

### Georgetown Exempted Village School District Brown County, Ohio

Single Audit For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017 Fiscal Year Audited Under GAGAS: 2017



Board of Education Georgetown Exempted Village School District 1043 Mt. Orab Pike Georgetown, Ohio 45121

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Georgetown Exempted Village School District, Brown County, prepared by BHM CPA Group, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Georgetown Exempted Village School District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Dave Yost Auditor of State

January 18, 2018



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#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

Georgetown Exempted Village School District Brown County, Ohio 1043 Mt. Orab Pike Georgetown, Ohio 45121

To the Members of the Board of Education:

#### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying cash-basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Georgetown Exempted Village School District, Brown County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the cash accounting basis Note 2 describes. This responsibility includes determining that the cash accounting basis is acceptable for the circumstances. Management is also responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the District's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinions.

Members of the Board of Education Georgetown Exempted Village School District Independent Auditor's Report

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Georgetown Exempted Village School District, Brown County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in cash financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting basis described in Note 2.

#### Accounting Basis

Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03 (B) requires the District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis applied to these statements. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis other than generally accepted accounting principles. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

#### **Other Matters**

Supplemental and Other Information

Our audit was conducted to opine on the financial statements taken as a whole.

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principals, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and is not a required part of the financial statements.

The schedule is management's responsibility, and derives from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. We subjected this schedule to the auditing procedures we applied to the basic financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling this schedule directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, this schedule is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

#### Other Information

We applied no procedures to Management's Discussion & Analysis as listed in the table of contents. Accordingly, we express no opinion or any other assurance on it.

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#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 11, 2017, on our consideration of the 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. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standard* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

BHM CPA Group, Inc.

BHM CPA Group

Piketon, Ohio December 11, 2017

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 UNAUDITED

The discussion and analysis of the Georgetown Exempted Village School District's (the "School District") financial performance provides an overall review of the School District's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2017, within the limitations of the School District's cash basis of accounting. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the cash-basis financial statements and the notes to the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School District's financial performance.

#### **Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2017 are as follows:

- In total, net position increased \$1,189,986. The School District was able to increase net position primarily through increases in general receipts while controlling disbursements to maintain an operating surplus.
- The School District's general receipts, those being primarily property taxes and unrestricted state entitlements were 78.68 percent of the total cash receipts received during fiscal year 2017, as compared to 77.98 percent in fiscal year 2016.

#### **Using the Basic Financial Statements**

This annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, as applicable to the School District's cash basis of accounting.

The School District has elected to present its financial statements on a cash basis of accounting. This basis of accounting is a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Basis of accounting is a reference to when financial events are recorded, such as the timing for recognizing revenues, expenses and the related assets and liabilities. Under the School District's cash basis of accounting, receipts and disbursements and the related assets and liabilities are recorded when they result in cash transactions.

As a result of using the cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable) are not recorded in the financial statements. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion with this report, the reader must keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

The statement of net position and statement of activities provide information about the activities of the whole School District, presenting an aggregate view of the School District's cash basis finances.

Fund financial statements provide a greater level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the School District's most significant funds with all other nonmajor funds presented in total in one column. The School District's major funds for fiscal year 2017 were the General, Bond Retirement and Permanent Improvement funds.

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#### Reporting the School District as a Whole

#### Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

The statement of net position and the statement of activities reflect how the School District did financially during fiscal year 2017, within the limitations of cash basis accounting. The statement of net position presents the cash balance of the governmental activities of the School District at fiscal year-end. The statement of activities compares cash disbursements with program receipts for each function or program of the School District's governmental activities. A function is a group of related activities designed to accomplish a major service or regulatory program for which the School District is responsible.

Program receipts include charges paid by the receipt of the program's goods or services and grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts. The comparison of cash disbursements with program receipts identified how each governmental function draws from the School District's general receipts.

These statements report the School District's net position and changes in the net position on a cash basis. Factors which contribute to these changes may also include the School District's property tax base, current property tax laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, facility conditions, required educational programs, mandated federal and state programs and other factors.

In the statement of net position and the statement of activities, all of the School District's activities are presented as governmental activities. All of the School District's programs and services are reported here including instruction, support services, non-instructional services, food services, extracurricular activities, and capital outlay disbursements.

#### Reporting the School District's Most Significant Funds

#### **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 School District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the School District can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the School District's major funds. The School District uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the School District's most significant funds. The School District's major governmental funds are the General, Bond Retirement and Permanent Improvement funds.

#### Governmental Funds

Most of the School District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using the cash basis of accounting. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed view of the School District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer cash basis financial resources that can be readily spent to finance various School District programs. Since the School District is reporting on the cash basis of accounting, there are no differences in the net assets and fund cash balances or changes in net assets and changes in fund cash balances. Therefore, no reconciliation is necessary between such financial statements.

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The School District's budgetary process accounts for certain transactions on a cash basis. The budgetary statement for the general fund is presented to demonstrate the School District's compliance with annually adopted budgets.

#### Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the School District. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the School District's own programs.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

#### **Government-Wide Financial Analysis**

Recall that the statement of net position provides the perspective of the School District as a whole.

The financial statements were prepared on cash-basis utilizing the GASB Statement No. 34 format. Table 1 provides a summary of the School District's net position for fiscal years 2017 and 2016.

Table 1 - Net Position

|                           | Governmental Activities |           |    |           |  |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|----|-----------|--|
|                           |                         | 2017      |    | 2016      |  |
| <u>Assets</u>             |                         |           |    |           |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$                      | 5,364,181 | \$ | 4,174,195 |  |
| Total assets              | \$                      | 5,364,181 | \$ | 4,174,195 |  |
| Net Position              |                         |           |    |           |  |
| Restricted                | \$                      | 997,376   | \$ | 1,016,485 |  |
| Unrestricted              |                         | 4,366,805 |    | 3,157,710 |  |
| Total net position        | \$                      | 5,364,181 | \$ | 4,174,195 |  |

As mentioned previously, the total net position increased \$1,189,986. The primary reasons contributing to the increase in cash balances were as follows:

- Program receipts increased by \$161,785, primarily resulting from increased charges for services and sales. General receipts increased by \$979,610 due to increased State foundation opportunity grant, targeted assistance, special education and capacity aid funding and property taxes.
- Total disbursements increased by \$997,243 or 9.43 percent due to increased disbursements. Instructional staff disbursements increased 9.67 percent from fiscal year 2016. As a result, of increased instructional staff disbursements, charges for services and sales for this line item were increased by 20.51 percent.
- Containment of overall disbursements within available receipts contributed to the overall positive result on the bottom line for the fiscal year.

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Table 2 reflects the changes in net position for fiscal years 2017 and 2016.

**Table 2 - Change in Net Position** 

|  | Governmental Activities |              |              |  |  |
|--|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--|--|
|  |                         |              | Net Increase |  |  |
|  | 2017                    | 2016         | (Decrease)   |  |  |
| Receipts:                                |                         |              |              |  |  |
| Program receipts:                        |                         |              |              |  |  |
| Charges for services and sales           | \$ 1,081,273            | \$ 916,915   | \$ 164,358   |  |  |
| Operating grants and contributions       | 1,639,331               | 1,641,904    | (2,573)      |  |  |
| Total program receipts                   | 2,720,604               | 2,558,819    | 161,785      |  |  |
| General receipts:                        |                         |              |              |  |  |
| Property taxes                           | 3,027,802               | 2,565,290    | 462,512      |  |  |
| Unrestricted grants                      | 6,935,390               | 6,447,791    | 487,599      |  |  |
| Investment earnings                      | 52,044                  | 31,613       | 20,431       |  |  |
| Miscellaneous                            | 27,555                  | 18,487       | 9,068        |  |  |
| Total general receipts                   | 10,042,791              | 9,063,181    | 979,610      |  |  |
| Total receipts                           | 12,763,395              | 11,622,000   | 1,141,395    |  |  |
| Disbursements:                           |                         |              |              |  |  |
| Instruction:                             |                         |              |              |  |  |
| Regular                                  | 5,319,475               | 4,952,694    | 366,781      |  |  |
| Special                                  | 1,367,839               | 1,182,966    | 184,873      |  |  |
| Vocational                               | 190,430                 | 131,071      | 59,359       |  |  |
| Other                                    | 1,938                   | 6,072        | (4,134)      |  |  |
| Support services:                        |                         |              |              |  |  |
| Pupil                                    | 632,909                 | 512,155      | 120,754      |  |  |
| Instructional staff                      | 331,523                 | 277,278      | 54,245       |  |  |
| Board of education                       | 19,339                  | 20,510       | (1,171)      |  |  |
| Administration                           | 846,150                 | 793,693      | 52,457       |  |  |
| Fiscal                                   | 327,639                 | 305,631      | 22,008       |  |  |
| Business                                 | 37,060                  | 35,799       | 1,261        |  |  |
| Operations and maintenance               | 848,863                 | 747,127      | 101,736      |  |  |
| Pupil transportation                     | 401,401                 | 473,364      | (71,963)     |  |  |
| Central                                  | 53,086                  | 38,080       | 15,006       |  |  |
| Operations of non-instructional services | 18,157                  | -            | 18,157       |  |  |
| Food service operations                  | 530,818                 | 524,039      | 6,779        |  |  |
| Extracurricular                          | 186,786                 | 223,829      | (37,043)     |  |  |
| Facilities acquisition and construction  | 116,777                 | -            | 116,777      |  |  |
| Debt service                             | 343,219                 | 351,858      | (8,639)      |  |  |
| Total disbursements                      | 11,573,409              | 10,576,166   | 997,243      |  |  |
| Increase in net position                 | \$ 1,189,986            | \$ 1,045,834 | \$ 144,152   |  |  |

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 UNAUDITED

Program receipts represent 21.32 percent of total receipts and are primarily represented by restricted intergovernmental receipts, charges for tuition and fees, extracurricular activities and food service sales. General receipts represent 78.68 percent of the School District's total receipts and are comprised of property taxes, unrestricted grants and entitlements, investment earnings and miscellaneous. Unrestricted grants and entitlements, which primarily represent State resources for school funding are 54.34 percent of the School District's total receipts. Property taxes are 23.72 percent of the School District's total receipts total receipts total receipts school District's total receipts and are insignificant and somewhat unpredictable receipt sources.

The major program disbursements for governmental activities are instruction, which accounts for 59.44 percent of all governmental disbursements. Support services, which include pupil, instructional staff, board, administration, fiscal business, operations and maintenance, pupil transportation and central, account for 27.43 percent of all governmental disbursements.

