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**LEIPSIC LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PUTNAM COUNTY  
JUNE 30, 2019 AND 2018**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Leipsic Local School District  
Putnam County  
232 Oak Street  
Leipsic, Ohio 45856-1312

To the Board of Education:

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

We have audited the accompanying cash-basis financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Leipsic Local School District, Putnam County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, 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 such 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.

**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, business-type activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Leipsic Local School District, Putnam County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2019 and 2018, and the respective changes in cash financial position and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund thereof for the years 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.

**Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 19 to the financial statements, the financial impact of the COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the District. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 30, 2020, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and 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 Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Keith Faber  
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

April 30, 2020

**Leipsic Local School District  
Putnam County**

**Statement of Net Position - Cash Basis  
June 30, 2019**

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>Assets</b>			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$7,917,529	\$50,003	\$7,967,532
<b>Net Position</b>			
Restricted for:			
Capital Projects	\$246,789		\$246,789
Debt Service	491,945		491,945
Other Purposes	270,309	\$50,003	320,312
Set Asides	17,563		17,563
Unrestricted	6,890,923		6,890,923
Total Net Position	\$7,917,529	\$50,003	\$7,967,532

*See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements*

**Leipsic Local School District  
Putnam County**

**Statement of Activities - Cash Basis  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019**

	Program Cash Receipts			Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Position		
	Cash Disbursements	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>Governmental Activities</b>						
Current:						
Instruction:						
Regular	\$3,805,465		\$404,343	(\$3,401,122)		(\$3,401,122)
Special	1,478,909		750,228	(728,681)		(728,681)
Vocational	362,076		72,816	(289,260)		(289,260)
Support Services:						
Pupil	146,785		3,600	(143,185)		(143,185)
Instructional Staff	193,744		8,000	(185,744)		(185,744)
Board of Education	16,399			(16,399)		(16,399)
Administration	599,822			(599,822)		(599,822)
Fiscal	267,448			(267,448)		(267,448)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	634,769		22,454	(612,315)		(612,315)
Pupil Transportation	407,456		164,121	(243,335)		(243,335)
Central Office	77,620			(77,620)		(77,620)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	113,197		93,061	(20,136)		(20,136)
Extracurricular Activities	347,475		230,967	(116,508)		(116,508)
Capital Outlay	343,373			(343,373)		(343,373)
Debt Service:						
Principal	200,000		127,509	(72,491)		(72,491)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	56,889			(56,889)		(56,889)
<b>Total Governmental Activities</b>	<b>9,051,427</b>		<b>1,877,099</b>	<b>(7,174,328)</b>		<b>(7,174,328)</b>
<b>Business-Type Activity</b>						
Food Service	379,255	\$146,023	194,683		(\$38,549)	(38,549)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,430,682</b>	<b>\$146,023</b>	<b>\$2,071,782</b>	<b>(7,174,328)</b>	<b>(38,549)</b>	<b>(7,212,877)</b>
<b>General Receipts</b>						
Property Taxes Levied for:						
General Purposes				2,279,962		2,279,962
Debt Service				130,139		130,139
Income Taxes Levied for:						
General Purposes				422,935		422,935
Capital Projects				211,151		211,151
Grants and Entitlements Not Restricted to Specific Purposes				4,189,038		4,189,038
Payments in Lieu of Taxes				152,483		152,483
Interest				23,043	30	23,073
Donations				43,860		43,860
Miscellaneous				15,044		15,044
Transfers				(32,781)	32,781	
<b>Total General Receipts and Transfers</b>				<b>7,434,874</b>	<b>32,811</b>	<b>7,467,685</b>
Change in Net Position				260,546	(5,738)	254,808
Net Position Beginning of Year				7,656,983	55,741	7,712,724
Net Position End of Year				<b>\$7,917,529</b>	<b>\$50,003</b>	<b>\$7,967,532</b>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Leipsic Local School District  
Putnam County**

**Statement of Assets and Fund Balances - Cash Basis  
Governmental Funds  
June 30, 2019**

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$6,461,800</u>	<u>\$1,455,729</u>	<u>\$7,917,529</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>			
Non-Spendable	\$5,933		\$5,933
Restricted for:			
Capital Projects		\$246,789	246,789
Set Asides	17,563		17,563
Debt Service		491,945	491,945
Other Purposes		170,328	170,328
Total Restricted	<u>17,563</u>	<u>909,062</u>	<u>926,625</u>
Committed for:			
Capital Projects		390,820	390,820
Education Foundation		155,847	155,847
Termination Benefits	425,297		425,297
Total Committed	<u>425,297</u>	<u>546,667</u>	<u>971,964</u>
Assigned for:			
Encumbrances	23,275		23,275
Subsequent Year Budget	496,436		496,436
Other Purposes	10,399		10,399
Total Assigned	<u>530,110</u>		<u>530,110</u>
Unassigned	<u>5,482,897</u>		<u>5,482,897</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$6,461,800</u>	<u>\$1,455,729</u>	<u>\$7,917,529</u>

*See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements*

**Leipsic Local School District  
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**Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances - Cash Basis  
Governmental Funds  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019**

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Receipts</b>			
Property Taxes	\$2,279,962	\$130,139	\$2,410,101
Income Taxes	422,935	211,151	634,086
Payment in Lieu of Taxes		152,483	152,483
Intergovernmental	4,885,231	622,648	5,507,879
Interest	22,380	2,044	24,424
Tuition and Fees	271,315		271,315
Extracurricular Activities	5,224	116,660	121,884
Donations		152,938	152,938
Miscellaneous	65,728	3,916	69,644
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>7,952,775</b>	<b>1,391,979</b>	<b>9,344,754</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular	3,751,968	53,497	3,805,465
Special	1,159,240	319,669	1,478,909
Vocational	358,441	3,635	362,076
Support Services:			
Pupil	143,185	3,600	146,785
Instructional Staff	181,817	11,927	193,744
Board of Education	16,399		16,399
Administration	599,822		599,822
Fiscal	253,680	13,768	267,448
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	584,650	50,119	634,769
Pupil Transportation	322,165	85,291	407,456
Central Office	77,620		77,620
Operation of Non-Instructional Services		113,197	113,197
Extracurricular Activities	202,491	144,984	347,475
Capital Outlay		343,373	343,373
Debt Service:			
Principal Retirement		200,000	200,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges		56,889	56,889
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>7,651,478</b>	<b>1,399,949</b>	<b>9,051,427</b>
<b>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</b>	<b>301,297</b>	<b>(7,970)</b>	<b>293,327</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>			
Advance In	335,745	172,947	508,692
Advance Out	(172,947)	(335,745)	(508,692)
Transfer In		140,671	140,671
Transfer Out	(42,156)	(131,296)	(173,452)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>120,642</b>	<b>(153,423)</b>	<b>(32,781)</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>421,939</b>	<b>(161,393)</b>	<b>260,546</b>
Fund Balances Beginning of Year	6,039,861	1,617,122	7,656,983
<b>Fund Balances End of Year</b>	<b>\$6,461,800</b>	<b>\$1,455,729</b>	<b>\$7,917,529</b>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Leipsic Local School District  
Putnam County**

**Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in  
Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - Budget Basis  
General Fund  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>Receipts</b>				
Property Taxes	\$2,238,010	\$2,279,962	\$2,279,962	
Income Taxes	386,171	422,935	422,935	
Intergovernmental	4,903,069	4,885,231	4,885,231	
Interest	4,800	13,758	22,380	\$8,622
Tuition and Fees	269,728	271,315	271,315	
Miscellaneous	48,305	65,228	65,228	
Total Receipts	7,850,083	7,938,429	7,947,051	8,622
<b>Disbursements</b>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	3,812,178	3,847,215	3,761,615	85,600
Special	1,159,493	1,137,456	1,159,371	(21,915)
Vocational	391,074	391,074	358,441	32,633
Support Services:				
Pupil	192,325	192,325	143,185	49,140
Instructional Staff	175,290	175,290	184,682	(9,392)
Board of Education	23,399	23,399	16,400	6,999
Administration	594,135	600,135	599,822	313
Fiscal	271,676	271,676	253,680	17,996
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	586,690	586,690	595,281	(8,591)
Pupil Transportation	319,204	319,204	322,165	(2,961)
Central Office	73,471	73,471	77,620	(4,149)
Extracurricular Activities	209,687	209,687	193,144	16,543
Total Disbursements	7,808,622	7,827,622	7,665,406	162,216
Excess of Receipts Over Disbursements	41,461	110,807	281,645	170,838
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Sale of Fixed Assets		500	500	
Advances In	364,794	335,745	335,745	
Advances Out	(190,000)	(190,000)	(172,947)	17,053
Transfer Out	(120,575)	(136,575)	(153,356)	(16,781)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	54,219	9,670	9,942	272
Net Change in Fund Balance	95,680	120,477	291,587	171,110
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	5,645,355	5,645,355	5,645,355	
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	65,888	65,888	65,888	
Fund Balance End of Year	\$5,806,923	\$5,831,720	\$6,002,830	\$171,110

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Leipsic Local School District  
Putnam County**

**Statement of Fund Net Position - Cash Basis  
Proprietary Fund  
June 30, 2019**

	<u>Food Service Fund</u>
<b>Assets</b>	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u><u>\$50,003</u></u>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Restricted for Food Service	<u><u>\$50,003</u></u>

*See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements*

**Leipsic Local School District  
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**Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Net Position - Cash Basis  
Proprietary Fund  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019**

	Food Service Fund
<b>Operating Receipts</b>	
Charges for Services	<u>\$146,023</u>
<b>Operating Disbursements</b>	
Personal Services	214,235
Materials and Supplies	165,020
Total Operating Disbursements	<u>379,255</u>
Operating Loss	<u>(233,232)</u>
<b>Non-Operating Receipts</b>	
Interest	30
Intergovernmental Revenue	194,683
Total Non-Operating Receipts	<u>194,713</u>
Loss before Transfers	(38,519)
Transfers In	<u>32,781</u>
Change in Net Position	(5,738)
Net Position Beginning of Year	55,741
Net Position End of Year	<u><u>\$50,003</u></u>

*See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements*

**Leipsic Local School District  
Putnam County**

**Statement of Fiduciary Net Position - Cash Basis  
Fiduciary Funds  
June 30, 2019**

	<u>Private Purpose Trust</u>	<u>Agency</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$132,776</u>	<u>\$33,258</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Due to Students		<u>\$33,258</u>
<b>Net Position</b>		
Restricted:		
Held in Trust for Scholarships	<u>\$132,776</u>	

*See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements*

**Leipsic Local School District  
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**Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position - Cash Basis  
Fiduciary Fund  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019**

	<u>Private Purpose Trust</u>
<b>Additions</b>	
Interest	<u>\$2,159</u>
<b>Deductions</b>	
Scholarship Payments	<u>6,000</u>
Change in Net Position	(3,841)
Net Position Beginning of Year	<u>136,617</u>
Net Position End of Year	<u><u>\$132,776</u></u>

*See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements*

**LEIPSIC LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PUTNAM COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

**1. Reporting Entity**

Leipsic Local School District (the District) is organized under Article VI, Section 2 and 3 of the Constitution of the State of Ohio. The District operates under a locally-elected Board form of government consisting of five members elected at-large for staggered four year terms. The District provides educational services as authorized by state and/or federal guidelines.

