23,899,151	\$ 623,281	\$	10,844,643	\$		\$ (12,431,227)
			General Revenue Taxes:	es:				
			General pur	pc	se levies			5,944,534
			Debt purpos	se	levies			327,743
			State	gra	ants and contrib	outio	ons:	12,917,395
			Federal					186,377
					estment earnin	gs		300,084
			Sixteenth sec Other	tic	n			159,209
				er	al Revenues			 127,975 19,963,317
			Change in Net P					7,532,090
			Net Position - Be	egi	nning			 (19,533,739)
			Net Position - Er	ndi	ng			\$ (12,001,649)

STONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT								
Balance Sheet	GOV	ernmental F	unc	IS				Exhibit C
June 30, 2022								EXHIBIT C
Julie 30, 2022		Maio	or F	unds				
		iviaj	<i>J</i> 1 1	unus		Other		Total
		General		ESSER II		Governmental		Governmental
		Fund		Fund		Funds		Funds
Assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	12,564,011	\$	-	\$	1,172,131	\$	13,736,142
Investments		622,671		-		223,498		846,169
Due from other governments		440,597		499,373		463,809		1,403,779
Due from other funds		896,904		-		95,806		992,710
Lease receivables		205,913		-		-		205,913
Inventories		-		-		55,764		55,764
Total assets		14,730,096		499,373		2,011,008		17,240,477
Linkilities Defermed Inflores of Decourage								
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances								
Liabilities:								
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	976,996	¢	6,693	Ф	53,847	Ф	1,037,536
Due to other funds	Ψ	86,024	Ψ	492,680	Ψ	414,006	Ψ	992,710
Total Liabilities	_	1,063,020		499,373		467,853		2,030,246
Deferred Inflows of Resources								
Leases	\$	202,030	\$	-	\$	-	\$	202,030
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	_	202,030		-		-		202,030
Fund Balances:								
Nonspendable:								
Inventory		_		_		55,764		55,764
Permanent fund principal		_		_		224,013		224,013
Restricted:						,		
Debt service		-		-		304,124		304,124
Grant activities		-		-		901,418		901,418
Capital improvements		8,054,213		-		-		8,054,213
Forestry improvements		-		-		29,816		29,816
Unemployment benefits		-		-		28,020		28,020
Assigned:								
Student activities		375,093		-		-		375,093
Unassigned		5,035,740		-		-		5,035,740
Total Fund Balances		13,465,046				1,543,155		15,008,201
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of								
Resources and Fund Balances	\$	14,730,096	\$	499,373	\$	2,011,008	\$	17,240,477

Governmental Funds		
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position		Exhibit C-1
June 30, 2022		
Total fund balances for governmental funds	\$	15,008,201
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 922,01 Construction in progress 300,54 Buildings 10,673,55 Building improvements 4,597,00 Improvements other than buildings 1,368,67 Mobile equipment 3,728,35 Furniture and equipment 819,04 Intangible assets 202,99 Accumulated depreciation (11,364,37)	0 7 2 7 7 0 4	11,247,802
 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 Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds: 	8)	
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions 5,069,39 Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions (9,129,21		(33,008,491)
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 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 Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB (709,76)	3	(2,106,472)
4 Long-term liabilities and related accrued interest are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds: Three mill notes payable Shortfall notes payable Energy efficiency loan payable Installment purchase loans payable Leases payable Compensated absences Accrued interest payable (740,00 (188,00 (19,07,11 (1,907,1	8) 3) 7) 2) 8)	(3,142,689)
Net position of governmental activities	\$	(12,001,649)

Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Exhibit D For the Year Ended June 30, 2022 Major Funds Other Total General ESSER II Governmental Governmental Fund **Funds** Fund **Funds** Revenues: Local sources 6,602,485 \$ - \$ 620,372 \$ 7,222,857 13,013,505 889,311 13,902,816 State sources 191,585 6,117,402 10,045,600 Federal sources 3,736,613 Sixteenth section sources 230,985 17,035 248,020 3,736,613 **Total Revenues** 20,038,560 7,644,120 31,419,293 **Expenditures:** Instruction 11,053,119 615,604 2,654,029 14,322,752 179,042 2,427,385 9,306,042 Support services 6,699,615 Noninstructional services 1,732,121 1,732,121 Sixteenth section 11,468 15,241 26,709 Facilities acquisition and construction 494,262 494,262 Debt service: Principal 246,425 783,393 1,029,818 Interest 64,961 19,944 84,905 **Total Expenditures** 18,075,588 794,646 8,126,375 26,996,609 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures 1,962,972 2.941.967 (482.255)4.422.684 Other Financing Sources (Uses): Bonds and notes issued 64,965 64,965 1,182,899 Operating transfers in 3,099,459 4,282,358 Other financing sources 1,116 1,116 Operating transfers out (721,465)(2,943,083)(617,810)(4,282,358)Other financing uses (4,415)(2,943)(7,358)Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) 2,438,544 (2,941,967)562,146 58,723 Net Change in Fund Balances 4,401,516 79,891 4,481,407 Fund Balances: July 1, 2021 9,063,530 1,461,516 10,525,046 Increase (Decrease) in reserve for inventory 1,748 1,748 June 30, 2022 13,465,046 \$ - \$ 1,543,155 \$ 15,008,201