Table 3 indicates the total cost of services and the net cost of services for governmental activities. The statement of activities reflects the cost of program services and the charges for services, grants, and contributions offsetting those services. The net cost of services identified the cost of those services supported by tax receipts and unrestricted state entitlements. Table 3 presents a comparison between the total cost of services and the net cost for fiscal years 2017 and 2016.

**Table 3 - Governmental Activities** 

|  | Total Cost of<br>Services<br>2017 | Net Cost of<br>Services<br>2017 | Total Cost of<br>Services<br>2016 | Net Cost of<br>Services<br>2016 |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Cash disbursements:                      |                                   |                                 |                                   |                                 |
| Instruction:                             |                                   |                                 |                                   |                                 |
| Regular                                  | \$5,319,475                       | \$4,433,456                     | \$4,952,694                       | \$4,082,401                     |
| Special                                  | 1,367,839                         | 357,076                         | 1,182,966                         | 283,730                         |
| Vocational                               | 190,430                           | 82,247                          | 131,071                           | 55,523                          |
| Other                                    | 1,938                             | 1,938                           | 6,072                             | 6,072                           |
| Support services:                        |                                   |                                 |                                   |                                 |
| Pupil                                    | 632,909                           | 615,888                         | 512,155                           | 496,664                         |
| Instructional staff                      | 331,523                           | 210,234                         | 277,278                           | 193,794                         |
| Board of education                       | 19,339                            | 19,339                          | 20,510                            | 20,510                          |
| Administration                           | 846,150                           | 844,385                         | 793,693                           | 765,458                         |
| Fiscal                                   | 327,639                           | 327,639                         | 305,631                           | 305,631                         |
| Business                                 | 37,060                            | 37,060                          | 35,799                            | 35,799                          |
| Operations and maintenance               | 848,863                           | 848,863                         | 747,127                           | 747,127                         |
| Pupil transportation                     | 401,401                           | 395,683                         | 473,364                           | 470,879                         |
| Central                                  | 53,086                            | 53,086                          | 38,080                            | 38,080                          |
| Operations of non-instructional services | 18,157                            | 2,395                           | -                                 | _                               |
| Food service operations                  | 530,818                           | 57,952                          | 524,039                           | 33,053                          |
| Extracurricular                          | 186,786                           | 105,568                         | 223,829                           | 130,768                         |
| Facilities acquisition and construction  | 116,777                           | 116,777                         | -                                 | -                               |
| Debt service                             | 343,219                           | 343,219                         | 351,858                           | 351,858                         |
| Total                                    | \$11,573,409                      | \$8,852,805                     | \$10,576,166                      | \$8,017,347                     |

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 UNAUDITED

The dependence upon general cash receipts for governmental activities is apparent; with 76.49 percent of cash disbursements supported through taxes and other general cash receipts during 2017.

#### Financial Analysis of the School District's Funds

The School District's governmental funds are accounted for using the cash basis of accounting. Total governmental funds had receipts of \$12,763,395 (excluding other financing sources) and disbursements of \$11,573,409 (excluding other financing uses). The General fund experienced an increase in fund balance of \$687,889 due to an increase in intergovernmental receipts as well as property taxes, tuition and other local receipts. Intergovernmental receipts increased in the general fund primarily due to an increase in the amount received from State foundation. The Bond Retirement fund experienced an increase in fund balance of \$137,626, as receipts for the classroom facilities levy exceeded debt service requirements for the fiscal year. The Permanent Improvement fund experienced an increase of \$422,378 due to transfers-in from the general fund. Other governmental funds decreased by \$57,907.

#### **Budgeting Highlights - General Fund**

The School District's budget is prepared according to Ohio law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the General fund.

During fiscal year 2017, the School District amended its General fund budget as needed. Final budgeted receipts totaled \$10,492,017 (including other financing sources). Actual receipts varied from the final budget by 3.03 percent because all receipts came in over estimates.

Final disbursements were budgeted at \$9,710,321 (excluding other financing uses) while actual disbursements (excluding other financing uses) were \$9,548,892. The School District was able to keep overall spending in the General fund below budgeted amounts.

#### **Debt Administration**

At June 30, 2017, the School District's outstanding debt totaled \$3,342,996. For further information regarding the School District's debt, refer to Note 10 to the basic financial statements.

#### **Current Issues**

The School District, like most governmental entities, is faced with budget challenges during the economic climate. The School District relies heavily on State receipts as well as local property tax receipts to fund its operations.

For fiscal years 2018 and 2019, the State will be funding schools based on the biennial budget as contained in House Bill 49 approved in June 2017. Preliminary projections from the Ohio Department of Education indicated funding increases during this time period for the School District; however, the ultimate impact is unknown at this time.

#### **Contacting the School District's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to show the School District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Eric Toole, Treasurer of Georgetown Exempted Village School District, 1043 Mt. Orab Pike, Georgetown, Ohio 45121.

Statement of Net Position - Cash Basis June 30, 2017

|   | Governmental Activities |                    |  |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Assets Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents Restricted Cash | \$                      | 5,359,895<br>4,286 |  |
| Total Assets  | \$                      | 5,364,181          |  |
| Net Position  |                         |                    |  |
|   |                         |                    |  |
| Restricted for:   | ¢                       | 4.206              |  |
| Unclaimed Monies  | \$                      | 4,286              |  |
| Debt service  |                         | 626,353            |  |
| Capital projects  |                         | 9,912              |  |
| Permanent improvements  |                         | 77,312             |  |
| Classroom facilities maintenance                                  |                         | 172,522            |  |
| Food service operations   |                         | 63,312             |  |
| District manage activities  |                         | 27,352             |  |
| Miscellaneous grants  |                         | 14,582             |  |
| Federally funded programs   |                         | 1,745              |  |
| Unrestricted  |                         | 4,366,805          |  |
| Total Net Position  | \$                      | 5,364,181          |  |

Statement of Activities - Cash Basis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

|   |    |                     |         | Program Ca                                   | ash Rec  | ceipts                            | R  | et (Expense)/<br>evenue and<br>Change in<br>Net Position |
|---|----|---------------------|---------|--|----------|-----------------------------------|----|--|
|   | Di | Cash<br>sbursements |         | Charges<br>or Services<br>and Sales          | (        | Operating Grants and ontributions | _  | overnmental<br>Activities                                |
| <b>Governmental Activities</b>          |    |                     |         |  |          |                                   |    |  |
| Current:                                |    |                     |         |  |          |                                   |    |  |
| Instruction:                            |    |                     |         |  |          |                                   |    |  |
| Regular                                 | \$ | 5,319,475           | \$      | 810,298                                      | \$       | 75,721                            | \$ | (4,433,456)  |
| Special                                 |    | 1,367,839           |         | 31,972                                       |          | 978,791                           |    | (357,076)  |
| Vocational                              |    | 190,430             |         | -  |          | 108,183                           |    | (82,247)   |
| Other                                   |    | 1,938               |         | -  |          | -                                 |    | (1,938)  |
| Support Services:                       |    |                     |         |  |          |                                   |    | (64 - 000)   |
| Pupil                                   |    | 632,909             |         | 17,021                                       |          | -                                 |    | (615,888)  |
| Instructional Staff                     |    | 331,523             |         | -  |          | 121,289                           |    | (210,234)  |
| Board of Education                      |    | 19,339              |         | -  |          | 1.565                             |    | (19,339)   |
| Administration                          |    | 846,150             |         | -  |          | 1,765                             |    | (844,385)  |
| Fiscal                                  |    | 327,639             |         | -  |          | -                                 |    | (327,639)  |
| Business                                |    | 37,060              |         | -  |          | -                                 |    | (37,060)   |
| Operation and Maintenance of Plant      |    | 848,863             |         | -  |          | -<br>- 710                        |    | (848,863)  |
| Pupil Transportation<br>Central         |    | 401,401<br>53,086   |         | -  |          | 5,718                             |    | (395,683)  |
| Operation of Non-Instructional Services |    | 18,157              |         | -  |          | 15,762                            |    | (53,086)<br>(2,395)                                      |
| Operation of Food Services              |    | 530,818             |         | 143,038                                      |          | 329,828                           |    | (57,952)   |
| Extracurricular Activities              |    | 186,786             |         | 78,944                                       |          | 2,274                             |    | (105,568)  |
| Facilities Acquisition and Construction |    | 116,777             |         | 70,944                                       |          | 2,274                             |    |  |
| Debt Service                            |    | 343,219             |         | -  |          | -                                 |    | (116,777)<br>(343,219)                                   |
| Debt Service                            | -  | 343,219             |         |  |          |                                   |    | (343,219)  |
| Total                                   | \$ | 11,573,409          | \$      | 1,081,273                                    | \$       | 1,639,331                         |    | (8,852,805)  |
|   |    |                     | Proper  | ral Receipts rty Taxes Levied leral Purposes | for:     |                                   |    | 2,421,458  |
|   |    |                     |         | ssroom Facilities                            |          |                                   |    | 48,774   |
|   |    |                     |         | ssroom racinges<br>of Service                | '        |                                   |    | 401,997  |
|   |    |                     |         | nanent Improvei                              | nents    |                                   |    | 155,573  |
|   |    |                     |         | and Entitlement                              |          | estricted                         |    | 133,373  |
|   |    |                     |         | pecific Programs                             |          | comineca                          |    | 6,935,390  |
|   |    |                     | Interes |  | -        |                                   |    | 52,044   |
|   |    |                     |         | llaneous                                     |          |                                   |    | 27,555   |
|   |    |                     | Total   | General Receipts                             | 7        |                                   |    | 10,042,791   |
|   |    |                     | Chang   | e in Net Position                            | 1        |                                   |    | 1,189,986  |
|   |    |                     | Net Po  | osition Beginning                            | g of Yea | ır                                |    | 4,174,195  |
|   |    |                     | Net Po  | osition End of Ye                            | ar       |                                   | \$ | 5,364,181  |