The District was established prior to 1912. The District serves an area approximately 54 square miles. It is located in Putnam County and includes the Villages of Bellmore, Leipsic, and West Leipsic, and portions of Blanchard, Ottawa, Liberty, Palmer and Van Buren Townships. The District is the 542<sup>nd</sup> largest in the State of Ohio (among 612 school districts) in terms of enrollment. The District is staffed by 33 classified employees, 51 certified teaching personnel, and 4 administrative employees who provide services to 656 students and other community members. The District currently operates one elementary, middle, and high school.

A reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units, and other organizations that are included to insure the financial statements are not misleading.

The District's reporting entity includes the following:

**Saint Mary's Catholic School** – Within the District's boundaries, Saint Mary's Catholic School is operated as a private school. Current State legislation provides funding to the parochial school. The monies are received and disbursed on behalf of the parochial school by the Treasurer of the District, as directed by the parochial school. The activity is reflected in a special revenue fund of the District.

**A. Primary Government**

The primary government of the District consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the District. For Leipsic Local School District, this includes general operations, food service, community services, and student related activities of the District.

**B. Component Units**

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

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019  
(Continued)**

**C. Jointly Governed Organizations and Public Entity-Risk Pools**

The District participates in two jointly governed organizations and three public entity risk pools. The financial statements exclude these entities which perform activities within the District's boundaries for the benefit of its residents because the District is not financially accountable for these entities nor are these entities fiscally dependent on the District. Notes 17 and 18 to the basic financial statements provide additional information for these entities. These organizations are:

Jointly Governed Organizations:

Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative  
State Support Team Region 1

Public Entity Risk Pools:

Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority  
Putnam County Schools Insurance Group  
Ohio SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program

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

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

As discussed further in Basis of Accounting section of this note, these financial statements are presented on a cash basis of accounting. This cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the cash basis of accounting. Following are the more significant of the District's accounting policies.

**A. Basis of Presentation**

The 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.

**1. Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. The statements distinguish between those activities of the District that are governmental in nature and those that are considered business-type activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental receipts or other non-exchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019  
(Continued)**

The statement of net position presents the cash balance of the governmental and business-type activities of the District at fiscal year-end. The statement of activities compares disbursements with program receipts for each function or program of the District's governmental and business-type 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 a cash basis or draws from the District's general receipts.

**2. Fund Financial Statements**

During the fiscal year, the District segregates transactions related to certain 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 District at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental and enterprise fund financial statements is on major funds. Fund statements present each major fund in a separate column and aggregate non-major funds in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.

Proprietary fund statements distinguish operating transactions from non-operating transactions. Operating receipts generally result from exchange transactions such as charges for services directly relating to the funds' principal services. Operating disbursements include costs of sales and services and administrative costs. The fund statements report all other receipts and disbursements as non-operating.

**B. Fund Accounting**

The 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. Funds are divided into three categories, governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary.

**1. Governmental Funds**

The District classifies funds financed primarily from taxes, intergovernmental receipts (e.g. grants), and other nonexchange transactions as governmental funds. The following is the District's major governmental fund:

**General Fund** – The General Fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The General Fund balance is available for any purpose provided it is disbursed or transferred according to Ohio law.

The other governmental funds of the District account for and report grants and other resources whose use is restricted, committed or assigned to a particular purpose.

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**2. Proprietary Funds**

The District classifies funds financed primarily from user charges for goods or services as proprietary. Proprietary funds are classified as either enterprise funds or internal service funds. The District has no internal service funds.

**Enterprise Fund** – Enterprise funds may be used to account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services. The Food Service Fund accounts for food service operations and operates similar to a business enterprise, where user charges (i.e. charges for services) provide significant resources for the activity.

**3. Fiduciary Funds**

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private purpose trust funds, and agency funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the District under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are not available to support the District's own programs. The District's private purpose trust fund accounts for college scholarships to students. Agency funds are custodial in nature. The District's agency funds account for various student-managed activities and Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) event activity.

**C. Basis of Accounting**

The District's financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting. Receipts are recorded in the District's financial records and reported in the financial statements when cash is received rather than when earned and disbursements are recorded when cash is paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Any such modifications made by the District are described in the appropriate section in this note.

As a result of the use of this cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (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.

**D. Cash and Investments**

To improve cash management, cash received by the District is pooled and invested. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through District records. Interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents".

Investments of the District's cash management pool and investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the District are presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months that were not purchased from the pool are reported as investments.

Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or negative receipts (contra revenue), respectively.

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During 2019, the District invested in nonnegotiable certificates of deposit. Investments are reported at cost.

The District allocates interest earnings according to State statute. Interest receipts credited to the General Fund during fiscal year 2019 was \$22,380, which includes \$3,767 assigned from other District funds.

**E. Inventory and Prepaid Items**

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

**F. Capital Assets**

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. The financial statements do not report these assets.

**G. Accumulated Leave**

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

**H. Long-Term Obligations**

The 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.

**I. Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans**

The District recognizes the disbursement for employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 9 and 10, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

**J. Net Position**

Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. Net position restricted for other purposes include resources restricted for capital projects, debt service, and state and federal grants.

The District's policy is to first apply restricted resources when a cash disbursement is made for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available. There are no amounts restricted by enabling legislation.

**K. Fund Balance**

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

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Nonspendable – The nonspendable fund balance classification 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. It also includes long-term amount of interfund loans.

Restricted – 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.

Committed – The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by a formal action (resolution) of the District Board of Education. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the 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.

Assigned – Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the 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. These amounts are assigned by the District’s Board of Education. In the General Fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by policies of the District Board of Education or a District official delegated by that authority by resolution or by State statute. State statute authorizes the District’s Treasurer to assign fund balances for purchases on order provided such amounts have been lawfully appropriated.

Unassigned – Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The District first applies restricted resources when an expenditure is 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 expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classification can be used.

**L. 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 are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The District does not have any restricted assets.

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**M. Internal Activity**

Transfers between governmental and business-type activities on the government-wide financial statements are reported in the same manner as general receipts.

Internal allocations of overhead expenses from one function to another or within the same function are eliminated on the Statement of Activities. Payments for interfund services provided and used are not eliminated.

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 and after nonoperating receipts/cash disbursements in proprietary funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular cash disbursements to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented in the financial statements.

**N. Budgetary Process**

Ohio law requires the Board of Education to budget and appropriate all funds, other than agency funds. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources and 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 amounts the Board of Education may appropriate.

The appropriation resolution is the Board's authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on cash disbursements plus encumbrances at a level of control the Board selects. The legal level of control has been established by the Board at the fund-object level for the General Fund, Bond Retirement Fund, and Permanent Improvement Fund, and the fund level for all other funds.

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 budget in the budgetary statement reflects the amounts on the certificate of estimated resources when original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budget 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.

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**O. Stabilization Agreement**

The Board of Education has \$391,279 set aside for budget stabilization. The Board has set aside these funds to cover emergency situations or when revenue shortages or budgetary imbalances arise. Of the \$391,279, only \$17,563 was required by state statute and is reported as restricted funds in the General Fund. For the remaining \$373,716, the Board may remove the budget stabilization arrangement at any time; therefore, the amount is reported as unassigned fund balance in the General Fund.

**P. Pensions/Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)**

For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB liability, information about the fiduciary net position of the pension/OPEB plans and additions to/deductions from their fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension/OPEB plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The pension/OPEB plans report investments at fair value.

**3. Accountability and Compliance**

**A. Changes in Accounting Principles**

For fiscal year 2019, the District has implemented GASB Statement No. 83, "Certain Asset Retirement Obligations" and GASB Statement No. 88, "Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, Including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements".

GASB Statement No. 83 addresses accounting and financial reporting for certain asset retirement obligations (AROs). An ARO is a legally enforceable liability associated with the retirement of a tangible capital asset. A government that has legal obligations to perform future asset retirement activities related to its tangible capital assets should recognize a liability. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 83 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

GASB Statement No. 88 improves the information that is disclosed in notes to the basic financial statements related to debt, including direct borrowings and direct placements. It also clarifies which liabilities governments should include when disclosing information related to debt. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 88 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

**B. Compliance**

Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(B), requires the District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. However, the 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 District can be fined and various other administrative remedies may be taken against the District.

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**4. Budgetary Basis of Accounting**

The budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on the 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 difference between the budgetary basis and the cash basis is (a) outstanding year-end encumbrances are treated as cash disbursements (budget basis) rather than as restricted, committed or assigned fund balance (cash basis) and (b) certain funds are included in the General Fund but have separate legally adopted budgets (budget basis).

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the cash basis statement to the budgetary basis statement for the General Fund:

Net Change in Fund Balance	
	General Fund
Cash Basis	\$421,939
Funds Budgeted Elsewhere **	(107,077)
Adjustment for Encumbrances	(23,275)
Budget Basis	\$291,587

\*\* As part of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, "Fund Balance Reporting", certain funds that are legally budgeted in separate special revenue funds are considered part of the General Fund on a cash basis. This includes the Public School Support Fund, Education Foundation Fund, and Termination Benefits Fund.

**5. Deposits and Investments**

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

Active monies are public monies determined to be necessary to meet current demands upon the District treasury. Active monies must be maintained either as cash in the 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.

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Protection of the District's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by the financial institution's participation in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution.