Governmental Funds		
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues,		Exhibit D-1
Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities		
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022		
Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds		\$ 4,481,407
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
 Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the statement of cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expe current period, these amounts are: 		
Capital outlay	\$ 1,054,659	
Depreciation expense	(608,582)	446,077
2. The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental function 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 value of refunded debt and the acquisition cost of refunded debt when debt is first issued amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities:	of o, o the carrying	
Payments of debt principal	934,996	
Bonds and notes issued	(64,965))
Payments on leases payable	94,822	
Accrued interest payable	16,462	981,315
3. Some items relating to pensions and reported in the statement of activities do not provide the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as revenues/expending governmental funds. These activities include:	•	
Pension expense	(938,108))
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	2 202 445	4 420 207
4. Some items relating to OPEB and reported in the statement of activities do not provide use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as revenues/expenditur governmental funds. These activities include:	•	_ 1,430,307
OPEB expense	118,533	
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	58,621	177,154
5. Some items reported in the statement of activities do not provide or require the use of clinancial resources and therefore are not reported as revenues/expenditures in government These activities include:	urrent	_
Change in compensated absences	14,082	
Change in inventory reserve	1,748	15,830
Change in net position of governmental activities		\$ 7,532,090
onange in her position of governmental activities		Ψ 1,552,090

Notes to the Financial Statements For Year Ended June 30, 2022

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying financial statements of the Stone County 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 Stone County School District's accounting policies are described below.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

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

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

B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Notes to the Financial Statements For Year Ended June 30, 2022

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

The Stone County School District reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - This is the Stone County 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.

ESSER II – This fund is used to account for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund federal grant in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 Stone County School District reports the following fund types:

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

<u>Special Revenue Funds</u> - 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Notes to the Financial Statements For Year Ended June 30, 2022

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 Stone County School District based upon an order adopted by the school board of the Stone County School District requesting an ad valorem tax effort in dollars. Since the taxes are not levied and collected by the Stone County 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 leases are reported as other financing sources.

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

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

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

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

D. Encumbrances

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

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

1. Cash, Cash equivalents and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents

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

Notes to the Financial Statements For Year Ended June 30, 2022

Investments

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

6. Capital Assets

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

Notes to the Financial Statements For Year Ended June 30, 2022

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	
Intangible assets		**	**	

(**) Intangible assets for the district represent right-to-use leased assets and are capitalized as a group for reporting purposes. The estimated useful life is the term of the lease agreement. There is no mandated maximum amortization period. Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives should not be amortized.

The term 'depreciation' includes the amortization of intangible assets.

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 district reports \$5,069,395 of deferred outflows related to its pension plan and \$402,413 related to its OPEB plan.

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 district reports \$9,129,218 of deferred inflows related to its pension plan, \$709,764 related to its OPEB plan and \$202,030 of deferred inflows related to leases receivable.

See Note 12 for further details.

8. Compensated Absences

Employees of the Stone County School District accumulate sick leave at a minimum amount as required by state law. A greater amount may be provided by Stone County

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

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

9. 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 Stone County 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. For sixteenth section lease receivables, the district uses the 4% statutory minimum rate imposed on loans from the sixteenth section principal funds.

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 7 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.

Notes to the Financial Statements For Year Ended June 30, 2022

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 nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned. Following are descriptions of fund classifications used by the district:

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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Note 2 – Cash and Cash Equivalents 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 Stone County 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 Stone County School District's deposits with financial institutions reported in the governmental funds was \$13,736,142.

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 \$15,511,205 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

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Investments

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

	Maturities			
Investment Type	Rating	(in years)		Fair Value
U.S. Government securities Certificates of deposit	AA+ N/A	1-5 years 1-5 years	\$	19,390 826,779
Total			\$	846,169

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. government securities and certificates of deposit types of investments of \$846,169 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. As of June 30, 2022, the district had the following investments:

	Fair	% of Total
Issuer	Value	Investments
U.S. Government Securities	\$ 19,390	2%
Certificates of deposit	826,779	98%
Total	\$ 846,169	100%

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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	ESSER II Fund	\$ 492,680
	Other governmental funds	404,224
Other governmental funds	General Fund	86,024
	Other governmental funds	 9,782
Total		\$ 992,710

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

B. Inter-fund Transfers

Transfers Out	Transfers In	Amount
General Fund	Other governmental funds	\$ 721,465
ESSER II	General Fund	2,943,083
Other governmental funds	General Fund	156,376
	Other governmental funds	 461,434
Total		\$ 4,282,358

The primary reason for the interfund transfers was for debt service requirements, federal grant allocations and the funding of various programs within the district.

Note 4 - Restricted Assets

The restricted assets represent the cash and investments balance, totaling \$515 and \$223,498, respectively, of the Sixteenth Section Principal Fund (Permanent Fund) which is legally restricted and may not be used for purposes that support the School District's programs.

The restricted assets represent the cash balance, totaling \$291,623 of the debt service funds that is restricted for future debt service requirements.

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Note 5 – Capital Assets

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

The term depreciation includes amortization of intangible assets.

		Balance			Adjustments and	Balance
		7/1/2021	Increases	Decreases	Reclassifications	6/30/2022
Governmental Activities:						
Non-depreciable capital assets:						
Land	\$	922,010 \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	922,010
Construction in progress		-	300,540	-	-	300,540
Total non-depreciable capital assets		922,010	300,540	-	-	1,222,550
Depreciable capital assets:						
Buildings		10,673,557	-	-	-	10,673,557
Building improvements		4,529,072	67,930	-	-	4,597,002
Improvement other than buildings		1,224,697	143,980	-	-	1,368,677
Mobile equipment		3,330,988	397,369	-	-	3,728,357
Furniture and equipment		664,913	144,840	-	9,287	819,040
Leased property under capital leases		9,287	-	-	(9,287)	-
Intangible right to use equipment		-	-	-	202,994	202,994
Total depreciable capital assets		20,432,514	754,119	-	202,994	21,389,627
Less accumulated depreciation for:						
Buildings		6,057,081	152,742	-	-	6,209,823
Building improvements		672,819	183,880	-	-	856,699
Improvement other than buildings		721,709	32,189	-	-	753,898
Mobile equipment		2,682,179	98,921	-	-	2,781,100
Furniture and equipment		619,379	42,099	-	3,940	665,418
Leased property under capital leases		2,626	1,314	-	(3,940)	-
Intangible right to use equipment		-	97,437	-	-	97,437
Total accumulated depreciation		10,755,793	608,582	-	-	11,364,375
Total depreciable capital assets, net		9,676,721	145,537	-	202,994	10,025,252
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$	10,598,731 \$	446,077 \$	- \$	202,994 \$	11,247,802
	I	ntangible right to	use assets, ne		to use assets \$ ent of net position \$	11,142,245 105,557 11,247,802