Georgetown Exempted Village School District Statement of Assets and Fund Balances - Cash Basis Governmental Funds June 30, 2017

|  | General     | Bond<br>Retirement<br>Fund | Permanent<br>Improvement<br>Fund | Other<br>Governmental<br>Funds | Total<br>Governmental<br>Funds |
|--|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Assets                                     |             |                            |                                  |                                |                                |
| Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 3,846,80 | 05 \$ 626,353              | \$597,312                        | \$ 289,425                     | \$ 5,359,895                   |
| Restricted Assets:                         |             |                            |                                  |                                |                                |
| Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents | 4,2         |                            |                                  |                                | 4,286                          |
| Total Assets                               | 3,851,09    | 91 626,353                 | 597,312                          | 289,425                        | 5,364,181                      |
| Fund Balances                              |             |                            |                                  |                                |                                |
| Nonspendable:                              |             |                            |                                  |                                |                                |
| Unclaimed monies                           | 4,2         | - 86                       |                                  | -                              | 4,286                          |
| Restricted:                                |             |                            |                                  |                                |                                |
| Debt service                               |             | - 626,353                  |                                  | -                              | 626,353                        |
| Capital projects                           |             |                            |                                  | 9,912                          | 9,912                          |
| Permanent improvements                     |             |                            | 77,312                           | -                              | 77,312                         |
| Classroom facilities maintenance           |             |                            |                                  | 172,522                        | 172,522                        |
| Food service operations                    |             |                            |                                  | 63,312                         | 63,312                         |
| District manage activities                 |             |                            |                                  | 27,352                         | 27,352                         |
| Miscellaneous grants                       |             |                            |                                  | 14,582                         | 14,582                         |
| Federally funded programs                  |             |                            |                                  | 1,745                          | 1,745                          |
| Committed:                                 |             |                            |                                  |                                |                                |
| Permanent improvements                     |             |                            | 520,000                          | -                              | 520,000                        |
| Termination benefits                       | 131,9       | -                          |                                  | -                              | 131,938                        |
| Assigned:                                  |             |                            |                                  |                                |                                |
| Student instruction                        | 12,0        | -                          |                                  | -                              | 12,048                         |
| Student and staff support                  | 32,4        | 47 -                       |                                  | -                              | 32,447                         |
| Unassigned (Deficit)                       | 3,670,3     |                            |                                  |                                | 3,670,372                      |
| Total Fund Balances                        | \$ 3,851,09 | 91 \$ 626,353              | \$597,312                        | \$ 289,425                     | \$ 5,364,181                   |

Georgetown Exempted Village School District
Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances - Cash Basis
Governmental Funds

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

|   | General     | Bond<br>Retirement<br>Fund | Permanent<br>Improvement | Other<br>Governmental<br>Funds | Total<br>Governmental<br>Funds |
|---|-------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Receipts                                      |             |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| Property Taxes                                | \$2,421,458 | \$ 401,997                 | \$155,573                | \$ 48,774                      | \$ 3,027,802                   |
| Intergovernmental - state                     | 7,283,774   | 48,968                     | 18,254                   | 152,883                        | 7,503,879                      |
| Intergovernmental - federal                   | 181,154     | -                          | -                        | 876,418                        | 1,057,572                      |
| Interest                                      | 52,044      | -                          | -                        | 766                            | 52,810                         |
| Tuition and Fees                              | 795,595     | -                          | -                        | -                              | 795,595                        |
| Extracurricular Activities                    | -           | -                          | -                        | 78,944                         | 78,944                         |
| Classroom materials and fees                  | 46,675      | -                          | -                        | -                              | 46,675                         |
| Charges for Services                          | -           | -                          | -                        | 143,038                        | 143,038                        |
| Contributions and donations                   | -<br>-      | -                          | -                        | 12,504                         | 12,504                         |
| Miscellaneous                                 | 44,576      |                            |                          |                                | 44,576                         |
| Total Receipts                                | 10,825,276  | 450,965                    | 173,827                  | 1,313,327                      | 12,763,395                     |
| Disbursements                                 |             |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| Current:                                      |             |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| Instruction:                                  |             |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| Regular                                       | 5,227,524   | -                          | -                        | 91,951                         | 5,319,475                      |
| Special                                       | 901,062     | -                          | -                        | 466,777                        | 1,367,839                      |
| Vocational                                    | 190,430     | -                          | -                        | -                              | 190,430                        |
| Other   | 1,938       | -                          | -                        | -                              | 1,938                          |
| Support Services:                             |             |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| Pupil   | 632,909     | -                          | -                        | -                              | 632,909                        |
| Instructional Staff                           | 194,945     | -                          | -                        | 136,578                        | 331,523                        |
| Board of Education                            | 19,339      | -                          | -                        | -                              | 19,339                         |
| Administration                                | 844,385     | -<br>-                     |                          | 1,765                          | 846,150                        |
| Fiscal  | 304,517     | 15,676                     | 5,669                    | 1,777                          | 327,639                        |
| Business                                      | 37,060      | -                          | -                        | -                              | 37,060                         |
| Operation and Maintenance of Plant            | 703,066     | -                          | 95,201                   | 50,596                         | 848,863                        |
| Pupil Transportation                          | 385,649     | -                          | 15,752                   | -                              | 401,401                        |
| Central                                       | 53,086      | -                          | -                        | -                              | 53,086                         |
| Operation of Non-Instructional Services       | -           | -                          | -                        | 18,157                         | 18,157                         |
| Operation of Food Services                    | -           | -                          | -                        | 530,818                        | 530,818                        |
| Extracurricular Activities                    | 108,646     | -                          | -                        | 78,140                         | 186,786                        |
| Facilities Acquisition and Construction       | -           | -                          | 109,271                  | 7,506                          | 116,777                        |
| Debt Service:                                 |             |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| Principal Retirement                          | -           | 215,000                    | 28,000                   | -                              | 243,000                        |
| Interest and Fiscal Charges                   |             | 82,663                     | 17,556                   |                                | 100,219                        |
| Total Disbursements                           | 9,604,556   | 313,339                    | 271,449                  | 1,384,065                      | 11,573,409                     |
| Excess of Revenues Under Expenditures         |             |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements | 1,220,720   | 137,626                    | (97,622)                 | (70,738)                       | 1,189,986                      |
| Other Financing Sources (Uses)                |             |                            |                          |                                |                                |
| Other Financing Sources (Uses) Advances In    |             |                            |                          | 12 021                         | 12 021                         |
|   | (12,831)    | -                          | -                        | 12,831                         | 12,831                         |
| Advances Out                                  | (12,831)    | -                          | 520,000                  | -                              | (12,831)                       |
| Transfers in Transfers out                    | (520,000)   | -                          | 320,000                  | -                              | 520,000                        |
| Transfers out                                 | (520,000)   |                            |                          |                                | (520,000)                      |
| Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)          | (532,831)   |                            | 520,000                  | 12,831                         |                                |
| Net Change in Fund Balances                   | 687,889     | 137,626                    | 422,378                  | (57,907)                       | 1,189,986                      |
| Fund Balances Beginning of Year               | 3,163,202   | 488,727                    | 174,934                  | 347,332                        | 4,174,195                      |
| Fund Balances End of Year                     | \$3,851,091 | \$ 626,353                 | \$ 597,312               | \$ 289,425                     | \$ 5,364,181                   |

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budget Basis General Fund For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

|   | Budgeted     | 1 Amounts    |              | Variance with<br>Final Budget<br>Positive |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|
|   | Original     | Final        | Actual       | (Negative)                                |
| Receipts                                      | Original     | 1 mai        | retuar       | (ivegative)                               |
| Property Taxes                                | \$ 2,109,316 | \$ 2,421,458 | \$ 2,421,458 | \$ -                                      |
| Intergovernmental - state                     | 7,057,039    | 7,057,039    | 7,283,773    | 226,734                                   |
| Intergovernmental - federal                   | 163,220      | 163,220      | 181,154      | 17,934                                    |
| Interest                                      | 25,500       | 45,500       | 52,044       | 6,544                                     |
| Tuition and Fees                              | 645,800      | 735,800      | 795,595      | 59,795                                    |
| Classroom materials and fees                  | 42,840       | 42,840       | 46,675       | 3,835                                     |
| Miscellaneous                                 | 8,160        | 26,160       | 28,895       | 2,735                                     |
| Total receipts                                | 10,051,875   | 10,492,017   | 10,809,594   | 317,577                                   |
| Disbursements                                 |              |              |              |   |
| Current:                                      |              |              |              |   |
| Instruction:                                  |              |              |              |   |
| Regular                                       | 5,062,771    | 5,219,771    | 5,165,428    | 54,343                                    |
| Special                                       | 792,215      | 959,215      | 902,085      | 57,130                                    |
| Vocational                                    | 163,756      | 172,856      | 193,536      | (20,680)                                  |
| Other   | 10,000       | 10,000       | 1,938        | 8,062                                     |
| Support Services:                             |              |              |              |   |
| Pupil   | 549,016      | 549,016      | 610,840      | (61,824)                                  |
| Instructional Staff                           | 214,408      | 214,408      | 196,571      | 17,837                                    |
| Board of Education                            | 21,589       | 21,589       | 19,339       | 2,250                                     |
| Administration                                | 844,708      | 844,708      | 845,610      | (902)                                     |
| Fiscal  | 310,096      | 329,196      | 305,113      | 24,083                                    |
| Business                                      | 35,000       | 35,000       | 37,060       | (2,060)                                   |
| Operation and Maintenance of Plant            | 753,345      | 753,345      | 722,803      | 30,542                                    |
| Pupil Transportation                          | 425,883      | 425,883      | 386,837      | 39,046                                    |
| Central                                       | 48,578       | 48,578       | 53,086       | (4,508)                                   |
| Extracurricular Activities                    | 126,756      | 126,756      | 108,646      | 18,110                                    |
| Total Disbursements                           | 9,358,121    | 9,710,321    | 9,548,892    | 161,429                                   |
| Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements | 693,754      | 781,696      | 1,260,702    | 479,006                                   |
| Other Financing Sources (Uses)                |              |              |              |   |
| Refund of prior year disbursements            | 10,000       | -            | -            | -   |
| Advances Out                                  | -            | -            | (12,831)     | (12,831)                                  |
| Transfers out                                 | (288,000)    | (568,000)    | (568,000)    |   |
| Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)          | (278,000)    | (568,000)    | (580,831)    | (12,831)                                  |
| Net Change in Fund Balance                    | 415,754      | 213,696      | 679,871      | 466,175                                   |
| Fund Balance Beginning of Year                | 2,935,780    | 2,935,780    | 2,935,780    | -   |
| Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated          | 54,721       | 54,721       | 54,721       |   |
| Fund Balance End of Year                      | \$ 3,406,255 | \$ 3,204,197 | \$ 3,670,372 | \$ 466,175                                |

Statement of Fiduciary Net Position - Cash Basis Fiduciary Funds June 30, 2017

|   | Pu | Agency    |    |        |
|---|----|-----------|----|--------|
| Assets Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ | 1,608,574 | \$ | 76,287 |
| Total Assets                                      |    | 1,608,574 |    | 76,287 |
| Net Position                                      |    |           |    |        |
| Held in Trust for Scholarships                    |    | 1,608,574 |    | -      |
| Held for Student Activities                       |    | -         |    | 76,287 |
| Total Net Position                                | \$ | 1,608,574 | \$ | 76,287 |

### Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position - Cash Basis Fiduciary Fund For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

|  |     | Private    |
|--|-----|------------|
| A 3.352  | Pur | pose Trust |
| Additions  | \$  | 14 904     |
| Contributions  | \$  | 14,804     |
| Interest   |     | 15,357     |
| Total Additions  |     | 30,161     |
| <b>Deductions</b> Payments in Accordance with Trust Agreements |     | 30,235     |
| Total Deductions   |     | 30,235     |
| Change in Net Position   |     | (74)       |
| Net Position - Beginning of Year                               |     | 1,608,648  |
| Net Position - End of Year                                     | \$  | 1,608,574  |

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Georgetown Exempted Village School District, Brown County, Ohio (the "School District"), is organized under Article VI, Sections 2 and 3 of the Constitution of the State of Ohio. The School District operates under a locally-elected Board form of government consisting of five members elected at-large for staggered four year terms. The School District provides educational services as authorized by state statute and federal guidelines.