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

1. United States Treasury notes, bills, bonds, or 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 obligations or securities 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, and Government National Mortgage Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
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 two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio, and with certain limitations including a requirement for maturity within ten years from the date of settlement, bonds and other obligations of political subdivisions of the State of Ohio, if training requirements have been met;
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);
8. Certain bankers' acceptances (for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days) and commercial paper notes (for a period not to exceed two hundred seventy days) in an amount not to exceed 40 percent of the interim moneys available for investment at any one time if training requirements have been met.

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. Except as noted above, an investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the 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. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the Treasurer, or if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

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**Deposits**

At June 30, 2019, the carrying amount of all District deposits were \$8,133,566 and the bank balance was \$8,327,444. Of the District's bank balance, \$6,898,670 was covered by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), \$45,773 was covered by pledged collateral, and \$1,383,001 was covered by pooled collateral through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS). Although all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with Federal requirements could potentially subject the District to a successful claim by the FDIC.

**Investments**

As of June 30, 2019, the District had no investments.

**6. Property Taxes**

Property taxes are levied and assessed on a calendar year basis, while the District's fiscal year runs from July through June. First half tax distributions are received by the 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 and public utility property located in the District. Real property tax revenue received in calendar year 2019 represents collections of calendar year 2018 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2019 were levied after April 1, 2018, on the assessed value listed as of January 1, 2018, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State law at 35 percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax revenue received in calendar year 2019 represents collections of calendar year 2018 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2019 became a lien on December 31, 2017, were levied after April 1, 2018, 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.

The Putnam County Treasurer collects property taxes on behalf of the District. The Putnam County Auditor periodically advances to the District its portion of the taxes collected. Second half real property tax payments collected by the County by June 30, 2019, are available to finance fiscal year 2020 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

The assessed values of real and tangible personal property on which the fiscal year 2019 taxes were collected were as follows:

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	<u>2018 Second- Half Collections</u>		<u>2019 First- Half Collections</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Commercial/Industrial	\$77,441,340	78.11%	\$77,513,890	77.84%
Residential/Agricultural	13,607,320	13.72%	13,977,450	14.03%
Public Utility	8,096,540	8.17%	8,094,960	8.13%
Total Assessed Value	<u>\$99,145,200</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$99,586,300</u>	<u>100%</u>
Full tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$33.45		\$33.45	

The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2019 was \$204,197 in the General Fund and \$9,918 in the Bond Retirement Fund.

**7. School District Income Tax**

The District levies a voted tax of .50 percent for general operations and .25 percent for permanent improvements on the income of residents and of estates. The .50 percent tax was effective January 1, 1992, with the .25 percent effective January 1, 1997, both are a continuing tax. Employers of residents are required to withhold income tax on compensation and remit the tax to the State. Taxpayers are required to file an annual return. The State makes quarterly distributions to the District after withholding amounts for administrative fees and estimated refunds. Income tax receipts are credited to the General Fund and Permanent Improvement Fund and totaled \$422,935 and \$211,151, respectively, for fiscal year 2019.

**8. Risk Management**

**A. Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority**

The 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 2019, the District contracted with the Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority (SORSA), a group insurance purchasing pool.

SORSA covers the following risks:

- General Liability
- Automobile Liability
- Educators' Legal Liability
- Automobile Physical Damage
- Property
- Crime

The District contributes to the funding, operating and maintaining of the SORSA joint self-insurance pool. The District's contributions cover deductible losses, loss fund contributions, insurance costs, and administration costs. SORSA assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the District's policy.

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.

See Note 18 A for additional information regarding this group insurance purchasing pool.

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**B. Putnam County Schools Insurance Group**

The District participates as a member of the Putnam County School Insurance Group, a public entity risk pool, administered by Huntington Trust (see Note 18 B). The District converted its fully-insured medical insurance program to partial self-insurance through participation in this public entity risk pool. Medical Mutual of Ohio provides claim review and processing. The District maintains stop-loss coverage for its medical insurance program. Aggregate stop loss is maintained for expected claims.

Post-employment health care is provided to plan participants or their beneficiaries through the respective retirement systems discussed in Note 10. As such, no funding provisions are required by the District.

**C. Ohio SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program**

For fiscal year 2019, the District participated in the Ohio SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (the Plan), an insurance purchasing pool established through the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) (see Note 18 C). The intent of the Plan is to achieve a reduced premium for the District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the Plan. The workers' compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the Plan. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the Plan rather than its individual rate. Total savings are then calculated and each participant's individual performance is compared to the overall Plan's savings percentage. A participant then either receives money from or contributes to the Plan's "equity pooling fund". This "equity pooling" arrangement insures that each participant shares equally in the overall performance of the GRP. Participation in the Plan is limited to school districts that can meet the Plan's selection criteria. The firm of CompManagement, Inc. provides administrative, cost control, and actuarial services to the Plan.

**9. Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

The Statewide retirement systems provide both pension benefits and other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

**Net Pension Liability/Net OPEB Liability**

Pensions and OPEB are a component of exchange transactions – between an employer and its employees – of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions/OPEB 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/OPEB liability (asset) represents the District's proportionate share of each pension/OPEB plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension/OPEB plan's fiduciary net position. The net pension/OPEB liability (asset) 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.

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

GASB 68/75 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 pension contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes pension costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits. In addition, health care plan enrollees pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a month premium. State statute requires the retirement systems to amortize unfunded pension liabilities within 30 years. If the amortization period exceeds 30 years, each retirement system's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension/OPEB liability (asset). Resulting adjustments to the net pension/OPEB liability (asset) would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require, the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients.

**Plan Description – School Employees Retirement System (SERS)**

Plan Description – 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 [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

	Eligible to Retire on or before August 1, 2017 *	Eligible to Retire on or after August 1, 2017
Full Benefits	Any age with 30 years of service credit	Age 67 with 10 years of service credit; or Age 57 with 30 years of service credit
Actuarially Reduced Benefits	Age 60 with 5 years of service credit Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age 62 with 10 years of service credit; or Age 60 with 25 years of service credit

\* 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 years 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.

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An individual whose benefit effective date is before April 1, 2018, is eligible for a cost of living adjustment (COLA) on the first anniversary date of the benefit. Beginning April 1, 2018, new benefit recipients must wait until the fourth anniversary of their benefit for COLA eligibility. The COLA is added each year to the base benefit amount on the anniversary date of the benefit. A three-year COLA suspension is in effect for all benefit recipients for the years 2018, 2019, and 2020. Upon resumption of the COLA, it will be indexed to the percentage increase in the CPI-W, not to exceed 2.5 percent and with a floor of 0 percent.

Funding Policy – Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the 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, 2019, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 13.5 percent. The remaining .5 percent was allocated to the Health Care Fund.

The District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$117,340 for fiscal year 2019.

**Plan Description – State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)**

Plan Description – District licensed teachers and other faculty members 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 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS website at [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org).

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 is 2.2 percent of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. In April 2017, the Retirement Board made the decision to reduce COLA granted on or after July 1, 2017, to 0 percent to preserve the fiscal integrity of the retirement system. Benefit recipients' base benefit and past cost-of-living increases are not affected by this change. Members are eligible to retire at age 60 with five years of qualifying service credit, or age 55 with 27 years of service, or 30 years of service regardless of age. Eligibility changes will be phased in until August 1, 2016, when retirement eligibility for unreduced benefits will be five years of service credit and age 65 or 35 years of service credit and at least age 60.

The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and 9.53 percent of the 14 percent employer contributions into an investment account. Investment allocation decisions are determined by the member. The remaining 4.47 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.

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The Combined Plan offers features of the DB Plan and the DC Plan. In the Combined Plan, 12 percent of the 14 percent member rate goes to the DC plan and the remaining 2 percent goes 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 a 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 service. 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 or later.

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 the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, the employer rate was 14 percent and the plan members were also required to contribute 14 percent of covered payroll. For fiscal year 2019, the contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates and the full employer contribution was allocated to pension.

The District's contractually required contributions to STRS were \$463,369 for fiscal year 2019.

**Net Pension Liability**

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2018, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the 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:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the net pension liability prior measurement date	0.02392610%	0.02740722%	
Proportion of the net pension liability current measurement date	<u>0.02441450%</u>	<u>0.02834841%</u>	
Change in proportionate share	<u>0.00048840%</u>	<u>0.00094119%</u>	
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$1,398,264	\$6,233,179	\$7,631,443

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**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, 2018, are presented below:

Inflation	3.00 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.50 percent to 18.20 percent
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	2.5 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.50 percent net of investments expense, including inflation
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry age normal (level percent of payroll)

Mortality rates were based on RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age set-back for both males and females. Mortality amount service retired members, and beneficiaries were based upon the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and Scale BB, 120 percent of male rates, and 110 percent of female rates. Mortality among disabled members were based upon the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, 90 percent for male rates and 100 percent for female rates, set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five year period ended June 30, 2015.

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 an arithmetic 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.

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

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Cash	1.00 %	0.50 %
US Stocks	22.50	4.75
International Stocks	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	 <u>100.00 %</u>	

**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 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.

	<u>1% Decrease 6.50%</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate 7.50%</u>	<u>1% Increase 8.50%</u>
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$1,969,560	\$1,398,264	\$919,270

**Actuarial Assumptions – STRS**

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results used in the July 1, 2018, actuarial valuation, are presented below:

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Inflation	2.50 percent
Projected Salary Increases	12.50 percent at age 20 to 2.50 percent at age 65
Investment Rate of Return	7.45 percent net of investments expense, including inflation
Discount Rate of Return	7.45 percent
Payroll Increases	3 percent
Cost-of-living adjustments (COLA)	0.0 percent, effective July 1, 2017

Post-retirement mortality rates for healthy retirees are based on the RP-2014 Annuitant Mortality Table with 50 percent rates through age 69, 70 percent of rates between ages 70 and 79, 90 percent of rates between ages 80 and 84, and 100 percent of rates thereafter, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. Post-retirement disabled mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Table with 90 percent of rates for males and 100 percent of rates for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Employee Mortality Table, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016.

Actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2018, valuations are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016.

STRS' 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:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return *</u>
Domestic Equity	28.00 %	7.35 %
International Equity	23.00	7.55
Alternatives	17.00	7.09
Fixed Income	21.00	3.00
Real Estate	10.00	6.00
Liquidity Reserves	<u>1.00</u>	2.25
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

\*10-year annualized geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.25 percent and does not include investment expenses. Over a 30-year period, STRS' investment consultant indicates that the above target allocations should generate a return above the actuarial rate of rate, without net value added by management.