The adjustment above for intangible right to use equipment is a result of the implementation of GASB 87 related to lease assets and lease liabilities. Additionally, the reclassifications for leased property under capital leases is also a result of GASB 87. Under the new guidance, leases that were previously reported as capital leases and whereby the asset conveys to the lessee at the conclusion of the lease, are now considered financed purchases. Since these assets are no longer considered leased assets, reclassifications have been made to report them in their respective category. See note 6 for further details.

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Depreciation expense was charged to the following governmental functions:

		Amount
Governmental activities:		
Instruction	\$	309,650
Support services		285,710
Non-instructional		13,222
Total depreciation expense - Governmental activities	\$	608,582

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

	Ju	Spent to ne 30, 2022	Remaining Commitment
Governmental Activities: New CTE Building Total Construction in Progress	\$ \$	300,540 300,540	 8,054,213 8,054,213

Construction projects included in governmental activities are funded by the general fund and other capital projects funds of the district.

Note 6 – Leases

The school district is a lessee for various noncancellable leases of equipment. For leases that have a maximum possible term of 12 months or less at commencement, the school district recognizes expense based on the provisions of the lease contract. For all other leases, other than short term, the school district recognized a lease and an intangible right-to-use lease asset.

At lease commencement, the school district initially measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made. The lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, less lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus any initial direct costs ancillary to placing the underlying asset into service, less any lease incentives received at or before the lease commencement date. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized in depreciation and amortization expense on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term or the useful life of the underlying asset.

The school district generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases unless the rate that the lessor charges is known. The estimated incremental borrowing rate is the rate the district would expect to obtain for a similar financed purchase at the date of lease inception.

The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease plus any additional periods covered by either a school district or lessor option to extend for which it is reasonably certain to be exercised or terminate for which it is reasonably certain to not be exercised. Periods in which both the school district and the lessor have a unilateral option to terminate (or if both parties have agreed to extend) are excluded from the lease term.

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As Lessee:

The following is a summary of changes in lease assets and liabilities:

Lease Assets	 Balance 7/1/2021	Additions Amortization			Balance 6/30/2022		
2019 Copier and Printer Lease	\$ \$	202,994 \$	(97,437)	\$	105,557		
Total	\$ - \$	202,994 \$	(97,437)	\$	105,557		

See Note 5 for further details regarding intangible right to use equipment, which represents leased assets.

Lease Liabilities	 Balance 7/1/2021	Additions	 Principal Payments	_	Balance 6/30/2022
2019 Copier and Printer Lease	\$ \$	202,994	\$ (94,822)	\$	108,172
Total	\$ - \$	202,994	\$ (94,822)	\$	108,172

2019 Copier and Printer Lease:

The district has entered into a 48-month lease on copiers and printers from Owens Business Machines for a fixed \$8,752.50 per month. The lease agreement can only be cancelled if both parties agree. There are no options to extend the lease agreement and no variable payment options.

	Discout			Maturity	Monthly		Amount
Description	Rate	Term	Issue Date	Date	Payment	(Outstanding
Copiers and printers	5.00%	48 Months	8/1/2019	7/31/2023	\$ 8,752.50	\$_	108,172

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

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2023 2024	\$ 99,673 \$ 8,499	10,208 \$ 5,357	109,881 13,856
Total	\$ 108,172 \$	15,565 \$	123,737

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As Lessor:

The school district is a lessor for multiple sixteenth section leases for residential, forestry, commercial and agriculture purposes. The lease maturities range from 1-22 years. Future lease payments have been discounted to present value using the 4% statutory minimum rate the district would pay on sixteenth section permanent fund loans. At lease inception, the district records a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources for future lease payments. Lease revenue is recognized systematically over the term of the lease. The lease receivable is reduced by the principal portion of the payments received over the term of lease.

For the year ending June 30, 2022, the district recognized \$92,021 in revenue related to its sixteenth section lease receivables.

Sixteenth Section Lands

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

Year Ending	Principal	Interest			
June 30	Portion		Portion	Total Payments	
2023	\$ 62,591		5,512	\$ 68,103	
2024	64,886		3,017	67,903	
2025	66,505		459	66,964	
2026	875		425	1,300	
2027	619		401	1,020	
2028 – 2032	3,490		1,615	5,105	
2033 - 2037	4,003		868	4,871	
2038 – 2042	2,139		296	2,435	
2043 – 2044	 805		18	823	
Total	\$ 205,913	\$	12,611	\$ 218,524	

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Note 7 - Long-term Liabilities