The School District was established in 1968 through the consolidation of existing land areas and school districts. The School District serves an area of 60 square miles. It is located in Brown County and includes all of the Village of Georgetown, and portions of surrounding townships. The Board of Education controls the School District's two school buildings staffed by 9 administrators, 40 noncertified and 70 teaching personnel employees providing education to 1,065 students.

#### Reporting Entity:

A reporting entity is composed of the primary government, component units, and other organizations that are included to insure the financial statements are not misleading. The primary government of the School District consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the School District. For the Georgetown Exempted Village School District, this includes general operations, food service, and student related activities of the School District.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the School District is financially accountable. The School District is financially accountable for an organization if the School District appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the School District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the School District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the School District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the School District is obligated for the debt of the organization. The School District is also financially accountable for any organizations that are fiscally dependent on the School District in that the School District approves the budget, the issuance of debt, or the levying of taxes. Component units also include legally separate, tax-exempt entities whose resources are for the direct benefit of the School District, are accessible to the School District and are significant in amount to the School District. The School District has no component units.

The School District is associated with three organizations, one as a jointly-governed organization, one as an insurance purchasing pool, and one as a public entity shared risk and insurance purchasing pool. These organizations are the Hamilton/Clermont Cooperative Association, the Ohio School Boards' Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program and the Brown County Schools Benefits Consortium. These organizations are presented in Notes 12, 13, and 14 to the basic financial statements.

The School District's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the School District is financially accountable.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

As discussed in Note 2.A., these financial statements are presented on the cash basis of accounting. The cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. In cases where these cash basis statements contain items that are the same as, or similar to, those items in financial statements prepared in conformity with GAAP, similar informative disclosures are provided. Following are the more significant of the School District's accounting policies.

#### A. Basis of Accounting

Although required by Ohio Administrative Code Sections 117-2-03(B) to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the School District chooses to prepare its financial statements and notes in accordance with the cash basis of accounting. This basis of accounting is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

As a result of the use of this cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related receipts (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements.

#### **B.** Basis of Presentation

The School District's basic financial statements consist of government-wide financial statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

<u>Government-wide Financial Statements</u> - The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the School District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental receipts or other non-exchange transactions. The statement of net position presents the cash balance of the governmental activities of the School District at fiscal year end.

The statement of activities compares disbursements with program receipts for each function or program of the School District's governmental activities. Disbursements are reported by function. A function is a group of related activities designed to accomplish a major service or regulatory program for which the government is responsible.

Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services, grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program, and receipts of interest earned on grants that are required to be used to support a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing on the cash basis or draws from the School District's general receipts.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

<u>Fund Financial Statements</u> - During the fiscal year, the School District segregates transactions related to certain School District functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the School District at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Non-major funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.

#### C. Fund Accounting

The School District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of the School District are divided into two categories, governmental and fiduciary.

#### GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

The School District classifies funds financed primarily from taxes, intergovernmental receipts (e.g. grants), and other non-exchange transactions as governmental funds. The School District's major funds are as follows:

<u>General Fund</u> - The General Fund is used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The General Fund balance is available to the School District for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio

<u>Bond Retirement Fund</u> - The Bond Retirement Fund is a fund provided for the retirement of general obligation bonds and short-term notes. All revenue derived from general or special levies, either within or exceeding the ten-mill limitation, which is levied for debt charges on bonds, shall be paid into this fund.

<u>Permanent Improvement Fund</u> - The Permanent Improvement Fund is fund provided to account for all transactions related to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of capital facilities.

The other governmental funds of the School District account for grants and other resources whose use is restricted to a particular purpose.

#### FIDUCIARY FUNDS

The fiduciary fund category is split into private purpose trust funds and agency funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the School District under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are not available to support the School District's own programs. The School District's private purpose trust fund accounts for programs that provide college scholarships to students after graduation. Agency funds are custodial in nature. The School District's agency fund accounts for various student-managed activities.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

#### D. Budgetary Process

All funds, except agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriations resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount the Board of Education may appropriate. The appropriations resolution is the Board's authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on cash disbursements plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by the Board. The legal level of control has been established by the Board at the fund level for all funds. Budgetary allocations at the function and object level within all funds are made by the Treasurer.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the fiscal year if projected increases or decreases in receipts are identified by the Treasurer. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the certificate of estimated resources when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the amended certificate of estimated resources in effect at the time final appropriations were passed by the Board.

The appropriation resolution is subject to amendment throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts reflect the first appropriation resolution for that fund that covered the entire fiscal year, including amounts automatically carried forward from prior fiscal years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the Board during the fiscal year.

As part of formal budgetary control, purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded as the equivalent of disbursements on the non-GAAP budgetary basis in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation and to determine and maintain legal compliance. Disbursements plus encumbrances may not legally exceed appropriations. Encumbrances outstanding at fiscal yearend are reported as a reservation of fund balance for subsequent-year disbursements for governmental funds. At the close of each fiscal year, the unencumbered balance of each appropriation reverts to the respective fund from which it was appropriated and becomes subject to future appropriation. Encumbered appropriations are carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and are not re-appropriated.

#### E. Cash and Investments

To improve cash management, all cash received by the School District is pooled. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through School District records. Each fund's interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents" on the basic financial statements.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

During fiscal year 2017, the School District's investments were limited to negotiable certificates of deposit (CDs), federal government money market funds, and funds invested in the State Treasury Assets Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio). Investments are reported at cost, except for STAR Ohio.

During fiscal year 2017, the School District invested in STAR Ohio. STAR Ohio (the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio), is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Statement No. 79, "Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants." The School District measures its investment in STAR Ohio at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides an NAV per share that approximates fair value.

For fiscal year 2017, there were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates. However, notice must be given 24 hours in advance of all deposits and withdrawals exceeding \$25 million. STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit the transaction to \$50 million, requiring the excess amount to be transacted the following business day(s), but only to the \$50 million limit. All accounts of the participant will be combined for these purposes.

Following Ohio statutes, the Board of Education has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest receipts credited to the General Fund during fiscal year 2017 was \$52,044, which included \$15,501 assigned from other School District funds.

#### F. Restricted Assets

Assets are reported as restricted when limitations on their use change the nature or normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, or laws of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Restricted assets represent amounts required by State statute to be set aside for the acquisition and construction of capital improvements, bus purchases, and unclaimed monies.

#### G. Inventory and Prepaid Items

The School District reports disbursements for inventory and prepaid items when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

#### H. Capital Assets

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

#### I. Interfund Receivables/Payables

The School District reports advances-in and advances-out for interfund loans. These items are not reflected as assets and liabilities in the accompanying financial statements.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

#### J. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the School District's cash basis of accounting.

#### K. Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans

The School District recognizes the disbursement for employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 8 and 9, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for postretirement health care benefits.

#### L. Long-Term Obligations

The School District's cash basis financial statements do not report liabilities for bonds and other long-term obligations. Proceeds of debt are reported when cash is received and principal and interest payments are reported when paid.

#### M. Net Position

Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. Net position restricted for other purposes include resources restricted for food service operations, music and athletic programs, and federal and state grants restricted to cash disbursement for specified purposes. All other net position that do not meet the definition of restricted are reported as unrestricted net position. The School District's policy is to first apply restricted resources when a cash disbursement is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

#### N. Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the School District is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

<u>Nonspendable</u> - The nonspendable fund balance category includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form, or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash.

<u>Restricted</u> - Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

<u>Committed</u> - The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by a formal action (resolution) of the School District Board of Education. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the School District Board of Education removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

<u>Assigned</u> - Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the School District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by policies of the School District Board of Education.

<u>Unassigned</u> - Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The School District applies restricted resources first when disbursements are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when disbursements are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

#### O. Interfund Transactions

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as receipts in the seller funds and as disbursements in the purchaser funds. Subsidies from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular cash disbursements to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented in the financial statements.

#### P. Intergovernmental Receipts

Unrestricted intergovernmental receipts received on the basis of entitlement are recorded as receipts when the entitlement is received.

#### Q. Receipts and Disbursements

In the Statement of Activities, receipts that are derived directly from each activity or from parties outside the School District's taxpayers are reported as program receipts. The School District has the following program receipts: charges for services and operating grants and contributions. All other governmental receipts are reported as general. All taxes are classified as general receipts even if restricted for a specific purpose.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### **NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE**

#### A. Change in Accounting Principles

For fiscal year 2017, the School District has implemented GASB Statement No. 77, "Tax Abatement Disclosures", GASB Statement No. 78, "Pensions Provided Through Certain Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans", GASB Statement No. 80, "Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units - An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 14" and GASB Statement No. 82, "Pension Issues - An Amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68 and No. 73".

GASB Statement No. 77 requires governments that enter into tax abatement agreements to disclose certain information about the agreement. GASB Statement No. 77 also requires disclosures related to tax abatement agreements that have been entered into by other governments that reduce the reporting government's tax revenues. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 77 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the School District.

GASB Statement No. 78 establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for defined benefit pensions provided to the employees of state or local governmental employers through a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan (cost-sharing pension plan) that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of Statement 68 and that (a) is not a state or local governmental pension plan, (b) is used to provide defined benefit pensions both to employees of state or local governmental employers and to employees of employers that are not state or local governmental employers, and (c) has no predominant state or local governmental employer (either individually or collectively with other state or local governmental employers that provide pensions through the pension plan). The implementation of GASB Statement No. 78 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the School District.