**Discount Rate** – The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.45 percent as of June 30, 2018. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that 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. 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, 2018. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.45 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payment to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2018.

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***Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate*** – The following table presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.45 percent, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.45 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (8.45 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.45%)	Current Discount Rate (7.45%)	1% Increase (8.45%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$9,102,737	\$6,233,179	\$3,804,487

**Social Security System**

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the School Employees Retirement System or the State Teachers Retirement System have an option to choose Social Security or the School Retirement System. As of June 30, 2019, two Board of Education members had elected Social Security. The contribution rate is 6.2 percent of wages.

**10. Defined Benefit OPEB Plans**

See Note 9 for a description of the net OPEB liability.

***Plan Description – School Employees Retirement System (SERS)***

**Health Care Plan Description** – The District contributes to the SERS Health Care Fund, administered by SERS for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries. For GASB 75 purposes, this plan is considered a cost-sharing other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan. SERS' Health Care Plan provides healthcare benefits to eligible individuals receiving retirement, disability, and survivor benefits, and to their eligible dependents. Members who retire after June 1, 1986, need 10 years of service credit, exclusive of most types of purchased credit, to qualify to participate in SERS' health care coverage. In addition to age and service retirees, disability benefit recipients and beneficiaries who are receiving monthly benefits due to the death of a member or retiree, are eligible for SERS' health care coverage. Most retirees and dependents choosing SERS' health care coverage are over the age of 65 and therefore enrolled in a fully insured Medicare Advantage plan; however, SERS maintains a traditional, self-insured preferred provider organization for its non-Medicare retiree population. For both groups, SERS offers a self-insured prescription drug program. Health care is a benefit that is permitted, not mandated, by statute. The financial report of the Plan is included in the SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be obtained on SERS' website at [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

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. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. The SERS Retirement Board established the rules for the premiums paid by the retirees for health care coverage for themselves and their dependents or for their surviving beneficiaries. Premiums vary depending on the plan selected, qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

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Funding Policy – State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required pensions and benefits, the Retirement Board may allocate the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund in accordance with the funding policy. For fiscal year 2019, .5 percent of covered payroll was made to health care. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated if less than a full year of service credit was earned. For fiscal year 2019, this amount was \$21,600. 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. For fiscal year 2019, the District’s surcharge obligation was \$13,751.

The surcharge, added to the allocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. The District’s contractually required contribution to SERS was \$18,097 for fiscal year 2019.

***Plan Description – State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)***

Plan Description – The State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS) administers a cost-sharing Health Plan administered for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS. Ohio law authorizes STRS to offer this plan. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians’ fees, prescription drugs and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. Medicare Part B premium reimbursements will be discontinued effective January 1, 2020. The Plan is included in the report of STRS which can be obtained by visiting [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org) or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy – Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307 authorizes STRS to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. Nearly all health care plan enrollees, for the most recent year, pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care.

***Net OPEB Liability (Asset)***

The net OPEB liability (asset) was measured as of June 30, 2018, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability (asset) was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District’s proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset) was based on the District’s share of contributions to the respective retirement systems relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the net OPEB liability prior measurement date	0.02427990%	0.02740722%	
Proportion of the net OPEB liability current measurement date	<u>0.02484280%</u>	<u>0.02834841%</u>	
Change in proportionate share	<u>0.00056290%</u>	<u>0.00094119%</u>	
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability / (asset)	\$689,206	(\$455,530)	\$233,676

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***Actuarial Assumptions – SERS***

The total OPEB liability is determined by SERS' actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 74, as part of their annual actuarial valuation for each 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 terminations). 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 OPEB liability in the latest actuarial valuation date of June 30, 2018, are presented below:

Inflation	3.00 percent
Wage Increases	3.50 percent to 18.20 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.50 percent net of investments expense, including inflation
Municipal Bond Index Rate:	
Measurement Date	3.62 percent
Prior Measurement Date	3.56 percent
Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation	
Measurement Date	3.70 percent
Prior Measurement Date	3.63 percent
Medical Trend Assumption	
Medicare	5.375 to 4.75 percent
Pre-Medicare	7.25 to 4.75 percent

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and Scale BB, 120 percent of male rates and 110 percent of female rates. RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table with 90 percent for male rates and 100 percent for female rates set back five years.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five year period ended June 30, 2015.

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The long-term expected rate of return on plan assets is reviewed as part of the actuarial five-year experience study. The most recent study covers fiscal years 2010 through 2015, and was adopted by the Board on April 21, 2016. Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return were developed by the investment consultant for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return, 7.50 percent, by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and then adding expected inflation. The capital market assumptions developed by the investment consultant are intended for use over a 10-year horizon and may not be useful in setting the long-term rate of return for funding pension plans which covers a longer timeframe. The assumption is intended to be a long-term assumption and is not expected to change absent a significant change in the asset allocation, a change in the inflation assumption, or a fundamental change in the market that alters expected returns in future years.

The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class, as used in the June 30, 2015 five-year experience study, are summarized as follows:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Cash	1.00 %	0.50 %
US Stocks	22.50	4.75
Non-US Stocks	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 %	

**Discount Rate** – The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2018 was 3.70 percent. The discount rate used to measure total OPEB liability prior to June 30, 2018 was 3.63 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions will be made from members and the System at the state statute contribution rate of 2.00 percent of projected covered employee payroll each year, which includes a 1.50 percent payroll surcharge and 0.50 percent of contributions from the basic benefits plan. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to become insufficient to make future benefit payments during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan assets was used to present value the projected benefit payments through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and the Fidelity General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index rate of 3.62 percent, as of June 30, 2018 (i.e. municipal bond rate), was used to present value the projected benefit payments for the remaining years in the projection. The total present value of projected benefit payments from all years was then used to determine the single rate of return that was used as the discount rate. The projection of future benefit payments for all current plan members was until the benefit payments ran out.

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***Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate and Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rates*** – The net OPEB liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate and the health care cost trend rate. The following table presents the net OPEB liability of SERS, what SERS' net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (2.70 percent) and higher (4.70 percent) than the current discount rate (3.70 percent). Also shown is what SERS' net OPEB liability would be based on health care cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower (6.25 percent decreasing to 3.75 percent) and higher (8.25 percent decreasing to 5.75 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (2.70%)	Current Discount Rate (3.70%)	1% Increase (4.70%)
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$836,298	\$689,206	\$572,738
	1% Decrease (6.25 % decreasing to 3.75%)	Current Trend Rate (7.25 % decreasing to 4.75%)	1% Increase (8.25 % decreasing to 5.75%)
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$556,063	\$689,206	\$865,512

***Actuarial Assumptions – STRS***

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results used in the June 30, 2018, actuarial valuation are presented below:

Projected salary increases	12.50 percent at age 20 to 2.50 percent at age 65
Investment Rate of Return	7.45 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Payroll Increases	3 percent
Discount Rate of Return	7.45 percent
Health Care Cost Trends	
Medical	
Pre-Medicare	6 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
Medicare	5 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
Prescription Drug	
Pre-Medicare	8 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
Medicare	-5.23 initial, 4 percent ultimate

Projections of benefits include the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and retired plan members.

For healthy retirees the mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Annuitant Mortality Table with 50 percent of rates through age 69, 70 percent of rates between ages 70 and 79, 90 percent of rates between ages 80 and 84, and 100 percent of rates thereafter, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. For disabled retirees, mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Table with 90 percent of rates for males and 100 percent of rates for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016.

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Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2018, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016.

Since the Prior Measurement Date, the discount rate was increased from the blended rate of 4.13 percent to the long-term expected rate of return of 7.45 percent based on the methodology defined under GASB Statement No. 74, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans (OPEB)*. Valuation year per capita health care costs were updated.

Also since the prior measurement date, the subsidy multiplier for non-Medicare benefit recipients was increased from 1.9 percent to 1.944 percent per year of service effective January 1, 2019. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2019 and all remaining Medicare Part B premium reimbursements were scheduled to be discontinued beginning January 1, 2020. However, in June of 2019, the STRS Board voted to extend the current Medicare Part B partial reimbursement for one year.

STRS' 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:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return *</u>
Domestic Equity	28.00 %	7.35 %
International Equity	23.00	7.55
Alternatives	17.00	7.09
Fixed Income	21.00	3.00
Real Estate	10.00	6.00
Liquidity Reserves	1.00	2.25
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

\*10 year geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.25 percent and does not include investment expenses. Over a 30-year period, STRS' investment consultant indicates that the above target allocations should generate a return above the actuarial rate of return, without net value added by management.

**Discount Rate** – The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 7.45 percent as of June 30, 2018. The blended discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 4.13 percent as of June 30, 2017. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes STRS Ohio continues to allocate no employer contributions to the health care fund. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on health care plan investments of 7.45 percent was used to measure the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2018. The blended discount rate of 4.13 percent, which represents the long-term expected rate of return of 7.45 percent for the funded benefit payments and the Bond Buyer 20-year municipal bond rate of 3.58 percent for the unfunded benefit payments, was used to measure the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2017.

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***Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Asset to Changes in the Discount and Health Care Cost Trend Rate*** – The following table represents the net OPEB asset as of June 30, 2018, calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.45 percent, as well as what the net OPEB asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.45 percent) or one percentage point higher (8.45 percent) than the current assumption. Also shown is the net OPEB asset as if it were calculated using health care cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current health care cost trend rates.

	1% Decrease (6.45%)	Current Discount Rate (7.45%)	1% Increase (8.45%)
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	(\$390,432)	(\$455,530)	(\$510,242)

  

	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	(\$507,153)	(\$455,530)	(\$403,102)

**11. Debt**

The changes in the District's debt obligations during fiscal year 2019 consist of the following:

	Principal Outstanding 06/30/18	Reductions	Principal Outstanding 06/30/19	Amount Due in One Year
<u>Governmental Activities</u>				
General Obligation Bonds:				
Series 2012 Advance				
Refunding Bonds	\$ 2,305,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 2,105,000	\$ 205,000

During fiscal year 2013, the District issued general obligation bonds in the amount of \$3,370,000 to advance refund a portion of the District's outstanding general obligation Series 2004 bonds dated March 14, 2004, which were issued for the purpose of renovating and otherwise improving school facilities. The refunding bonds bear an interest rate of 2.58 percent and will mature in December 2027. Interest payments on the bonds are due on June 1 and December 1 of each year until the final stated maturity. The bonds are being retired with a voted property tax levy from the Bond Retirement Fund. This refunding was undertaken to reduce debt service interest payments and resulted in an economic gain of \$624,583.