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

		Balance				Balance	Amounts due
		 7/1/2021	Additions	Reductions	Reclassification	6/30/2022	within one year
A.	Three mill notes payable	\$ 1,227,000 \$	- \$	(487,000) \$	- \$	740,000 \$	(140,000)
В.	Shortfall notes payable	419,436	64,965	(296,393)	-	188,008	(68,100)
C.	Energy efficiency loan payable	2,054,388	-	(147,275)	-	1,907,113	(151,246)
D.	Obligations under capital leases	13,675	-	-	(13,675)	-	-
E.	Installment purchase loans payable		-	(4,328)	13,675	9,347	(4,554)
F.	Compensated absences payable	 166,070	-	(14,082)	-	151,988	-
	Total	\$ 3,880,569 \$	64,965 \$	(949,078) \$	- \$	2,996,456 \$	(363,900)

A. Three mill notes payable

Debt currently outstanding is as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding	
Limited tax note, Series 2017	2.075-2.225%	7/12/2016	7/12/2026	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 740,000	
Total				\$ 1,400,000	\$ 740,000	

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

Series 2017:

June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2023	\$ 140,000 \$	16,332 \$	156,332
2024	145,000	13,287	158,287
2025	150,000	10,133	160,133
2026	150,000	6,833	156,833
2027	155,000	3,495	158,495
Total	\$ 740,000 \$	50,080 \$	790,080

This debt will be retired from the Three Mill Note fund.

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B. Shortfall notes payable

Debt currently outstanding is as follows:

	Interest	Issue	Maturity	Amount		Amount
Description	Rate	Date	Date	Issued	С	Outstanding
Shortfall notes payable, series 2019	3.45%	8/13/2019	8/13/2022	197,563		68,100
Shortfall notes payable, series 2020	2.15%	7/15/2020	7/15/2023	225,084		76,383
Shortfall notes payable, series 2021	0.99%	7/15/2021	7/15/2024	64,965		43,525
Total				\$ 487,612	\$	188,008

The amount outstanding is included in due from other governments on the Statement of Net Position.

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

Shortfall notes payable, series 2019:

June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2023	\$ 68,100 \$	2,349 \$	70,449
Total	\$ 68,100 \$	2,349 \$	70,449

This debt will be retired from the 2019 shortfall notes payable fund

Shortfall notes payable, series 2020:

Year		

June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
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2023	\$ - \$	- \$	-
2024	 76,383	1,673	78,056
Total	\$ 76,383 \$	1,673 \$	78,056

This debt will be retired from the 2020 shortfall notes payable fund

Shortfall notes payable, series 2021:

Year Ending

June 30	 Principal	Interest	Total
2023	\$ - \$	- \$	-
2024	21,655	435	22,090
2025	 21,870	219	22,089
Total	\$ 43,525 \$	654 \$	44,179

This debt will be retired from the 2021 shortfall notes payable fund

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Total shortfall notes payable payments for all issues:

Year Ending			
June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2023	\$ 68,100 \$	2,349 \$	70,449
2024	98,038	2,108	100,146
2025	 21,870	219	22,089
Total	\$ 188,008 \$	4,676 \$	192,684

C. Energy Efficiency Loan

Debt currently outstanding is as follows:

Description		Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amo	ount Issued		Amount Outstanding
Energy efficiency	/ loan	2.68%	2/28/2017	2/8/2033	\$ _	2,506,500	\$ <u>_</u>	1,907,113
Year Ending June 30		Principal	Interest		Total			
2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028-2032 2033	\$	151,246 155,323 159,510 163,810 168,227 911,656 197,341	50,066 45,989 41,801 37,501 33,085 94,901 3,976	201 201 201 201 1,006	,312 ,312 ,311 ,311 ,312 ,557 ,317			
Total	\$	1,907,113 \$	307,319	\$ 2,214	,432			

This debt will be retired from the District Maintenance Fund.

An energy efficiency loan agreement dated 2/28/2017, was executed by and between the district and U.S. Bancorp Government Leasing and Finance.

The agreement authorized the borrowing of \$2,506,500 for the purchase of energy efficiency equipment, machinery, supplies, building modifications and other energy saving items. Payments shall be made from the district maintenance fund and not exceed fifteen (15) years.

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

Upon written notice to the U.S. Bancorp, the district has the option of repaying the total amount due as set forth by the agreement.

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D. Obligations under capital leases

As a result of the implementation of GASB 87, leases that were formerly classified as capital leases, where ownership of the asset conveys to the lessee at maturity, are no longer considered leases. These agreements are now considered financed purchases. As such, we have reclassed the beginning obligations under capital leases to installment purchase loans payable.

E. Installment purchase loan payable

The Stone County School District has entered into an installment purchase agreement for financing the acquisition of band equipment at a cost of \$22,831. Debt currently outstanding is as follows

	Interest	Issue	Maturity	Amount	Amount
Description	Rate	Date	Date	Issued	Outstanding
Band Equipment	5.240%	7/19/2019	8/1/2023	\$ 22,831	\$ 9,347
Total				\$ 22,831	\$ 9,347

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

Year Ending			
June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2023	\$ 4,554 \$	490 \$	5,044
2024	 4,793	251	5,044
Total	\$ 9,347 \$	741 \$	10,088

This debt will be retired from the District Maintenance Fund.

F. Compensated absences payable

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

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Note 8 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan

General Information about the Pension Plan

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

Benefits provided. Membership in PERS is a condition of employment granted upon hiring for qualifying employees and officials of the State of Mississippi, state universities, community and junior colleges, and teachers and employees of the public school districts. For those persons employed by political subdivisions and instrumentalities of the State of Mississippi, membership is contingent upon approval of the entity's participation in PERS by the PERS' Board of Trustees. If approved, membership for the entity's employees is a condition of employment and eligibility is granted to those who qualify upon hiring. Participating members who are vested and retire at or after age 60 or those who retire regardless of age with at least 30 years of creditable service (25 years of creditable service for employees who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011) are entitled, upon application, to an annual retirement allowance payable monthly for life in an amount equal to 2.0 percent of their average compensation for each year of creditable service up to and including 30 years (25 years for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), plus 2.5 percent for each additional year of creditable service with an actuarial reduction in 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 Stone County 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 Stone County School District's contributions to PERS for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, 2021 and 2020 were \$2,368,415, \$2,265,929 and \$2,268,481, respectively, which equaled the required contributions for each year.