GASB Statement No. 80 improves the financial reporting by clarifying the financial statement presentation requirements for certain component units. This Statement applies to component units that are organized as not-for-profit corporations in which the primary government is the sole corporate member. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 80 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the School District.

GASB Statement No. 82 addresses issues regarding (1) the presentation of payroll-related measures in required supplementary information, (2) the selection of assumptions and the treatment of deviations from the guidance in an Actuarial Standard of Practice for financial reporting purposes, and (3) the classification of payments made by employers to satisfy employee (plan member) contribution requirements. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 82 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the School District.

#### B. Compliance

Ohio Administrative Code, Section 117-2-03 (B), requires the School District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. However, the School District prepared its financial statements on a cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The accompanying financial statements omit assets, liabilities, net position/fund balances, and disclosures that, while material, cannot be determined at this time. The School District can be fined and various other administrative remedies may be taken against the School District.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### **NOTE 4 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

While the School District is reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balances on the basis of cash, the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - Budget Basis presented for the general fund is prepared on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major difference between the budget basis and the cash basis is that encumbrances are treated as disbursements (budget basis) rather than as a reservation of fund balance (cash basis). Additionally, the budget basis reflects activity for the General Fund only as identified in the legally adopted budget. Fund activity for separate funds in the school district budget but which are reclassified to the General Fund as a result of GASB 54 are reported in the cash basis financial statements, but not in the budget basis financials.

| Reconciliation of June 30, 2017 | Fund Bal | ance   |
|---------------------------------|----------|--------|
| Cash basis                      | \$ 3,85  | 1,091  |
| Encumbrances                    | (30      | 5,438) |
| GASB 54 reclassifications       | (14      | 4,281) |
| Budget basis                    | \$ 3,670 | ),372  |

#### **NOTE 5 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

Monies held by the School District are classified by State statute into three categories.

Active monies are public monies determined to be necessary to meet current demands upon the School District treasury. Active monies must be maintained either as cash in the School District treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Board has identified as not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts, including passbook accounts.

Interim monies held by the School District can be deposited or invested in the following securities:

- 1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
- 2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligation or security issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### NOTE 5 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

- 3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least 2 percent and be marked to market daily, and the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
- 4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio or Ohio local governments;
- 5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
- 6. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
- 7. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio).

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements, and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage, and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the School District, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions.

#### A. Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the School District will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At year end the carrying value of all School District deposits was \$782,896. At year end, \$634,256 of the School District's bank balance of \$884,256 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and was collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent, but not in the School District's name.

Ohio law requires that deposits be either insured or be protected by eligible securities pledged to and deposited either with the School District or a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value at all times shall be at least one hundred five percent of the deposits being secured. The School District's policy is to deposit money with financial institutions that are able to abide by the laws governing insurance and collateral of public funds.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### NOTE 5 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

#### **B.** Investments

As of June 30, 2017, the School District had the following investments and maturities:

|                                      |                         | Investment Maturities |                     |    |                   |    |                 |    |                    |   |                        |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----|-------------------|----|-----------------|----|--------------------|---|------------------------|
| Investment type                      | Cost                    | 6                     | months or<br>less   | _  | 7 to 12<br>months | -  | 13 to 18 months | -  | 19 to 24<br>months |   | Greater than 24 months |
| Negotiable CDs<br>Federal government | \$<br>3,250,000         | \$                    | 750,000             | \$ | 500,000           | \$ | 500,000         | \$ |                    | - | \$ 1,500,000           |
| money market<br>STAR Ohio            | <br>32,827<br>2,983,319 |                       | 32,827<br>2,983,319 |    | -                 |    | -               |    |                    | - | -<br>-                 |
| Total                                | \$<br>6,266,146         | \$                    | 3,766,146           | \$ | 500,000           | \$ | 500,000         | \$ |                    | - | \$ 1,500,000           |

Interest rate risk arises because potential purchasers of debt securities will not agree to pay face value for those securities if interest rates subsequently increase. The School District's investment policy addresses interest rate risk by requiring that the School District's investment portfolio be structured so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations and/or long-term debt payments, thereby avoiding that need to sell securities on the open market prior to maturity, and by investing operating funds primarily in short-term investments.

STAR Ohio carries a rating of AAAm by Standard and Poor's. The federal government money market funds carry a rating of AAAm by Standard and Poor's. The negotiable CDs are fully covered by FDIC and are not rated. Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service and that the money market fund be rated in the highest category at the time of purchase by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service. The School District's investment policy does not address investment credit risk beyond the requirements of ORC 135.14(M)(2) which states, "Payments for investments shall be made only upon the delivery of securities representing such investments to the treasurer, investing authority, or qualified trustee. If the securities transferred are not represented by a certificate, payment shall be made only upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from custodian by the treasurer, governing board, or qualified trustee."

For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the School District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party.

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the School District's investment in a single issuer. The District has invested 51.87 percent, 47.61 percent and 0.52 percent of its investments in negotiable CDs, STAR Ohio and federal government money market funds, respectively.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### **NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES**

Property taxes are levied and assessed on a calendar year basis, while the School District's fiscal year runs from July through June. First-half tax distributions are received by the School District in the second half of the fiscal year. Second-half tax distributions are received in the first half of the following fiscal year.

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real property, public utility property, and tangible personal (used in business) property located in the School District. Real property tax receipts received in calendar year 2017 represent the collection of calendar year 2016 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2017 were levied after April 1, 2016, on the assessed values as of January 1, 2016, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State statute at 35 percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semiannually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax receipts received in calendar year 2016 represent the collection of calendar year 2016 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2017 became a lien on December 31, 2015, were levied after April 1, 2016, and are collected with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property is currently assessed at varying percentages of true value.

Tangible personal property tax receipts received in calendar year 2017 (other than public utility property) represent the collection of calendar year 2017 taxes levied against local and inter-exchange telephone companies. Tangible personal property tax on business inventory, manufacturing machinery and equipment, and furniture and fixtures is no longer levied and collected. The October 2008 tangible personal property tax settlement was the last property tax settlement for general personal property taxes. Tangible personal property taxes received from telephone companies in calendar year 2017 were levied after October 1, 2016, on the value as of December 31, 2015. Amounts paid by multi-county taxpayers are due September 20. Single county taxpayers may pay annually or semiannually. If paid annually, payment is due April 30; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due April 30, with the remainder payable by September 20. Tangible personal property taxes paid by April 30 are usually received by the School District prior to June 30.

The School District receives property taxes from Brown County. The County Auditor periodically advances to the School District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the counties by June 30, 2017, are available to finance fiscal year 2017 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

|  | 2016 Second<br>Half Collections |             |         | 2017 First<br>Half Collections |         |  |  |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------|---------|--------------------------------|---------|--|--|
|  | _                               | Amount      | Percent | <br>Amount                     | Percent |  |  |
| Agricultural/residential                   |                                 |             |         |                                |         |  |  |
| and other real estate                      | \$                              | 110,552,280 | 95.41   | \$<br>111,455,260              | 94.44   |  |  |
| Public utility personal                    |                                 | 5,316,700   | 4.59    | <br>6,559,490                  | 5.56    |  |  |
| Total                                      | \$                              | 115,868,980 | 100.00  | \$<br>118,014,750              | 100.00  |  |  |
| Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation |                                 | \$30.40     |         | \$30.40                        |         |  |  |

# NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### **NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

#### A. Property and Liability

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2017, the School District contracted with the Ohio School Plan for the following insurance coverage:

| Educational Property and Crime Liability             |              |
|--|--------------|
| Building and contents - replacement cost             | \$38,900,609 |
| Crime:   |              |
| Employee theft - per coverage                        | 50,000       |
| Forgery or alteration                                | 50,000       |
| Inside the premises - theft of money and securities  | 25,000       |
| Outside the premises - theft of money and securities | 25,000       |
| Computer fraud                                       | 50,000       |
| Funds transfer fraud                                 | 25,000       |
|  |              |
| <u>Automobile Liability</u>                          |              |
| Liability  | 3,000,000    |
| Uninsured and underinsured motorists                 | 1,000,000    |
|  |              |
| Cyber Liability                                      | 1,000,000    |
| -  |              |
| Educational Liability:                               |              |
| Educational general liability:                       |              |
| Per occurrence                                       | 3,000,000    |
| Aggregate  | 5,000,000    |
| Employer's liability stop-gap:                       |              |
| Bodily injury by acceident                           | 3,000,000    |
| Bodily injury by disease                             | 3,000,000    |
| Fiduciary liability:                                 |              |
| Each fiduciary claim limit                           | 3,000,000    |
| Aggregate  | 5,000,000    |
| Education legal liability:                           |              |
| Errors and omissions injury limit                    | 3,000,000    |
| Errors and omissions aggregate                       | 5,000,000    |
| ee e   |              |

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years, and there has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage from the prior fiscal year.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### **NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT – (continued)**

#### B. Workers' Compensation

For fiscal year 2017, the School District participated in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool. The GRP is intended to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the School District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRP. The workers' compensation experience of the participating members is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all members in the GRP. Each member pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the GRP rather than its individual rate. Total savings are then calculated and each participant's individual performance is compared to the overall savings percentage of the GRP. A participant will then either receive money from or be required to contribute to the "Equity Pooling Fund". This "equity pooling" arrangement insures that each participant shares equally in the overall performance of the GRP. Participation in the GRP is limited to participants that can meet the GRP's selection criteria. The firm of Comp Management provides administrative, cost control, and actuarial services to the GRP.

#### C. Employee Medical Benefits

The School District participates in the Brown County Schools Benefits Consortium (the "Consortium"), a public entity shared risk and insurance purchasing pool (See Note 14), consisting of nine districts. The School District is responsible for providing a current listing of enrolled employees and for providing timely pro-rata payments of premiums to the Consortium for employee health coverage and benefits. The Consortium is responsible for the management and operations of the program. Upon termination from the Consortium, for any reason, the terminated member shall assume and be responsible for the payment of any delinquent contributions and all claims of its employees from the date of termination regardless of the date such claims were incurred.

#### **NOTE 8 - PENSION PLANS**

#### Net Pension Liability

Pensions are a component of exchange transactions - between an employer and its employees - of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions are provided to an employee - on a deferred-payment basis - as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period.

The net pension liability represents the School District's proportionate share of each pension plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension plan's fiduciary net position. The net pension liability calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost of living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting this estimate annually.