The portion of the bonds maturing on December 1, 2023 is subject to redemption at the option of the District, either whole or in part, in such order of maturity as the District shall determine, on any interest payment date on or after December 1, 2023, at a redemption price equal to 100 percent of the principal amount redeemed plus, in each case, accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

The bonds are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at a redemption price of 100 percent of the principal amount to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption, on December 1 of each year through the final stated maturity on December 1, 2017.

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Principal and interest requirements to retire long-term liabilities outstanding at June 30, 2019 are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Series 2012 Advance Refunding Bonds		
	Principal Due	Interest Due	Total Due
2020	\$205,000	\$51,665	\$256,665
2021	215,000	46,247	261,247
2022	220,000	40,635	260,635
2023	230,000	34,830	264,830
2024	235,000	28,832	263,832
2025-2028	1,000,000	51,729	1,051,729
Total	\$2,105,000	\$253,938	\$2,358,938

**12. Set-Aside Requirements**

The 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.

In prior years, the District was also required to set aside money for budget stabilization. For fiscal year 2019, only the unspent portion of prior year bureau of workers compensation refunds is shown as a set-aside at year end.

The following cash basis information describes the changes in fiscal year-end set-aside amounts for capital improvements and budget stabilization. Disclosure of this information is required by State statute.

	Capital Improvements	Budget Stabilization
Set-aside Balance June 30, 2018		\$17,563
Current Year Set-Aside Requirement	\$111,732	
Current year offsets	(\$111,732)	
Set-aside balance June 30, 2019		\$17,563

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**13. Interfund Advances and Interfund Balances**

**A. Interfund Advances**

During fiscal year 2019, the following advances were made:

<u>Advances from the General Fund:</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Advances to the General Fund:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
To Fund:		From Fund:	
Other Governmental Funds:		Other Governmental Funds:	
Auxiliary Services Grant Fund	\$293	Permanent Improvement Fund	\$150,000
Vo-Ag 5th Quarter Grant Fund	3,635	Edwards Foundation Fund	21,405
Title I Grant Fund	120,118	Auxiliary Services Grant Fund	293
Title II-A Grant Fund	25,405	Vo-Ag 5th Quarter Grant Fund	4,345
Miscellaneous Federal Grants Fund	23,496	Title I Grant Fund	112,116
		Title II-A Grant Fund	24,516
		Miscellaneous Federal Grants Fund	23,070
Total	<u>\$172,947</u>	Total	<u>\$335,745</u>

The primary purpose of the advances is to cover costs in specific funds where receipts were not received by June 30. Advances into the General Fund in the amount of \$150,000, \$21,405, and \$4,345 were repayments of prior year advances from the Permanent Improvement Fund, Edwards Foundation Fund, and Vo-Ag 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter Grant Fund, respectively. The remaining advances will be repaid once the anticipated receipts are received.

**B. Interfund Balances**

At June 30, 2019, the District had the following inter-fund advances outstanding from the General Fund:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Outstanding Advances</u>
Permanent Improvement Fund	\$210,000
Edwards Foundation Fund	119,044
Vo-Ag 5th Quarter Grant Fund	3,635
Title I Grant Fund	8,002
Title II-A Grant Fund	889
Miscellaneous Federal Grants Fund	426
Set-aside balance June 30, 2018	<u>\$341,996</u>

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**14. Interfund Transfers**

During fiscal year 2019, the following interfund transfers were made:

Transfers To:	Transfers From:		Total
	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	
Other Governmental Funds:			
Permanent Improvement Fund		\$100,000	\$100,000
Various Scholarships/Memorial/Amenities Fund	\$9,375		9,375
Classroom Facilities Maintenance Fund		31,296	31,296
Proprietary Fund:			
Food Service Fund	32,781		32,781
Total Transfers			\$173,452

The above mentioned transfers were used to move receipts from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them; and to use unrestricted receipts collected in the General Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

Interfund transfers between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements. Interfund transfers between governmental and business-type activities on the government-wide financial statements are reported in the same manner as general receipts.

**15. Tax Increment Financing and Tax Abatements Entered into by Other Governments**

**A. Tax Increment Financing**

Putnam County along with Van Buren Township and the Village of Leipsic entered into Tax Increment Financing (TIF's) for public road improvements and water facility improvements with various companies. Annual payment in lieu of taxes are made to the County by the companies for distribution to the Township and Village. The agreements affect the property tax receipts collected and distributed to the District. Under the agreements, the District received \$152,483 in payment in lieu of taxes during fiscal year 2019.

**B. Tax Abatements**

Other governments entered into property tax abatement agreements with property owners under Enterprise Zone Agreements (EZAs) and the Ohio Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) program with the taxing districts of the District. The EZAs and CRA program are directive incentive tax exemption programs benefiting property owners who renovate or construct new buildings. Under these programs, the other governments designated areas to encourage revitalization of the existing housing stock and the development of new structures. Under these agreements, the District's property taxes were reduced by \$724,384. The District is not receiving any amounts from these other governments in association with the forgone property tax revenue.

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**16. Contingencies**

**A. Grants**

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the District are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. Grantors may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

**B. Litigation**

The District is not a party to any legal proceedings.

**C. School Foundation**

District Foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of each student. The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is legislatively required to adjust/reconcile funding as enrollment information is updated by schools throughout the State, which can extend past the fiscal year-end. As of the date of this report, FTE Statement No. 2 was made on December 13, 2019 and resulted in the District being owed \$11,121 from ODE. This amount is not recorded on the financial statements.

**17. Jointly Governed Organizations**

**A. Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative**

The District is a participant in the Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative (NOACSC), which is a computer consortium. NOACSC is an association of educational entities within the boundaries of Allen, Auglaize, Hancock, Hardin, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Seneca, Van Wert and Wyandot Counties, and the cities of St. Mary's and Wapakoneta. 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 educational entities. The governing board of NOACSC consists of two representatives from each county elected by majority vote of all charter member educational entities within each county. During fiscal year 2019, the District paid \$29,496 to NOACSC for various services. Financial information can be obtained from Ray Burden, Executive Director of Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative, 4277 East Road, Elida, Ohio 45807.

**B. State Support Team Region 1**

The State Support Region 1 (SSTR1) provides specialized core work related to building regional capacity for district, building, and community school implementation of the Ohio Improvement Process (OIP) at a high level. The service region of the SSTR1 includes Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, and Wood Counties. The fiscal agent for the SSTR1 is the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West. Executive Director and Single Point of Contact is Lynn McKahan. Contact information is available at [www.sstr1.org](http://www.sstr1.org).

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**18. Public Entity Risk Pools**

**A. Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority**

The District participates as a member of the Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority (SORSA), which was established in 2002 pursuant to Articles of Incorporation filed under Chapter 1702 of the Ohio Revised Code. SORSA is a non-profit, member owned consortium, providing property, bus fleet and educator liability insurance for public schools in Ohio. SORSA serves 106 members across Ohio. The District paid \$43,902 in premiums for services during fiscal year 2018.

SORSA is governed by a nine member Board of Directors, comprised of superintendents, treasurers, and business managers from participating member districts, and is managed by several separate organizations whereby each provides certain administrative, executive, accounting or other services to SORSA. SORSA employs a full-time Executive Director, Risk Control Manager, Claims Loss Manager, and a Program Manager. Claims are handled in-house by Claims Loss Manager, Greg Gilliam. Additional information can be obtained from SORSA at 555 Metro Place North, Suite 645, Dublin, Ohio 43017 or by calling 866-767-7299.

See Note 8 for a listing of the types of coverage provided to the District through SORSA for fiscal year 2019.

**B. Putnam County Schools Insurance Group**

The Putnam County School Insurance Group (the Group), a public entity risk pool, administered by Huntington Trust, is a public entity shared risk pool consisting of eleven school districts, including the Putnam County Educational Service Center, and the Putnam County Board of DD. The Group is a not-for-profit insurance group and provides medical, prescription drug, and optional dental insurance benefits, to the employees of the participants. Each participant's superintendent is appointed to the Board of Trustees which advises the consultant, Huntington Insurance, concerning aspects of the administration of the Group.

Each school district in the Group (other than the Putnam County Board of DD) must collectively bargain benefit levels with its respective employee unions. Financial information can be obtained from Jan Osborne, Superintendent, Putnam County ESC, 124 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa, Ohio 45875.

**C. Ohio SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan**

The District participates in a group rating plan for workers' compensation as established under Section 4123.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. The CompManagement Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan was established as an insurance purchasing pool through the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) and Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO).

The Plan's business and affairs are conducted by its Board of Directors and the Plan is administered by its third party administrator, CompManagement, Inc. Each year participants pay an enrollment fee to the Plan to cover costs of administering the program. During fiscal year 2019, the District paid \$590 to CompManagement for annual enrollment into the program.

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**19. Subsequent Events**

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the District. The investments of the pension and other employee benefit plan in which the District participates have incurred a significant decline in fair value, consistent with the general decline in financial markets. However, because the values of individual investments fluctuate with market conditions, and due to market volatility, the amount of losses that will be recognized in subsequent periods, if any, cannot be determined. In addition, the impact on the District's future operating costs, revenues, and any recovery from emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.