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

At June 30, 2022, the Stone County School District reported a liability of \$28,948,668 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 Stone County School District's long-term share of contribution to the pension plan relative to projected contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined. The Stone County School District's proportionate share used to calculate the June 30, 2022 net pension liability was .195858 percent, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2021. This was an increase of .00007 percent from its proportionate share used to calculate the June 30, 2021 net pension liability, which was based on a

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measurement date of June 30, 2020.

For the year ended June 30, 2022, the District recognized pension expense of \$938,108. At June 30, 2022 the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual	\$	\$
experience	462,823	-
Net difference between projected and actual		
earnings on pension plan investments	-	8,721,458
Changes of assumptions	2,228,529	-
Changes in proportion and differences between		
District contributions and proportionate share of		
contributions	9,628	407,760
District contributions subsequent to the		
measurement date	2,368,415	-
Total	\$ 5,069,395	\$ 9,129,218

\$2,368,415 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Stone County 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:

2024 (1,099,04 2025 (1,365,79 2026 (2,597,94	,452)
•	,041)
2026 (2,597,94	,799)
	,946)
Total \$ (6,428,23	,238)

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

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

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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>Target</u>		Long-Term Expected Real	
Asset Class	Allocation		Rate of Return	
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	100	%		

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:

		Current	
	1% Decrease (6.55%)	Discount Rate (7.55%)	1% Increase (8.55%)
District's proportionate share	_	 _	 _
of the net pension liability	\$ 40,998,101	\$ 28,948,668	\$ 19,018,977

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

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Note 9 – Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

General Information about the OPEB Plan.

Plan description. State law mandates that all state, public education, library, junior and community college and retiring employees be offered health and life benefit coverage through the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan (the Plan). The Plan was established by Section 25-15-3 et seq., Mississippi Code Ann. (1972), which may be amended only by the State Legislature. The State and School Employees' Health Insurance Management Board (the Board) administers the Plan. The Board has the sole legal authority to promulgate rules and regulations governing the operations of the Plan within the confines of the law governing the Plan. The Plan is self-insured and is financed through premiums collected from employers, employees, retirees and COBRA participants. The Plan provides for Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) as a multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan. The plan issues publicly available financial report that can be obtained 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 \$58,621 for the year ended June 30, 2022.

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 \$1,799,121 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

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date of June 30, 2021, the District's proportion was .27950467 percent. This was an increase of .0052 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 (\$118,533). At June 30, 2022, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual	\$	\$
experience	1,957	562,562
Net difference between projected and actual		
earnings on OPEB plan investments	84	-
Changes of assumptions	291,381	60,848
Changes in proportion and differences between		
District contributions and proportionate share of		
contributions	50,370	86,354
District contributions subsequent to the		
measurement date	58,621	 <u>-</u>
Total	\$ 402,413	\$ 709,764

\$58,621 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from Stone County 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	\$ (98,172)
2024	(89,099)
2025	(65,284)
2026	(76,683)
2027	 (36,734)
Total	\$ (365,972)

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 inflation	percent,	including	wage
Municipal Bond Index Rate Measurement Date Prior Measurement Date	2.13% 2.19%			
Year FNP is projected to be depleted Measurement Date Prior Measurement Date	2021 2020			
Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net				

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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.

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:

			(Current	
	•	1% Decrease		Discount	1% Increase
		(1.13%)	F	Rate (2.13%)	(3.13%)
Net OPEB liability	\$	1,991,370	\$	1,799,121	\$ 1,635,200

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:

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			Healthcare	
			Cost Trend	
			Rates	
	1	% Decrease	Current	1% Increase
Net OPEB liability	\$	1,666,452	\$ 1,799,121	\$ 1,949,260

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

Note 10 - Contingencies

Federal Grants – The Stone County 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 Stone County School District.

Litigation – The Stone County 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 Stone County School District with respect to the various proceedings. However, the Stone County 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 Stone County School District.

Note 11 - Risk Management

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

Participation in Public Entity Risk Pool

The Stone County School District is a member of the Mississippi School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Trust (MSBAWCT). The trust is a risk-sharing pool; such a pool is frequently referred to as a self-insurance pool. The trust consists of approximately 52 school districts and covers risks of loss arising from injuries to the members' employees. The Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission requires that an indemnity agreement be executed by each member in a workers' compensation self-insurance pool for the purpose of jointly and severally binding the pool and each of the employers comprising the group to meet the workers' compensation obligations of each member. Each member of MSBAWCT contributes quarterly to a fund held in trust by Wells Fargo in Portland, Oregon. The funds in the trust account are used to pay any claim up to \$750,000. For a claim exceeding \$750,000, MSBAWCT has insurance which will pay the excess to the statutory amount required by the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission Act. If total claims during a year were to deplete the trust account, then the member school district would be required to pay for the deficiencies. The district has not had an additional assessment for excess losses incurred by the pool.