The Ohio Revised Code limits the School District's obligation for this liability to annually required payments. The School District cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions are financed; however, the School District does receive the benefit of employees' services in exchange for compensation including pension.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### **NOTE 8 - PENSION PNS - (Continued)**

GASB 68 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires all funding to come from these employers. All contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). State statute requires the pension plans to amortize unfunded liabilities within 30 years. If the amortization period exceeds 30 years, each pension plan's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension liability. Resulting adjustments to the net pension liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable.

#### Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

Plan Description - The School District non-teaching employees participate in SERS, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by SERS. SERS provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3309. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about SERS' fiduciary net position. That report can be obtained by visiting the SERS website at <a href="https://www.ohsers.org">www.ohsers.org</a> under Employers/Audit Resources.

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

|                              | Eligible to   | Eligible to  |
|------------------------------|---|--|
|                              | Retire on or before   | Retire on or after   |
|                              | August 1, 2017 *  | August 1, 2017   |
| Full benefits                | Any age with 30 years of service credit   | Age 67 with 10 years of service credit; or<br>Age 57 with 30 years of service credit |
| Actuarially reduced benefits | Age 60 with 5 years of service credit<br>Age 55 with 25 years of service credit | Age 62 with 10 years of service credit; or<br>Age 60 with 25 years of service credit |

<sup>\*</sup> Members with 25 years of service credit as of August 1, 2017, will be included in this plan.

Annual retirement benefits are calculated based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on year of service; 2.2 percent for the first thirty years of service and 2.5 percent for years of service credit over 30. Final average salary is the average of the highest three years of salary.

One year after an effective benefit date, a benefit recipient is entitled to a three percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). This same COLA is added each year to the base benefit amount on the anniversary date of the benefit.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### **NOTE 8 - PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the School District is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to statutory maximum amounts of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the System's funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 14 percent. None of the employer contribution rate was allocated to the Health Care Fund.

The School District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$167,881 for fiscal year 2017.

#### Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

Plan Description - County licensed teachers participate in STRS Ohio, a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system administered by STRS. STRS provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about STRS' fiduciary net position. That report can be obtained by writing to STRS, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Web site at <a href="https://www.strsoh.org">www.strsoh.org</a>.

New members have a choice of three retirement plans; a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. Benefits are established by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307. The DB Plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service. Effective August 1, 2015, the calculation will be 2.2 percent of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. With certain exceptions, the basic benefit is increased each year by two percent of the original base benefit. For members retiring August 1, 2013, or later, the first two percent is paid on the fifth anniversary of the retirement benefit. Members are eligible to retire at age 60 with five years of qualifying service credit, or age 55 with 25 years of service, or 30 years of service regardless of age. Age and service requirements for retirement will increase effective August 1, 2015, and will continue to increase periodically until they reach age 60 with 35 years of service or age 65 with five years of service on August 1, 2026.

The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and 9.5 percent of the 14 percent employer contributions into an investment account. Investment allocation decisions are determined by the member. The remaining 4.5 percent of the 14 percent employer rate is allocated to the defined benefit unfunded liability. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal.

The Combined Plan offers features of both the DB Plan and the DC Plan. In the Combined Plan, 11.5% of the 13% member rate goes to the DC Plan and the remaining 1.5% is applied to the DB Plan. Member contributions to the DC Plan are allocated among investment choices by the member, and contributions to the DB Plan from the employer and the member are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The defined benefit portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60 with five years of services. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum payment or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### **NOTE 8 - PENSION PNS - (Continued)**

New members who choose the DC Plan or Combined Plan will have another opportunity to reselect a permanent plan during their fifth year of membership. Members may remain in the same plan or transfer to another STRS plan. The optional annuitization of a member's defined contribution account or the defined contribution portion of a member's Combined Plan account to a lifetime benefit results in STRS bearing the risk of investment gain or loss on the account. STRS has therefore included all three plan options as one defined benefit plan for GASB 68 reporting purposes.

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years of credited service who is determined to be disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible survivors of members who die before service retirement may qualify for monthly benefits. New members on or after July 1, 2013, must have at least ten years of qualifying service credit that apply for disability benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member of the DC Plan dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

Funding Policy - Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. For fiscal year 2017, plan members were required to contribute 14 percent of their annual covered salary. The School District was required to contribute 14 percent; the entire 14 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The 2017 contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates.

The School District's contractually required contribution to STRS Ohio was \$567,754 for fiscal year 2017.

#### Net Pension Liability

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the School District's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share:

|  | SERS                | STRS Ohio           | Total         |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Proportion of the net pension                    |                     |                     |               |
| liability prior measurement date                 | 0.03628800%         | 0.03414936%         |               |
| Proportion of the net pension                    |                     |                     |               |
| liability current measurement date               | <u>0</u> .03684990% | <u>0.0358341</u> 3% |               |
| Change in proportionate share                    | <u>0.00056190%</u>  | 0.00168477%         |               |
| Proportionate share of the net pension liability | \$ 2,697,073        | \$ 11,994,763       | \$ 14,691,836 |

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### **NOTE 8 - PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

#### Actuarial Assumptions - SERS

SERS' total pension liability was determined by their actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 67, as part of their annual actuarial valuation for each defined benefit retirement plan. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts (e.g., salaries, credited service) and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future (e.g., mortality, disabilities, retirements, employment termination). Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review and potential modifications, as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and plan members to that point. The projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes does not explicitly incorporate the potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations.

Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. For a newly hired employee, actuarial calculations will take into account the employee's entire career with the employer and also take into consideration the benefits, if any, paid to the employee after termination of employment until the death of the employee and any applicable contingent annuitant. In many cases actuarial calculations reflect several decades of service with the employer and the payment of benefits after termination.

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation, prepared as of June 30, 2016, are presented below:

Wage inflation
Future salary increases, including inflation
percent COLA or ad hoc COLA
Investment rate of return
inflation Actuarial cost method

3.25 percent
3.50 percent to 18.20
3 percent

7.50 percent net of investments expense, including Entry age normal (level percent of payroll)

For post-retirement mortality, the table used in evaluating allowances to be paid is the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and Scale BB, with 120% of male rates and 110% of female rates used. The RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table with 90% for male rates and 100% for female rates set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement. Special mortality tables are used for the period after disability retirement.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### **NOTE 8 - PENSION PNS - (Continued)**

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2016 valuation were based on the results of an experience study that was completed June 30, 2015. As a result of the actuarial experience study, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the assumed rate of inflation was reduced from 3.25% to 3.00%, (b) payroll growth assumption was reduced from 4.00% to 3.50%, (c) assumed real wage growth was reduced from 0.75% to 0.50%, (d) Rates of withdrawal, retirement and disability were updated to reflect recent experience, (e) mortality among active members was updated to RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age set-back for both males and females, (f) mortality among service retired members, and beneficiaries was updated to the following RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection with Scale BB, 120% of male rates, and 110% of

female rates and (g) mortality among disabled members was updated to RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, 90% for male rates and 100% for female rates, set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement.

The long-term return expectation for the Pension Plan Investments has been determined using a building-block approach and assumes a time horizon, as defined in SERS' *Statement of Investment Policy*. A forecasted rate of inflation serves as the baseline for the return expectation. Various real return premiums over the baseline inflation rate have been established for each asset class. The long-term expected nominal rate of return has been determined by calculating a weighted averaged of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate, and adding the expected return from rebalancing uncorrelated asset classes.

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major assets class are summarized in the following table:

| Asset Class            | Target Allocation | Long Term Expected<br>Real Rate of Return |
|------------------------|-------------------|---|
|                        |                   |   |
| Cash                   | 1.00 %            | 0.50 %                                    |
| US Equity              | 22.50             | 4.75                                      |
| International Equity   | 22.50             | 7.00                                      |
| Fixed Income           | 19.00             | 1.50                                      |
| Private Equity         | 10.00             | 8.00                                      |
| Real Assets            | 15.00             | 5.00                                      |
| Multi-Asset Strategies | 10.00             | 3.00                                      |
| Total                  | 100.00 %          |   |

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### **NOTE 8 - PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

**Discount Rate** - The total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the contributions from employers and from the members would be computed based on contribution requirements as stipulated by State statute. Projected inflows from investment earning were calculated using the long-term assumed investment rate of return (7.50 percent). Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all 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 benefits to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - Net pension liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 percent, as well as what each plan's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.50 percent), or one percentage point higher (8.50 percent) than the current rate.

|                                       | Current |                     |    |                     |                        |  |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------------------|----|---------------------|------------------------|--|
|                                       | 1'      | 1% Decrease (6.50%) |    | scount Rate (7.50%) | 1% Increase<br>(8.50%) |  |
| School district's proportionate share |         |                     |    |                     |                        |  |
| of the net pension liability          | \$      | 3,570,756           | \$ | 2,697,073           | \$ 1,965,763           |  |

## NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### **NOTE 8 - PENSION PNS - (Continued)**

#### Actuarial Assumptions - STRS Ohio

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2016, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

| Inflation                  | 2.75 percent   |
|----------------------------|--|
| Projected salary increases | 2.75 percent at age 70 to 12.25 percent at age 20                        |
| Investment rate of return  | 7.75 percent, net of investment expenses                                 |
| Cost-of-living adjustments | 2 percent simple applied as follows: for members retiring before         |
| (COLA)                     | August 1, 2013, 2 percent per year; for members retiring August 1, 2013, |
|                            | or later, 2 percent COLA paid on fifth anniversary of retirement date.   |

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table (Projection 2022—Scale AA) for Males and Females. Males' ages are set-back two years through age 89 and no set-back for age 90 and above. Females younger than age 80 are set back four years, one year set back from age 80 through 89 and not set back from age 90 and above.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2016, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study, effective July 1, 2012.

STRS Ohio's investment consultant develops an estimate range for the investment return assumption based on the target allocation adopted by the Retirement Board. The target allocation and long-term expected rate of return for each major asset class are summarized as follows:

| Asset Class          | Target Allocation | Long Term Expected<br>Real Rate of Return * |
|----------------------|-------------------|---|
| Domestic Equity      | 31.00 %           | 8.00 %                                      |
| International Equity | 26.00             | 7.85  |
| Alternatives         | 14.00             | 8.00  |
| Fixed Income         | 18.00             | 3.75  |
| Real Estate          | 10.00             | 6.75  |
| Liquidity Reserves   | 1.00              | 3.00  |
| Total                | 100.00 %          | 7.61 %                                      |

<sup>\*10-</sup>Year geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.50% and does not include investment expenses. The total fund long-term expected return reflects diversification among the asset classes and therefore is not a weighted average return of the individual asset classes.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### **NOTE 8 - PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

**Discount Rate** - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75 percent as of June 30, 2016. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes member and employer contributions will be made at the statutory contribution rates in accordance with rate increases described above. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future plan members and their beneficiaries, as well as projected contributions from future plan members, are not included. Based on those assumptions, STRS' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2016. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.75 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payment to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2016.