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**Statement of Net Position - Cash Basis  
June 30, 2018**

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>Assets</b>			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$7,656,983	\$55,741	\$7,712,724
<b>Net Position</b>			
Restricted for:			
Capital Projects	\$515,259		\$515,259
Debt Service	494,527		494,527
Other Purposes	195,554	\$55,741	251,295
Set Asides	17,563		17,563
Unrestricted	6,434,080		6,434,080
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$7,656,983</b>	<b>\$55,741</b>	<b>\$7,712,724</b>

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**Statement of Activities - Cash Basis  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018**

	Program Cash Receipts			Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Position		
	Cash Disbursements	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>Governmental Activities</b>						
Current:						
Instruction:						
Regular	\$3,803,777		\$322,877	(\$3,480,900)		(\$3,480,900)
Special	1,436,914		755,285	(681,629)		(681,629)
Vocational	355,050		61,549	(293,501)		(293,501)
Support Services:						
Pupil	141,504		3,600	(137,904)		(137,904)
Instructional Staff	210,042		29,003	(181,039)		(181,039)
Board of Education	17,973			(17,973)		(17,973)
Administration	597,406			(597,406)		(597,406)
Fiscal	268,135			(268,135)		(268,135)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	656,245		42,949	(613,296)		(613,296)
Pupil Transportation	399,944		148,075	(251,869)		(251,869)
Central Office	72,609			(72,609)		(72,609)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	84,799		86,588	1,789		1,789
Extracurricular Activities	318,292		121,064	(197,228)		(197,228)
Capital Outlay	354,556		16,614	(337,942)		(337,942)
Debt Service:						
Principal	260,000		134,591	(125,409)		(125,409)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	62,823			(62,823)		(62,823)
<b>Total Governmental Activities</b>	<b>9,040,069</b>		<b>1,722,195</b>	<b>(7,317,874)</b>		<b>(7,317,874)</b>
<b>Business-Type Activity</b>						
Food Service	361,449	\$150,633	208,868		(\$1,948)	(1,948)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,401,518</b>	<b>\$150,633</b>	<b>\$1,931,063</b>	<b>(7,317,874)</b>	<b>(1,948)</b>	<b>(7,319,822)</b>
<b>General Receipts</b>						
Property Taxes Levied for:						
General Purposes				2,252,413		2,252,413
Debt Service				192,778		192,778
Income Taxes Levied for:						
General Purposes				382,347		382,347
Capital Projects				190,887		190,887
Grants and Entitlements Not Restricted to Specific Purposes				4,206,392		4,206,392
Payments in Lieu of Taxes				143,416		143,416
Interest				5,544	12	5,556
Donations				43,350		43,350
Miscellaneous				29,210	191	29,401
<b>Total General Receipts</b>				<b>7,446,337</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>7,446,540</b>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>				<b>128,463</b>	<b>(1,745)</b>	<b>126,718</b>
<b>Net Position Beginning of Year</b>				<b>7,528,520</b>	<b>57,486</b>	<b>7,586,006</b>
<b>Net Position End of Year</b>				<b>\$7,656,983</b>	<b>\$55,741</b>	<b>\$7,712,724</b>

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**Statement of Assets and Fund Balances - Cash Basis  
Governmental Funds  
June 30, 2018**

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$6,039,861	\$1,617,122	\$7,656,983
<b>Fund Balances</b>			
Non-Spendable	\$5,745		\$5,745
Restricted for:			
Capital Projects		\$515,259	515,259
Set Asides	17,563		17,563
Debt Service		494,527	494,527
Other Purposes		189,809	189,809
Total Restricted	17,563	1,199,595	1,217,158
Committed for:			
Capital Projects		360,195	360,195
Education Foundation		57,332	57,332
Termination Benefits	320,097		320,097
Total Committed	320,097	417,527	737,624
Assigned for:			
Encumbrances	65,888		65,888
Other Purposes	8,521		8,521
Total Assigned	74,409		74,409
Unassigned	5,622,047		5,622,047
Total Fund Balances	\$6,039,861	\$1,617,122	\$7,656,983

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**Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances - Cash Basis  
Governmental Funds  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018**

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Receipts</b>			
Property Taxes	\$2,252,413	\$192,778	\$2,445,191
Income Taxes	382,347	190,887	573,234
Payment in Lieu of Taxes		143,416	143,416
Intergovernmental	4,957,691	602,379	5,560,070
Interest	5,151	1,854	7,005
Tuition and Fees	201,078		201,078
Extracurricular Activities	8,070	112,993	121,063
Donations		43,350	43,350
Miscellaneous	30,114	39,963	70,077
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>7,836,864</b>	<b>1,327,620</b>	<b>9,164,484</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular	3,572,580	231,197	3,803,777
Special	1,135,399	301,515	1,436,914
Vocational	350,705	4,345	355,050
Support Services:			
Pupil	137,904	3,600	141,504
Instructional Staff	172,598	37,444	210,042
Board of Education	17,973		17,973
Administration	597,406		597,406
Fiscal	256,782	11,353	268,135
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	555,176	101,069	656,245
Pupil Transportation	395,499	4,445	399,944
Central Office	72,609		72,609
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	994	83,805	84,799
Extracurricular Activities	212,511	105,781	318,292
Capital Outlay		354,556	354,556
Debt Service:			
Principal Retirement		260,000	260,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges		62,823	62,823
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>7,478,136</b>	<b>1,561,933</b>	<b>9,040,069</b>
<b>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</b>	<b>358,728</b>	<b>(234,313)</b>	<b>124,415</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>			
Sale of Fixed Assets	200	3,848	4,048
Advance In	247,403	701,197	948,600
Advance Out	(701,197)	(247,403)	(948,600)
Transfer In		77,624	77,624
Transfer Out	(77,624)		(77,624)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>(531,218)</b>	<b>535,266</b>	<b>4,048</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>(172,490)</b>	<b>300,953</b>	<b>128,463</b>
Fund Balances Beginning of Year	6,212,351	1,316,169	7,528,520
<b>Fund Balances End of Year</b>	<b>\$6,039,861</b>	<b>\$1,617,122</b>	<b>\$7,656,983</b>

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**Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in  
Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - Budget Basis  
General Fund  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>Receipts</b>				
Property Taxes	\$2,134,197	\$2,134,197	\$2,252,413	\$118,216
Income Taxes	370,665	370,665	382,347	11,682
Intergovernmental	4,904,935	4,904,935	4,957,691	52,756
Interest	4,200	4,200	5,151	951
Tuition and Fees	186,822	186,822	201,078	14,256
Miscellaneous	18,149	18,149	25,492	7,343
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>7,618,968</b>	<b>7,618,968</b>	<b>7,824,172</b>	<b>205,204</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	3,685,928	3,677,923	3,581,790	96,133
Special	1,007,903	1,142,072	1,136,277	5,795
Vocational	368,768	375,155	350,705	24,450
Support Services:				
Pupil	186,926	183,526	137,904	45,622
Instructional Staff	180,937	180,937	175,199	5,738
Board of Education	23,471	23,471	17,973	5,498
Administration	543,178	546,578	597,406	(50,828)
Fiscal	274,711	274,710	256,782	17,928
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	642,226	642,226	578,654	63,572
Pupil Transportation	398,851	376,093	395,499	(19,406)
Central Office	68,040	68,040	72,609	(4,569)
Extracurricular Activities	183,399	174,972	204,832	(29,860)
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>7,564,338</b>	<b>7,665,703</b>	<b>7,505,630</b>	<b>160,073</b>
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	54,630	(46,735)	318,542	365,277
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Sale of Fixed Assets			200	200
Advances In	281,000	281,000	247,403	(33,597)
Advances Out	(365,500)	(714,793)	(701,197)	13,596
Transfer Out	(92,878)	(92,878)	(93,872)	(994)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>(177,378)</b>	<b>(526,671)</b>	<b>(547,466)</b>	<b>(20,795)</b>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(122,748)	(573,406)	(228,924)	344,482
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	5,853,412	5,853,412	5,853,412	
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	20,867	20,867	20,867	
<b>Fund Balance End of Year</b>	<b>\$5,751,531</b>	<b>\$5,300,873</b>	<b>\$5,645,355</b>	<b>\$344,482</b>

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**Statement of Fund Net Position - Cash Basis  
Proprietary Fund  
June 30, 2018**

	<u>Food Service Fund</u>
<b>Assets</b>	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u><u>\$55,741</u></u>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Restricted for Food Service	<u><u>\$55,741</u></u>

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**Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Net Position - Cash Basis  
Proprietary Fund  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018**

	Food Service Fund
<b>Operating Receipts</b>	
Charges for Services	<u>\$150,633</u>
<b>Operating Disbursements</b>	
Personal Services	196,691
Materials and Supplies	164,758
Total Operating Disbursements	<u>361,449</u>
Operating Loss	<u>(210,816)</u>
<b>Non-Operating Receipts</b>	
Interest	12
Intergovernmental Revenue	208,868
Other Non-Operating Revenue	191
Total Non-Operating Receipts	<u>209,071</u>
Change in Net Position	(1,745)
Net Position Beginning of Year	<u>57,486</u>
Net Position End of Year	<u><u>\$55,741</u></u>

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**Statement of Fiduciary Net Position - Cash Basis  
Fiduciary Funds  
June 30, 2018**

	<u>Private Purpose Trust</u>	<u>Agency</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$136,617</u>	<u>\$24,527</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Due to Students		<u>\$24,527</u>
<b>Net Position</b>		
Restricted:		
Held in Trust for Scholarships	<u>\$136,617</u>	

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**Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position - Cash Basis  
Fiduciary Fund  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018**

	Private Purpose Trust
<b>Additions</b>	
Interest	<u>\$2,077</u>
<b>Deductions</b>	
Scholarship Payments	<u>6,000</u>
Change in Net Position	(3,923)
Net Position Beginning of Year	<u>140,540</u>
Net Position End of Year	<u><u>\$136,617</u></u>

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**1. Reporting Entity**

Leipsic Local School District (the District) is organized under Article VI, Section 2 and 3 of the Constitution of the State of Ohio. The District operates under a locally-elected Board form of government consisting of five members elected at-large for staggered four year terms. The District provides educational services as authorized by state and/or federal guidelines.

The District was established prior to 1912. The District serves an area approximately 54 square miles. It is located in Putnam County and includes the Villages of Bellmore, Leipsic, and West Leipsic, and portions of Blanchard, Ottawa, Liberty, Palmer and Van Buren Townships. The District is the 540<sup>th</sup> largest in the State of Ohio (among 612 school districts) in terms of enrollment. The District is staffed by 32 classified employees, 51 certified teaching personnel, and 4 administrative employees who provide services to 676 students and other community members. The District currently operates one elementary, middle, and high school.

A reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units, and other organizations that are included to insure the financial statements are not misleading.

The District's reporting entity includes the following:

**Saint Mary's Catholic School** – Within the District's boundaries, Saint Mary's Catholic School is operated as a private school. Current State legislation provides funding to the parochial school. The monies are received and disbursed on behalf of the parochial school by the Treasurer of the District, as directed by the parochial school. The activity is reflected in a special revenue fund of the District.

**A. Primary Government**

The primary government of the District consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the District. For Leipsic Local School District, this includes general operations, food service, community services, and student-related activities of the District.