Note 12 - Effect of Deferred Amounts on Net Position

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$21,989,913) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenses resulting from a deferred outflow from pensions. A portion of the deferred outflow of resources related to pension in the amount of \$2,368,415 resulting from the Stone County School District contribution subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2023. The \$2,700,980 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 (\$21,989,913) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue resulting from a deferred inflow from pensions. The \$9,129,218 balance of deferred inflow of

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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 (\$21,989,913) 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 \$58,621 resulting from the Stone County School District contribution subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2023. The \$343,792 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 (\$21,989,913) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue resulting from a deferred inflow from OPEB. The \$709,764 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.

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$21,989,913) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue resulting from a deferred inflow from leases. The \$202,030 balance of deferred inflow of resources related to leases, at June 30, 2022 will be recognized as revenue and will increase the unrestricted net position over the next 22 years.

Note 13 - 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 Stone County School District evaluated the activity of the district through January 30, 2023 (the date the financial statements were available to be issued), and determined that the following subsequent events have occurred requiring disclosure in the notes to the financial statements:

- In July 2022, the district approved resolutions to issue \$19,750,000 in general obligation bonds payable and \$240,000 in three mill notes payable.
- In August 2022, the district approved a resolution to issue \$78,693 in ad valorem shortfall notes payable.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Required Supplementary Information

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

Variances

						Positive		
	Budgeted A	mounts		Actual	_	Original	(. 10	Final
	 Original	Final	_	(GAAP Basis)		to Final		to Actual
Revenues:	 			,				
Local sources	\$ 6,035,733 \$	6,606,708	\$	6,602,485	\$	570,975	\$	(4,223)
State sources	12,969,660	13,005,471		13,013,505		35,811		8,034
Federal sources	130,800	199,620		191,585		68,820		(8,035)
Sixteenth section sources	 166,650	227,102		230,985		60,452		3,883
Total Revenues	 19,302,843	20,038,901		20,038,560		736,058		(341)
Expenditures:								
Instruction	11,932,290	11,171,801		11,053,119		760,489		118,682
Support services	7,170,074	6,662,877		6,699,615		507,197		(36,738)
Noninstructional services	-	-		-		-		-
Sixteenth section	10,000	11,468		11,468		(1,468)		-
Facilities acquisition and construction	-	71,085		-		(71,085)		71,085
Debt service:								
Principal	152,319	147,499		246,425		4,820		(98,926)
Interest	 54,037	58,857		64,961		(4,820)		(6,104)
Total Expenditures	 19,318,720	18,123,587		18,075,588		1,195,133		47,999
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues								
over (under) Expenditures	 (15,877)	1,915,314		1,962,972		1,931,191		47,658
Other Financing Sources (Uses):								
Bonds and notes issued	-	-		64,965		-		64,965
Operating transfers in	1,253,285	1,164,372		3,099,459		(88,913)		1,935,087
Other financing sources	-	4,500		-		4,500		(4,500)
Operating transfers out	(2,275,026)	(1,552,683)		(721,465)		722,343		831,218
Other financing uses	 -	(13,215)		(4,415)		(13,215)		8,800
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	 (1,021,741)	(397,026)		2,438,544		624,715		2,835,570
Net Change in Fund Balances	 (1,037,618)	1,518,288		4,401,516		2,555,906		2,883,228
Fund Balances:								
July 1, 2021	 9,063,530	9,063,530		9,063,530		-		
June 30, 2022	\$ 8,025,912 \$	10,581,818	\$	13,465,046	\$	2,555,906	\$	2,883,228

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

Required Supplementary Information

Variances

Budgetary Comparison Schedule ESSER II Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

Positive (Negative) **Budgeted Amounts** Actual Original Final to Final Original Final (GAAP Basis) to Actual Revenues: Federal sources 2,980,309 \$ 3,086,215 \$ 3,736,613 \$ 105,906 \$ 650,398 **Total Revenues** 2,980,309 3,086,215 3,736,613 105,906 650,398 **Expenditures:** Instruction 671,365 539,602 615,604 131,763 (76,002)Support services 1,815,750 1,497,749 179,042 318,001 1,318,707 Noninstructional services 81,208 81,208 74,862 (6,346)250,000 Facilities acquisition and construction 817,295 817,295 (567, 295)Total Expenditures 2,811,977 2,935,854 794,646 (123,877)2,141,208 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures 168,332 150,361 2,941,967 (17,971)2,791,606 Other Financing Sources (Uses): Other financing sources 1,116 1,116 Operating transfers out (168, 332)(150, 361)(2,943,083)17,971 (2,792,722)Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) (168, 332)(150,361)(2,941,967)17,971 (2,791,606)Net Change in Fund Balances July 1, 2021 June 30, 2022 - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$

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

Required Supplementary Information

SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY PERS

Last 10 Fiscal Years*

District's proportion of the net pension liability	2022 % 0.195858	2021 0.195791	2020 0.197883	2019 0.204000	2018 0.206000	2017 0.214000	2016 0.210000	2015 0.208000
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 28,948,668	37,902,863	34,811,524	33,931,261	34,263,313	38,225,744	32,461,859	25,181,967
District's covered payroll	\$ 13,022,580	13,037,247	12,887,886	12,994,241	13,222,381	13,688,959	13,224,819	12,676,959
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	222.30%	290.73%	270.11%	261.13%	259.13%	279.25%	245.46%	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.

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, GASB Statement No. 68 was implemented in FYE 6/30/15, and, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the District has only presented information for the years in which information is available.

^{*} The 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.

Required Supplementary Information

SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS PERS

Last 10 Fiscal Years*

Contractually required contribution	\$	2022 2,368,415	2021 2,265,929	2020 2,268,481	2019 2,029,806	2018 2,046,593	2017 2,082,525	2016 2,156,011	2015 2,082,909
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	\$	2,368,415	2,265,929	2,268,481	2,029,806	2,046,593	2,082,525	2,156,011	2,082,909
Contribution deficiency (excess)	-	-	-	-	=	-	=	-	-
District's covered payroll		13,611,580	13,022,580	13,037,247	12,887,886	12,994,241	13,222,381	13,688,959	13,224,819
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 Statement No. 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.