Sensitivity of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following table presents the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.75 percent, as well as what the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.75 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (8.75 percent) than the current rate:

|                                       |                     | Current               |                     |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
|                                       | 1% Decrease (6.75%) | Discount Rate (7.75%) | 1% Increase (8.75%) |
| School district's proportionate share |                     |                       |                     |
| of the net pension liability          | \$ 15,940,066       | \$ 11,994,763         | \$ 8,666,668        |

Changes Between Measurement Date and Report Date - In March 2017, the STRS Board adopted certain assumption changes which impacted their annual actuarial valuation prepared as of July 1, 2016. The most significant changes are a reduction in the expected investment return to 7.45% from 7.75% and a change to updated generational mortality tables. Although the exact amount of these changes is not known, the impact to the School District's net pension liability is expected to be significant.

#### **NOTE 9 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

#### A. School Employees Retirement System

Health Care Plan Description - The School District contributes to the SERS Health Care Fund, administered by SERS for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries. For GASB 45 purposes, this plan is considered a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan. The Health Care Plan includes hospitalization and physicians' fees through several types of plans including HMO's, PPO's, Medicare Advantage, and traditional indemnity plans as well as a prescription drug program. The financial report of the Plan is included in the SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be obtained on SERS' website at at www.ohsers.org under Employers/Audit Resources.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### **NOTE 9 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)**

Access to health care for retirees and beneficiaries is permitted in accordance with Section 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 105(e). SERS' Retirement Board reserves the right to change or discontinue any health plan or program. Health care is financed through a combination of employer contributions and retiree premiums, copays and deductibles on covered health care expenses, investment returns, and any funds received as a result of SERS' participation in Medicare programs. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. Retirees and their beneficiaries are required to pay a health care premium that varies depending on the plan selected, the number of qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility and retirement status.

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required basic benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. For fiscal year 2017, no portion of covered payroll was allocated to health care. In addition, employers pay a surcharge for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. For fiscal year 2017, this amount was \$23,500. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge.

The School District's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015 were \$18,473, \$20,124, and \$23,246, respectively. 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2017, 2016 and 2015.

#### B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

Plan Description - The School District contributes to the cost sharing, multiple employer defined benefit Health Plan (the "Plan") administered by the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio) for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS Ohio. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. The Plan is included in the report of STRS Ohio which may be obtained by visiting www.strsoh.org, under "Publications" or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy - Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. Active employee members do not contribute to the Plan. All benefit recipients pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For 2017, STRS Ohio did not allocate any employer contributions to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The School District's did not make any contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017, 2016 and 2015.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### NOTE 10 - DEBT

#### A. Debt Obligations

Debt obligations of the School District at June 30, 2017, consisted of the following:

| Classroom Facilities Refunding Bonds -                     | -  | Balance 6/30/16   | Increases |   | <u>D</u> | ecreases            | Balance <u>6/30/17</u> | Amount Due in ne Year |
|--|----|-------------------|-----------|---|----------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2012 2.88%<br>Certificate of Participation -               | \$ | 3,239,996         | \$        | - | \$       | (215,000)           | \$<br>3,024,996        | \$<br>235,000         |
| 2007 4.92%<br>Certificate of Participation -<br>2006 4.92% |    | 270,000<br>76,000 |           | - |          | (21,000)<br>(7,000) | 249,000<br>69,000      | 23,000<br>7,000       |
| Total Debt Obligations                                     | \$ | 3,585,996         | \$        | - | \$       | (243,000)           | \$<br>3,342,996        | \$<br>265,000         |

#### **Classroom Facilities Refunding Bonds - 2012**

On May 22, 2012, the School District issued \$3,704,996 in classroom facilities refunding bonds (voted general obligation bonds) for the purpose of advance-refunding the Series 2004 Classroom Facilities Bonds. The bond issue included serial, term, and capital appreciation bonds, in the amount of \$2,350,000, \$1,110,000, and \$244,996, respectively. The bonds were issued at a premium of \$585,595. The bonds are being retired from the Bond Retirement debt service fund from a voted tax levy.

The term bonds maturing on December 1, 2029 and December 31, 2031, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at a redemption price equal to 100 percent of the principal amount redeemed, plus accrued interest to the redemption date, on December 1 in the years and respective principal amounts as follows:

| Year | Amount     |
|------|------------|
| 2029 | \$ 535,000 |
| 2031 | 575,000    |

The serial bonds maturing after December 1, 2022, are subject to optional redemption, in whole or in part on any interest payment date, in integral multiples of \$5,000, at the option of the School District on or after June 1, 2022, at the redemption prices of 100% plus accrued interest to the redemption date.

The capital appreciation bonds will mature in fiscal years 2019 - 2022 and are not subject to redemption prior to maturity. The maturity amount of the bonds is \$235,000, \$225,000, \$245,000, and \$235,000, respectively in fiscal years 2019 - 2022.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### **NOTE 10 - DEBT - (Continued)**

#### **Certificates of Participation**

During fiscal year 2007, the School District entered into a Certificate of Participation Obligation totaling \$435,000. The purpose was for obtaining supplemental financing for the acquisition and construction of school improvements including a new elementary school. The School District is leasing the project from the Columbus Regional Port Authority. The Authority will retain title to the project during the certificate term. The certificate will mature in July of 2026.

During fiscal year 2006, the School District entered into a Certificate of Participation Obligation totaling \$257,000. The purpose was for obtaining supplemental financing for the acquisition and construction of school improvements including a new elementary school. The School District is leasing the project from the Columbus Regional Port Authority. The Authority will retain title to the project during the certificate term. The certificate will mature in January of 2026.

#### **B.** Future Debt Requirements

The annual requirements to amortize all debt outstanding as of June 30, 2017 are as follows:

|             | Clas        | Classroom Facilities Bonds |             |           | icates of Particip | oation    |
|-------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| Year        | Principal   | Interest                   | Total       | Principal | Interest           | Total     |
|             |             |                            |             |           |                    |           |
| 2018        | \$235,000   | \$78,700                   | \$313,700   | \$30,000  | \$15,026           | \$45,026  |
| 2019        | 77,723      | 233,626                    | 311,349     | 32,000    | 13,574             | 45,574    |
| 2020        | 62,811      | 238,539                    | 301,350     | 33,000    | 12,052             | 45,052    |
| 2021        | 57,727      | 263,623                    | 321,350     | 34,000    | 10,482             | 44,482    |
| 2022        | 46,735      | 264,616                    | 311,351     | 36,000    | 8,840              | 44,840    |
| 2023 - 2027 | 1,180,000   | 295,350                    | 1,475,350   | 153,000   | 17,572             | 170,572   |
| 2028 - 2032 | 1,365,000   | 105,225                    | 1,470,225   | -         | -                  | -         |
| Total       | \$3,024,996 | \$1,479,679                | \$4,504,675 | \$318,000 | \$77,546           | \$395,546 |

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### **NOTE 11 - SET-ASIDE REQUIREMENTS**

The School District is required by State statute to annually set aside, in the General Fund, an amount based on a statutory formula for the acquisition and construction of capital improvements. Amounts not spent by the end of the fiscal year or offset by similarly restricted resources received during the fiscal year must be held in cash at fiscal year-end. These amounts must be carried forward and used for the same purposes in future years.

The following cash basis information identifies the changes in fund balance reserves for capital improvements during fiscal year 2017.

|  |        | apital<br>ovemei | <u>1ts</u> |
|--|--------|------------------|------------|
| Set-aside balance June 30, 2016  | \$     |                  | -          |
| Current year set-aside requirement                                     |        | 185,98           | 36         |
| Prior year carryover   | (      | 831,5            | 72)        |
| Current year offsets   | (      | 774,5            | 13)        |
| Qualifying disbursements   | (      | <u>1</u> 55,68   | 33)        |
| Set-aside cash balance carried forward to future years where allowable | \$ (1, | <u>575,78</u>    | <u>32)</u> |
| Set-aside reserve balance, June 30, 2017                               | \$     |                  | _          |

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### **NOTE 11 - SET-ASIDE REQUIREMENTS - (Continued)**

The School District had offsets and qualifying disbursements during the year that reduced the set-aside amounts below zero. These extra amounts may be carried forward to reduce the set-aside requirements of future years.

#### **NOTE 12 - JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATION**

The School District is a participant in the Hamilton/Clermont Cooperative Association (HCCA) which is a computer consortium. HCCA is an association of 31 public school districts within the boundaries of Hamilton, Clermont and surrounding counties. The organization was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology (with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment) to administrative and instructional functions among member school districts. The Governing Board of HCCA consists of the superintendents and/or treasurers of the participating districts. HCCA is not accumulating significant financial resources nor is it experiencing fiscal stress that may cause an additional financial benefit to or burden on members in the future. Financial information can be obtained from the HCCA Board of Education, Tom Collins, Director, at 7615 Harrison Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45231-3107.

#### **NOTE 13 - INSURANCE PURCHASING POOL**

The School District participates in a group rating plan for workers' compensation as established under Section 4123.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (the "Plan") was established through the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) as an insurance purchasing pool. The Plan's business and affairs are conducted by a three member Board of Directors consisting of the President, the President-Elect, and the Immediate Past President of the OSBA. The Executive Director of the OSBA, or his designee, serves as the coordinator of the Plan. Each year, the participants pay an enrollment fee to the Plan to cover the costs of administering the program.

#### NOTE 14 - PUBLIC ENTITY SHARED RISK POOL/INSURANCE PURCHASING POOL

The Brown County Schools Benefits Consortium, a public entity shared risk and insurance purchasing pool, currently operates to provide medical insurance (insurance purchasing pool) and dental coverage (public entity shared risk pool) to enrolled employees of the consortium members and to eligible dependents of those enrolled employees.