**B. Component Units**

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

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**C. Jointly Governed Organizations and Public Entity-Risk Pools**

The District participates in two jointly governed organizations and three public entity risk pools. The financial statements exclude these entities which perform activities within the District's boundaries for the benefit of its residents because the District is not financially accountable for these entities nor are these entities fiscally dependent on the District. Notes 17 and 18 to the basic financial statements provide additional information for these entities. These organizations are:

Jointly Governed Organizations:

Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative  
State Support Team Region 1

Public Entity Risk Pools:

Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority  
Putnam County Schools Insurance Group  
Ohio SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program

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

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

As discussed further in the Basis of Accounting section of this note, these financial statements are presented on a cash basis of accounting. This cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the cash basis of accounting. Following are the more significant of the District's accounting policies.

**A. Basis of Presentation**

The 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.

**1. Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. The statements distinguish between those activities of the District that are governmental in nature and those that are considered business-type activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental receipts or other non-exchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services.

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The statement of net position presents the cash balance of the governmental and business-type activities of the District at fiscal year-end. The statement of activities compares disbursements with program receipts for each function or program of the District's governmental and business-type 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 a cash basis or draws from the District's general receipts.

**2. Fund Financial Statements**

During the year, the District segregates transactions related to certain 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 District at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental and enterprise fund financial statements is on major funds. Fund statements present each major fund in a separate column and aggregate non-major funds in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.

Proprietary fund statements distinguish operating transactions from non-operating transactions. Operating receipts generally result from exchange transactions such as charges for services directly relating to the funds' principal services. Operating disbursements include costs of sales and services and administrative costs. The fund statements report all other receipts and disbursements as non-operating.

**B. Fund Accounting**

The 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. Funds are divided into three categories, governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary.

**1. Governmental Funds**

The District classifies funds financed primarily from taxes, intergovernmental receipts (e.g. grants) and other nonexchange transactions as governmental funds. The following is the District's major governmental fund:

**General Fund** – The General Fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The General Fund balance is available for any purpose provided it is disbursed or transferred according to Ohio law.

The other governmental funds of the District account for and report grants and other resources whose use is restricted, committed or assigned to a particular purpose.

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**2. Proprietary Funds**

The District classifies funds financed primarily from user charges for goods or services as proprietary. Proprietary funds are classified as either enterprise funds or internal service funds. The District has no internal service funds.

**Enterprise Fund** – Enterprise funds may be used to account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services. The Food Service Fund accounts for food service operations and operates similar to a business enterprise, where user charges (i.e. charges for services) provide significant resources for the activity.

**3. Fiduciary Funds**

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private purpose trust funds, and agency funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the District under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are not available to support the District's own programs. The District's private purpose trust fund accounts for college scholarships to students. Agency funds are custodial in nature. The District's agency funds account for various student-managed activities and Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) event activity.

**C. Basis of Accounting**

The District's financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting. Receipts are recorded in the District's financial records and reported in the financial statements when cash is received rather than when earned and disbursements are recorded when cash is paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Any such modifications made by the District are described in the appropriate section in this note.

As a result of the use of this cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (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.

**D. Cash and Investments**

To improve cash management, cash received by the District is pooled and invested. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through District records. Interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents".

Investments of the District's cash management pool and investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the District are presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months that were not purchased from the pool are reported as investments.

Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or negative receipts (contra revenue), respectively.

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During 2018, the District invested in nonnegotiable certificates of deposit. Investments are reported at cost.

The District allocates interest earning according to state statute. Interest revenue credited to the General Fund during fiscal year 2018 was \$5,151, which includes \$828 assigned from other District funds.

**E. Inventory and Prepaid Items**

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

**F. Capital Assets**

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. The financial statements do not report these assets.

**G. Accumulated Leave**

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

**H. Long-Term Obligations**

The 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.

**I. Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans**

The District recognizes the disbursement for employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 9 and 10, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for postretirement health care benefits.

**J. Net Position**

Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. Net position restricted for other purposes include resources restricted for capital projects, debt service, and state and federal grants.

The District's policy is to first apply restricted resources when a cash disbursement is made for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available. There are no amounts restricted by enabling legislation.

**K. Fund Balance**

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

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Nonspendable – The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form or are legally required to be maintained intact. The “not in spendable form” criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash. It also includes long-term amount of interfund loans.

Restricted – 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.

Committed – The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by a formal action (resolution) of the District Board of Education. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the 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.

Assigned – Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the 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. These amounts are assigned by the District’s Board of Education. In the General Fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by policies of the District Board of Education or a District official delegated by that authority by resolution or by State statute. State statute authorizes the District’s Treasurer to assign fund balances for purchases on order provided such amounts have been lawfully appropriated.

Unassigned – Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The District first applies restricted resources when an expenditure is 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 expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classification can be used.

**L. 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 are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The District does not have any restricted assets.

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**M. Interfund Activity**

Transfers between governmental and business-type activities on the government-wide financial statements are reported in the same manner as general receipts.

Internal allocations of overhead expenses from one function to another or within the same function are eliminated on the Statement of Activities. Payments for interfund services provided and used are not eliminated.

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 and after nonoperating receipts/cash disbursements in proprietary funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular cash disbursements to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented in the financial statements.

**N. Budgetary Process**

Ohio law requires the Board of Education to budget and appropriate all funds, other than agency funds. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources and 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 amounts the Board of Education may appropriate.

The appropriation resolution is the Board's authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on cash disbursements plus encumbrances at a level of control the Board selects. The legal level of control has been established by the Board at the fund-object level for the General Fund, Bond Retirement Fund, and Permanent Improvement Fund, and the fund level for all other funds.

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 budget in the budgetary statement reflects the amounts on the certificate of estimated resources when original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budget 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.

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**O. Stabilization Arrangement**

The Board of Education has \$388,122 set aside for budget stabilization. The Board has set aside these funds to cover emergency situations or when revenue shortages or budgetary imbalances arise. Of the \$388,122, only \$17,563 was required by state statute and is reported as restricted funds in the General Fund. For the remaining \$370,559, the Board may remove the budget stabilization arrangement at any time; therefore, the amount is reported as unassigned fund balance in the General Fund.

**P. Pensions/Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)**

For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB liability, information about the fiduciary net position of the pension/OPEB plans and additions to/deductions from their fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension/OPEB plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The pension/OPEB plans report investments at fair value.

**3. Accountability and Compliance**

**A. Change in Accounting Principles**

For fiscal year 2018, the District has implemented GASB Statement No. 75, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pension", GASB Statement No. 81 "Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements" GASB Statement No. 85, "Omnibus 2017" and GASB Statement No. 86, "Certain Debt Extinguishments".

GASB Statement No. 75 improves the accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for postemployment benefits other than pension (OPEB). It also improves information provided by state and local governmental employers about financial support for OPEB that is provided by other entities. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 75 affected the District's postemployment benefit plan disclosures, as presented in Note 10 to the basic financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 81 improves the accounting and financial reporting for irrevocable split-interest agreements by providing recognition and measurement guidance for situations in which a government is a beneficiary of the agreement. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 81 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

GASB Statement No. 85 addresses practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements. This Statement addresses a variety of topics including issues related to blending component units, goodwill, fair value measurement and application, and OPEB. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 85 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

GASB Statement No. 86 improves consistency in accounting and financial reporting for in-substance defeasance of debt by providing guidance for transactions in which cash and other monetary assets acquired with only existing resources – resources other than the proceeds of refunding debt – are placed in an irrevocable trust for the sole purpose of extinguishing debt. This Statement also improves accounting and financial reporting for prepaid insurance on debt that is extinguished and notes to financial statements for debt that is defeased in substance. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 86 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

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**B. Compliance**

Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(B), requires the District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. However, the 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 District can be fined and various other administrative remedies may be taken against the District.

**4. Budgetary Basis of Accounting**

The budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on the 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 difference between the budgetary basis and the cash basis is (a) outstanding year-end encumbrances are treated as cash disbursements (budget basis) rather than as restricted, committed or assigned fund balance (cash basis) and (b) certain funds are included in the General Fund but have separate legally adopted budgets (budget basis).

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the cash basis statement to the budgetary basis statement for the General Fund:

Net Change in Fund Balance	
	General Fund
Cash Basis	(\$172,490)
Funds Budgeted Elsewhere **	9,454
Adjustment for Encumbrances	(65,888)
Budget Basis	(\$228,924)

\*\* As part of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, "Fund Balance Reporting", certain funds that are legally budgeted in separate special revenue funds are considered part of the General Fund on a cash basis. This includes the Public School Support Fund, Education Foundation Fund, and Termination Benefits Fund.

**5. Deposits and Investments**

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

Active monies are public monies determined to be necessary to meet current demands upon the District treasury. Active monies must be maintained either as cash in the 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.

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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.

Protection of the District's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by the financial institution's participation in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution.

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

1. United States Treasury notes, bills, bonds, or 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 obligations or securities 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, and Government National Mortgage Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
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 two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio, and with certain limitations including a requirement for maturity within ten years from the date of settlement, bonds and other obligations of political subdivisions of the State of Ohio, if training requirements have been met;
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) of this section 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);
8. Certain bankers' acceptances (for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days) and commercial paper notes (for a period not to exceed two hundred seventy days) in an amount not to exceed 40 percent of the interim moneys available for investment at any one time if training requirements have been met.

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. Except as noted above, an investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the District, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity.

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Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the Treasurer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

**Deposits**

At June 30, 2018, the carrying amount of all District deposits were \$7,873,868 and the bank balance was \$8,045,958. Of the District's bank balance, \$3,471,875 was covered by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and \$4,574,083 was covered by pooled collateral through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS). Although all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with Federal requirements could potentially subject the District to a successful claim by the FDIC.

**Investments**

As of June 30, 2018, the District had no investments.

**6. Property Taxes**

Property taxes are levied and assessed on a calendar year basis, while the District's fiscal year runs from July through June. First half tax distributions are received by the 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 and public utility property located in the District. Real property tax revenue received in calendar year 2018 represents collections of calendar year 2017 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2018 were levied after April 1, 2017, on the assessed values as of January 1, 2017, 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 semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax revenue received in calendar year 2018 represents collections of calendar year 2017 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2018 became a lien on December 31, 2016, were levied after April 1, 2017, 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.

The Putnam County Treasurer collects property taxes on behalf of the District. The Putnam County Auditor periodically advances to the District its portion of the taxes collected. Second half real property tax payments collected by the County by June 30, 2018, are available to finance fiscal year 2019 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

The assessed values of real and tangible personal property on which the fiscal year 2018 taxes were collected were as follows:

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	2017 Second- Half Collections		2018 First- Half Collections	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Commercial/Industrial	\$83,217,270	80.07%	\$77,441,340	78.11%
Residential/Agricultural	12,793,030	12.31%	13,607,320	13.72%
Public Utility	7,914,310	7.62%	8,096,540	8.17%
Total Assessed Value	\$103,924,610	100%	\$99,145,200	100%
Full tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$34.10		\$33.45	

The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2018 was \$171,383 in the General Fund and \$12,382 in the Bond Retirement Fund.