Required Supplementary Information

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

Last 10 Fiscal Years*

		2022	2021	2020	2019	2018*
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability	%	0.27950467	0.27434492	0.28376951	0.28728106	0.28242119
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$	1,799,121	2,134,974	2,407,901	2,222,263	2,215,901
District's covered-employee payroll	\$	13,022,580	13,037,247	12,887,886	12,994,241	13,222,381
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll		13.82%	16.38%	18.68%	17.10%	16.76%
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 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.

Required Supplementary Information

SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S CONTRIBUTIONS OPEB

Last 10 Fiscal Years*

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018*
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 58,621	72,313	85,142	96,516	94,467
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	\$ 58,621	72,313	85,142	96,516	94,467
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$				
District's covered-employee payroll	13,611,580	13,022,580	13,037,247	12,887,886	12,994,241
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	0.43%	0.56%	0.65%	0.75%	0.73%

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).

Notes to Required Supplementary Information

Budgetary Comparison Schedule

(1) Basis of Presentation

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

(2) Budget Amendments and Revisions

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

Pension Schedules

(1) Changes of assumptions

2015:

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

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

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

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

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

2016:

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

2017:

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

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

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

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

2019:

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

(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

Level percentage of payroll, open Amortization method

Remaining amortization period 28.8 years

Asset valuation method 5-year smoothed market

2.75 percent Price Inflation

Salary increase 3.00 percent to 18.25 percent, including inflation

7.75 percent, net of pension plan investment Investment rate of return

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

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 2.19%

price inflation

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Supplementary Information Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Year Ended June 30, 2022 Federal Assistance Pass-through Entity Federal Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title Listing No. Identifying Number Expenditures **U.S. Department of Agriculture** Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education: Child nutrition cluster: COVID-19 - School Breakfast Program 10.553 205MS326N1099 501,599 COVID-19 - National school lunch program 10.555 205MS326N1099 1.697.826 Total child nutrition cluster 2,199,425 Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education 2,199,425 Passed-through Stone County: Schools and Roads - Grants to States 10.665 N/A 87.566 Total passed-through Stone County 87.566 Total U.S. Department of Agriculture 2,286,991 Federal Communications Commission Administered through the Universal Service Administrative Company: The schools and libraries program of the universal service fund 32.xxx N/A 42,311 **Total Federal Communications Commission** 42,311 **U.S. Department of Education** Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education: Title I grants to local educational agencies 84.010 S010A180024 1,107,393 S010A190024 S010A200024 S010A210024 Career and technical education - basic grants to states VO048A210024 37,598 84.048 Rural Education 84.358 S358A190024 65,141 S358A200024 S358A210024 Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants 84.367 S367A180023 187,196 S367A190023 S367A200023 S367A210023 School Improvement Grants 84.377A S377A160025 16,251 S424A190025 Student Support and Academic Enrichment 84.424 70,490 S424A200025 S424A210025 Subtotal 1,484,069 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief I 84.425D S425D200031 48,375 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief II 84.425D S425D210031 1,627,179 S425U210031 Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund ARP III 84.425U 3,736,613 COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund (ESSER) Subtotal 5,412,167 Special education cluster: Special education - grants to states 84.027 H027A180108 555,886 H027A190108 H027A200108 H027A210108 IDEA, Part B ARP Grants 84.027x H027X210108 91,116 Special education - preschool grants 84.173 H173A190113 108,641 H173A200113 H173A210113 IDEA, Part B Preschool ARP Grants 84.173x H173X210113 7,920 Total special education cluster 763,563 Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education 7.659.799

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7,659,799

Total U.S. Department of Education

Supplementary Info	rmation		
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards			
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022			
	Federal		
	Assistance	Pass-through Entity	Federal
Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Listing No.	Identifying Number	Expenditures
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education: Medical assistance program Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	93.778	2105MS5ADM	56,500 56,500 56,500
Total for All Federal Awards			\$ 10,045,601

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

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

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

(3) Indirect Cost Rate

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

(4) Noncash Awards

Donated commodities of \$123,570 are included in the COVID-19 - National School Lunch Program.

Supplementary Information

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

Expenditures	Total	Instruction and Other Student Instructional Expenditures	General Administration	School Administration	Other
Salaries and fringe benefits Other	\$ 18,992,862 8,003,747	14,583,649 2,615,859	920,846 156,194	1,183,458 16,475	2,304,909 5,215,219
Total	\$ 26,996,609	17,199,508	1,077,040	1,199,933	7,520,128
Total number of students *	 2,372				
Cost per student	\$ 11,381	7,251	454	506	3,170

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

Other Information

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances General Fund Last Four Years UNAUDITED