Six Brown County school districts (Eastern Brown, Fayetteville-Perry, Georgetown, Ripley-Union-Lewis-Huntington, Southern Hills Career and Technical Center, and Western Brown Schools) and two Highland County school districts (Bright Local and Lynchburg-Clay) along with the Brown County Educational Service Center have entered into an agreement to form the Brown County Schools Benefits Consortium. The Consortium is governed by a nine member board consisting of the superintendents of each participating school district along with the superintendent of the Brown County Educational Service Center. The overall objectives of the consortium are to formulate and administer a program of health and dental insurance for the benefit of the consortium members' employees and their dependents. The consortium contracts with United Healthcare to provide medical insurance directly to consortium member employees. The School District pays premiums to the consortium based on employee membership.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### NOTE 14 - PUBLIC ENTITY SHARED RISK POOL/INSURANCE PURCHASING POOL - (Continued)

For dental coverage, the consortium acts as a public entity shared risk pool. Each member district pays dental premiums based on the consortium estimates of future claims. If the member district's dental claims exceed its premiums, there is no individual supplemental assessment; on the other hand, if the School District's claims are low, it will not receive a refund. Dental coverage is administered through a third party administrator, Dental Care Plus. Participating member districts pay an administrative fee to the fiscal agent to cover the costs associated with administering the Consortium. To obtain financial information, write to the Brown County Educational Service Center at 325 West State St., Georgetown, Ohio, 45121.

#### **NOTE 15 - CONTINGENCIES**

#### A. Grants

The School District received financial assistance from federal and State agencies in the form of grants. The disbursements of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the School District at June 30, 2017.

#### B. Litigation

There are currently no matters in litigation with the School District as defendant.

#### C. Full-Time Equivalency

The School District's Foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of each student. Effective for the 2015-2016 school year, traditional school districts must comply with minimum hours of instruction, instead of a minimum number of school days each year. The funding formula the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is legislatively required to follow will continue to adjust as enrollment information is updated by the District, which can extend past the fiscal year end. As of the date of this report, ODE has not finalized the impact of enrollment adjustments to the June 30, 2017 Foundation funding for the District; therefore, the financial statement impact is not determinable at this time.

**Georgetown Exempted Village School District** Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

| Federal Grantor/<br>Pass Through Grantor/<br>Program Title  | Pass Through<br>Entity<br>Number | Federal<br>CFDA<br>Number  | Passed<br>Through to<br>Subrecipients | Disbursements                         |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| United States Department of Agriculture  Passed through the Ohio Department of Education  |                                  |                            |                                       |                                       |
| Child Nutrition Cluster: School Breakfast Program 16-17 National School Lunch Program 16-17 Total Child Nutrition Cluster   | 3L70<br>3L60                     | 10.553<br>10.555           | \$ -<br>-<br>-                        | \$ 113,915<br>245,343<br>359,258      |
| Total United States Department of Agriculture   |                                  |                            |                                       | 359,258                               |
| United States Department of Education  Passed through the Ohio Department of Education  Special Education Cluster:  Special Education - Grants to States 16-17  Special Education - Grants to States 15-16  Special Education - Preschool Grants 16-17  Total Special Education Cluster | 3M20<br>3M20<br>3C50             | 84.027<br>84.027<br>84.173 | -<br>-<br>-<br>-                      | 168,704<br>28,261<br>3,275<br>200,240 |
| Title I, Part A Cluster: Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies 16-17 Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies 15-16 Total Title I, Part A Cluster  | 3M00<br>3M00                     | 84.010<br>84.010           |                                       | 238,828<br>32,284<br>271,112          |
| Teacher Incentive Fund Cluster: Teacher Incentive Fund 16-17 Total Teacher Incentive Fund Cluster   | 3CG0                             | 84.374                     |                                       | 13,004<br>13,004                      |
| Rural Education 16-17<br>Improving Teacher Quality State Grants 16-17<br>Improving Teacher Quality State Grants 15-16   | 3Y80<br>3Y60<br>3Y60             | 84.358<br>84.367<br>84.367 | -<br>-<br>-                           | 23,760<br>37,656<br>4,405             |
| Total United States Department of Education   |                                  |                            |                                       | 550,177                               |
| Total Federal Financial Assistance  |                                  |                            | \$ -                                  | \$ 909,435                            |

See Accompanying Notes to the Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards 2 CFR 200.510(b)(6) For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

#### NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the Georgetown Exempted Village School District (the District's) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2017. The information on this Schedule is prepared 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 District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the District.

#### NOTE B – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards,* wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be allowable or may be limited as to reimbursement. The District has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

#### NOTE C - CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER

The District commingles cash receipts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture with similar State grants. When reporting expenditures on this Schedule, the District assumes it expends federal monies first.

#### NOTE D - FOOD DONATION PROGRAM

The District reports commodities consumed on the Schedule at the fair value. The District allocated donated food commodities to the respective program that benefitted from the use of those donated food commodities.

#### NOTE E - TRANSFERS BETWEEN PROGRAM YEARS

Federal regulations require schools to obligate certain federal awards by June 30. However, with ODE's consent, schools can transfer unobligated amounts to the subsequent fiscal year's program. The District transferred the following amount from 2016 to 2017 programs:

| <u>CFDA</u>   |   |                   | <u>Transfers</u> | <u>Transfers</u> |
|---------------|---|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Number        | <b>Program Title</b>                      | <b>Grant Year</b> | <u>Out</u>       | <u>In</u>        |
| 84.027        | Special Education-Grants to States, 15-16 | 2016              | \$ 2,713         | \$ -             |
| 84.027        | Special Education-Grants to States, 16-17 | 2017              |                  | 2,713            |
| <b>Totals</b> |   |                   | \$ 2,713         | \$ 2,713         |
|               |   |                   |                  |                  |



# Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by Government Auditing Standards

Georgetown Exempted Village School District Brown County 1043 Mt. Orab Pike Georgetown, Ohio 45121

To the Members of the Board of Education:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Georgetown Exempted Village School District, Brown County, (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 11, 2017, wherein we noted the District uses a special purpose framework other than generally accepted accounting principles.

#### Internal Control over Financial Reporting

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinions on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the District's financial statements. 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 internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses. However, unidentified material weaknesses may exist.

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#### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2017-001.

#### Entity's Response to Findings

The District's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings. We did not audit the District's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

#### Purpose of this Report

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

BHM CPA Group, Inc. Piketon, Ohio

BHM CPA Group

December 11, 2017



# Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major Federal Program and on Internal Control over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

Georgetown Exempted Village School District Brown County 1043 Mt. Orab Pike Georgetown, Ohio 45121

Members of the Board of Education:

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

We have audited the Georgetown Exempted Village School District's (the District) compliance with the applicable requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could directly and materially affect each of the Georgetown Exempted Village School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2017. The *Summary of Auditor's Results* in the accompanying schedule of findings identifies the District's major federal programs.

#### Management's Responsibility

The District's Management is responsible for complying with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on the District's compliance for each of the District's major federal programs based on our audit of the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. Our compliance audit followed auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards for financial audits included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*; and the audit requirements to Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administration Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). These standards and the Uniform Guidance require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether noncompliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our compliance opinion on the District's major programs. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance.

Members of the Board of Education Georgetown Exempted Village School District Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major Federal Program and on Internal Control over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance Page 2

#### Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Georgetown Exempted Village School District complied, in all material respects with the compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2017.

#### Report on Internal Control over Compliance

The District's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our compliance audit, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with the applicable requirements that could directly and materially affect a major federal program, to determine our auditing procedures appropriate for opining on each major federal program's compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance.

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

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

This report only describes the scope of our internal control compliance tests and the results of this testing based on Uniform Guidance requirements. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

BHM CPA Group, Inc.

BHM CPA Group

Piketon, Ohio December 11, 2017

Schedule of Findings 2 CFR § 200.515 June 30, 2017

## 1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

| (d)(1)(i)    | Type of Financial Statement Opinion  | Unmodified                                  |
|--------------|--|---|
| (d)(1)(ii)   | Were there any material control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?                        | No  |
| (d)(1)(ii)   | Were there any other significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)? | No  |
| (d)(1)(iii)  | Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?                              | Yes   |
| (d)(1)(iv)   | Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?                             | No  |
| (d)(1)(iv)   | Were there any other significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?               | No  |
| (d)(1)(v)    | Type of Major Program's Compliance Opinion   | Unmodified                                  |
| (d)(1)(vi)   | Are there any reportable findings under 2CFR § 200.515(a)?   | No  |
| (d)(1)(vii)  | Major Programs (list):   | Nutrition Cluster Special Education Cluster |
| (d)(1)(viii) | Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs  | Type A: > \$750,000<br>Type B: all others   |
| (d)(1)(ix)   | Low Risk Auditee?  | No  |

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# 2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS

#### FINDING NUMBER 2017-001

#### **Material Noncompliance Citation**

**Ohio Revised Code § 117.38** provides that each public office shall file a financial report for each fiscal year. The Auditor of State may prescribe forms by rule or may issue guidelines, or both, for such reports. If the Auditor of State has not prescribed a rule regarding the form for the report, the public office shall submit its report on the form utilized by the public office. Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03 further clarifies the requirements of Ohio Revised Code § 117.38.

Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(B) requires the District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The District prepares its financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting in a report format similar to the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments. This presentation differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). There would be variances on the financial statements between this accounting practice and GAAP that, while presumably material, cannot be reasonably determined at this time. The District can be fined and various other administrative remedies may be taken against the District.

The District should take the necessary steps to ensure that the financial report is prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

*Client Response:* School District officials made the decision to prepare and present the financial statements using the OCBOA format as a means of saving time and money for the District.

#### 2. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None

Corrective Action Plan 2 CFR § 200.515 June 30, 2017

#### **Corrective Action Plan for Finding 2017-001:**

Finding Control Number: 2017-001

**Summary of Finding:** The Ohio Administrative Code requires the District to prepare its annual finical report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. However, the District prepares its financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting in a report format similar to the requirements of GASB State 34.

**Statement of Concurrence:** The District reluctantly eliminated the GAAP statements as part of a budget reduction in fiscal year 2009.

**Corrective Action:** The District reluctantly eliminated the GAAP statements as part of a budget reduction in fiscal year 2009

**Contact Person:** The official responsible for completing the corrective action is listed below:

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### Schedule of Prior Audit Findings June 30, 2017

| Finding<br>Number | Finding<br>Summary   | Fully<br>Corrected? | Not Corrected, Partially<br>Corrected;<br>Significantly Different<br>Corrective Action Taken; or<br>Finding No Longer Valid;<br>Explain: |
|-------------------|--|---------------------|--|
| 2016-001          | Material Non-Compliance: OAC 117-2-03(B) the District is required to file its annual financial report in accordance with GAAP. | No                  | Not Corrected. Reissued as finding 2017-001  |



#### **CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED JANUARY 30, 2018