	2022	2021*	2020*	2019*
Revenues:				_
Local sources	\$ 6,602,485	\$ 6,433,406	\$ 6,234,309	\$ 6,149,332
State sources	13,013,505	12,738,270	13,048,209	12,770,763
Federal sources	191,585	143,882	186,247	257,024
Sixteenth section sources	230,985	166,166	124,032	164,998
Total Revenues	 20,038,560	19,481,724	19,592,797	19,342,117
Expenditures:				
Instruction	11,053,119	10,949,972	11,106,114	11,262,373
Support services	6,699,615	6,674,535	6,821,651	6,643,285
Noninstructional services	-	-	-	803
Sixteenth section	11,468	11,391	7,930	11,621
Facilities acquisition and construction	-	-	121,235	-
Debt service:				
Principal	246,425	147,520	144,688	127,367
Interest	64,961	58,836	61,668	65,334
Other	-	-	-	8,611
Total Expenditures	18,075,588	17,842,254	18,263,286	18,119,394
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues				
over (under) Expenditures	 1,962,972	1,639,470	1,329,511	1,222,723
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Bonds and notes issued	64,965	225,084	197,563	175,155
Capital leases issued	-	-	22,831	· -
Insurance recovery	-	-	-	12,427
Operating transfers in	3,099,459	96,484	43,386	150,014
Other financing sources	-	500	-	-
Operating transfers out	(721,465)	(616,070)	(459,987)	(623,286)
Other financing uses	(4,415)	(16,915)	(6,370)	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	2,438,544	(310,917)	(202,577)	(285,690)
Net Change in Fund Balances	 4,401,516	1,328,553	1,126,934	937,033
Fund Balances:				
Beginning of period, as previously reported	9,063,530	7,734,977	6,592,553	5,655,520
Prior period adjustments	-	-	15,490	-
Beginning of period, as restated	9,063,530	7,734,977	6,608,043	5,655,520
End of Period	\$ 13,465,046	\$ 9,063,530	\$ 7,734,977	\$ 6,592,553

^{*}SOURCE - PRIOR YEAR AUDIT REPORTS

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

	2022	2021*	2020*	2019*
Revenues:				
Local sources	\$ 7,222,857	\$ 6,973,664	\$ 7,009,126	\$ 6,977,308
State sources	13,902,816	13,679,356	14,011,663	13,762,259
Federal sources	10,045,600	5,484,565	3,251,479	3,249,392
Sixteenth section sources	248,020	971,964	128,600	176,022
Total Revenues	31,419,293	27,109,549	24,400,868	24,164,981
Expenditures:				
Instruction	14,322,752	14,047,744	13,240,212	13,216,355
Support services	9,306,042	8,817,812	8,230,060	8,161,095
Noninstructional services	1,732,121	1,362,922	1,215,726	1,256,851
Sixteenth section	26,709	784,373	26,550	26,161
Facilities acquisition and construction	494,262	276,120	611,896	29,643
Debt service:				
Principal	1,029,818	792,174	332,087	604,414
Interest	84,905	119,426	88,026	113,748
Other	-	-	-	8,611
Total Expenditures	26,996,609	26,200,571	23,744,557	23,416,878
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues				
over (under) Expenditures	 4,422,684	908,978	656,311	748,103
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Bonds and notes issued	64,965	712,084	197,563	650,155
Capital leases issued	-	-	22,831	-
Insurance recovery	-	-	-	12,427
Operating transfers in	4,282,358	1,089,508	664,699	845,964
Other financing sources	1,116	11,771	6,613	-
Operating transfers out	(4,282,358)	(1,089,508)	(664,699)	(845,964)
Other financing uses	(7,358)	(16,915)	(6,370)	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	 58,723	706,940	220,637	662,582
Net Change in Fund Balances	 4,481,407	1,615,918	876,948	1,410,685
Fund Balances:				
Beginning of period, as previously reported	10,525,046	8,910,670	7,828,695	6,421,425
Prior period adjustments	-	-	164,543	-
Beginning of period, as restated	 10,525,046	8,910,670	7,993,238	6,421,425
Increase (Decrease) in reserve for inventory	 1,748	(1,542)	40,484	(3,415)
End of Period	\$ 15,008,201	\$ 10,525,046	\$ 8,910,670	\$ 7,828,695

^{*}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 Stone County School District

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

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

We noted certain matters that we reported to the management of Stone County School District in the Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with State Laws and Regulations dated January 30, 2023, included within this document.

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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Belzoni, MS

January 30, 2023

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

Superintendent and School Board Stone County School District

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Stone County School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Stone County School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2022. Stone County School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

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

Cunningham CPAs, PLLC

Belzoni, MS January 30, 2023

INDEPENDENT A	AUDITOR'S REPORT OI	N COMPLIANCE WIT	H STATE LAWS AND I	REGULATIONS

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

Superintendent and School Board Stone County School District

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

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

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

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

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

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

The results of procedures performed to test compliance with certain other state laws and regulations and our audit of the financial statements disclosed the following immaterial instance of noncompliance with other state laws and regulations. Our finding and recommendation and your response are as follows:

Finding 1:

During our testing of the district's compliance with purchasing laws and regulations, we noted multiple instances of the district using shopping cart quotes as the required second quote prior to approval of a purchase order. Shopping cart quotes are not considered a "written quote" as required by Miss. Code Section 31-7-13 for purchases exceeding \$5,000.

Recommendation:

We recommend that the district comply with Miss. Code Section 31-7-13 by obtaining proper written quotes for purchases exceeding \$5,000.

School District's Response:

The district will put procedures in place and or continue to monitor existing policies to help ensure compliance with state laws and regulations.

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

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

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

Cunningham CPAs, PLLC

Belzoni, Mississippi

January 30, 2023

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

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

Section I: Summary of Auditor's Results

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

Federal Awards:

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

ALNs Name of Federal Program or Cluster

84.425D COVID-19 – Elementary and Secondary School

Emergency Relief I & II (ESSER)

84.425U COVID-19 – Elementary and Secondary School

Emergency Relief ARP III (ESSER)

84.010 Title I - grants to local educational agencies

8. Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:

\$750,000

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

9. Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

Yes

10. Prior fiscal year audit findings(s) and questioned costs which would require the auditee to prepare a summary schedule of prior audit findings in accordance with 2CFR 200.511(b). No

Section II: Financial Statement Findings

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

Section III: Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

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