**7. School District Income Tax**

The District levies a voted tax of .50 percent for general operations and .25 percent for permanent improvements on the income of residents and of estates. The .50 percent tax was effective January 1, 1992, with the .25 percent effective January 1, 1997, both are a continuing tax. Employers of residents are required to withhold income tax on compensation and remit the tax to the State. Taxpayers are required to file an annual return. The State makes quarterly distributions to the District after withholding amounts for administrative fees and estimated refunds. Income tax receipts are credited to the General Fund and Permanent Improvement Fund and totaled \$382,347 and \$190,887, respectively, for fiscal year 2018.

**8. Risk Management**

**A. Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority**

The 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 2018, the District contracted with the Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority (SORSA), a group insurance purchasing pool.

SORSA covers the following risks:

- General Liability
- Automobile Liability
- Educators' Legal Liability
- Automobile Physical Damage
- Property
- Crime

The District contributes to the funding, operating and maintaining of the SORSA joint self-insurance pool. The District's contributions cover deductible losses, loss fund contributions, insurance costs, and administration costs. SORSA assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the District's policy.

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.

See Note 18 A for additional information regarding this group insurance purchasing pool.

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**B. Putnam County Schools Insurance Group**

The District participates as a member of the Putnam County School Insurance Group, a public entity risk pool, administered by Huntington Trust (see Note 18 B). The District converted its fully-insured medical insurance program to partial self-insurance through participation in this public entity risk pool. Medical Mutual of Ohio provides claim review and processing. The District maintains stop-loss coverage for its medical insurance program. Aggregate stop loss is maintained for expected claims.

Post-employment health care is provided to plan participants or their beneficiaries through the respective retirement systems discussed in Note 10. As such, no funding provisions are required by the District.

**C. Ohio SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program**

For fiscal year 2018, the District participated in the Ohio SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (the Plan), an insurance purchasing pool established through the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) (see Note 18 C). The intent of the Plan is to achieve a reduced premium for the District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the Plan. The workers' compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the Plan. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the Plan rather than its individual rate. Total savings are then calculated and each participant's individual performance is compared to the overall Plan's savings percentage. A participant then either receives money from or contributes to the Plan's "equity pooling fund". This "equity pooling" arrangement insures that each participant shares equally in the overall performance of the Plan. Participation in the Plan is limited to school districts that can meet the Plan's selection criteria. The firm of CompManagement, Inc. provides administrative, cost control, and actuarial services to the Plan.

**9. Defined Benefit 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 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.

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

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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 – 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 [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

	Eligible to Retire on or before August 1, 2017 *	Eligible to Retire on or after August 1, 2017
Full Benefits	Any age with 30 years of service credit	Age 67 with 10 years of service credit; or Age 57 with 30 years of service credit
Actuarially Reduced Benefits	Age 60 with 5 years of service credit Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age 62 with 10 years of service credit; or Age 60 with 25 years of service credit

\* 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 years 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.

Funding Policy – Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the 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, 2018, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 13.5 percent. The remaining 0.5 percent was allocated to the Health Care Fund.

The District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$109,790 for fiscal year 2018.

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**Plan Description – State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)**

Plan Description – District licensed teachers and other faculty members 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 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS website at [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org).

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 is 2.2 percent of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. Effective July 1, 2017, the cost-of-living adjustment was reduced to zero. Members are eligible to retire at age 60 with five years of qualifying service credit, or age 55 with 26 years of service, or 31 years of service regardless of age. Eligibility changes will be phased in until August 1, 2026, when retirement eligibility for unrecorded benefits will be five years of service credit and age 65, or 35 years of service credit and at least age 60.

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, 12 percent of the 14 percent member rate goes to the DC Plan and the remaining 2 percent 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 a 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 service. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum payment or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity after termination of employment at age 50 or later.

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.

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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 the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, the employer rate was 14 percent and the plan members were also required to contribute 14 percent of covered salary. The fiscal year 2018 contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates.

The District’s contractually required contributions to STRS were \$451,183 for fiscal year 2018.

**Net Pension Liability**

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2017, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the 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	Total
Proportion of the net pension liability prior measurement date	0.02460530%	0.02714794%	
Proportion of the net pension liability current measurement date	0.02392610%	0.02740722%	
Change in proportionate share	-0.00067920%	0.00025928%	
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$1,429,532	\$6,510,644	\$7,940,176

**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, 2017, are presented below:

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Wage Inflation	3.00 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	3.50 percent to 18.20 percent 2.50 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.50 percent net of investments expense, including inflation
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry age normal

Prior to 2017, an assumption of 3 percent was used for COLA or Ad Hoc COLA.

For 2017, the mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age set-back for both males and females. Mortality among service retired members, and beneficiaries were based on the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational project with Scale BB, with 120 percent of male rates, and 110 percent of female rates. Mortality amount disabled members were based on the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, 90 percent for male rates and 100 percent for female rates, set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five year period ended June 30, 2015.

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 an arithmetic 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:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Cash	1.00 %	0.50 %
US Stocks	22.50	4.75
International Stocks	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	<u>100.00 %</u>	

**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.

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***Sensitivity of the 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.

	1% Decrease 6.50%	Current Discount Rate 7.50%	1% Increase 8.50%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$1,983,818	\$1,429,532	\$965,203

**Actuarial Assumptions – STRS**

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results used in the July 1, 2017, actuarial valuation, compared to July 1, 2016 are presented below:

	July 1, 2017	July 1, 2016
Inflation	2.50 percent	2.75 percent
Projected Salary Increases	12.50 percent at age 20 to 2.50 percent at age 65	12.25 percent at age 20 to 2.75 percent at age 70
Investment Rate of Return	7.45 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation	7.75 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Payroll Increases	3 percent	3.5 percent
Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA)	0.0 percent, effective July 1, 2017	2 percent simple applied as follows: for members retiring before August 1, 2013, 2 percent per year; for members retiring August 1, 2013, or later, 2 percent COLA commences on fifth anniversary of retirement date.

For the July 1, 2017, actuarial valuation, post-retirement mortality rates for healthy retirees are based on the RP-2014 Annuitant Mortality Table with 50 percent rates through age 69, 70 percent of rates between ages 70 and 79, 90 percent of rates between ages 80 and 84, and 100 percent of rates thereafter, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. Post-retirement disabled mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Table with 90 percent of rates for males and 100 percent of rates for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Employee Mortality Table, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016.

For the July 1, 2016, actuarial valuation, 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 no set back from age 90 and above.

Actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2017, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016, valuations are based on the results of an actuarial experience study, effective July 1, 2012.

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STRS' 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 Real Rate of Return *
Domestic Equity	28.00 %	7.35 %
International Equity	23.00	7.55
Alternatives	17.00	7.09
Fixed Income	21.00	3.00
Real Estate	10.00	6.00
Liquidity Reserves	1.00	2.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>	

\*10-year annualized geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.25 percent and does not include investment expenses. Over a 30-year period, STRS' investment consultant indicates that the above target allocations should generate a return above the actuarial rate of return, without net value added by management.

**Discount Rate** – The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.45 percent as of June 30, 2016. 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 that 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, 2017. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.45 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payment to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2017.

**Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate** – The following table presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.45 percent, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.45 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (8.45 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.45%)	Current Discount Rate (7.45%)	1% Increase (8.45%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$9,332,786	\$6,510,644	\$4,133,412

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**Social Security System**

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the School Employees Retirement System or the State Teachers Retirement System have an option to choose Social Security or the School Employees Retirement System. As of June 30, 2018, two Board of Education members had elected Social Security. The contribution rate is 6.2 percent of wages paid.

**10. Defined Benefit OPEB Plans**

***Net OPEB Liability***

For fiscal year 2018, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions" was effective. This GASB pronouncement had no effect on beginning net position as reported June 30, 2017, as the net OPEB liability is not reported in the accompanying financial statements. The net OPEB liability has been disclosed below.

OPEB is a component of exchange transactions—between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. OPEB 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 OPEB liability represents the District's proportionate share of each OPEB plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each OPEB plan's fiduciary net position. The net OPEB 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 these estimates annually.

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

GASB 75 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because they benefit from employee services. OPEB contributions come from these employers and health care plan enrollees which pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. The Ohio revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients. Any change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net OPEB liability. Resulting adjustments to the net OPEB liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits.

***Plan Description – School Employees Retirement System (SERS)***

Health Care Plan Description – The District contributes to the SERS Health Care Fund, administered by SERS for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries. For GASB 75 purposes, this plan is considered a cost-sharing other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan. SERS' Health Care Plan provides healthcare benefits to eligible individuals receiving retirement, disability, and survivor benefits, and to their eligible dependents. Members who retire after June 1, 1986, need 10 years of service credit, exclusive of most types of purchased credit, to qualify to participate in SERS' health care coverage. In addition to age and service retirees, disability benefit recipients and beneficiaries who are receiving monthly benefits due to the death of a member or retiree, are eligible for SERS' health care coverage.

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Most retirees and dependents choosing SERS' health care coverage are over the age of 65 and therefore enrolled in a fully insured Medicare Advantage plan; however, SERS maintains a traditional, self-insured preferred provider organization for its non-Medicare retiree population. For both groups, SERS offers a self-insured prescription drug program. Health care is a benefit that is permitted, not mandated, by statute. The financial report of the Plan is included in the SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be obtained on SERS' website at [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

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. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. The SERS Retirement Board established the rules for the premiums paid by the retirees for health care coverage for themselves and their dependents or for their surviving beneficiaries. Premiums vary depending on the plan selected, 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 pensions and benefits, the Retirement Board may allocate the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund in accordance with the funding policy. For fiscal year 2018, .5 percent of covered payroll was made to health care. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated if less than a full year of service credit was earned. For fiscal year 2018, this amount was \$23,700. 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. For fiscal year 2018, the District's surcharge obligation was \$13,235.

The surcharge, added to the allocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. The District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$17,301 for fiscal year 2018.

***Plan Description – State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)***

Plan Description – The State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS) administers a cost-sharing Health Plan administered for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS. Ohio law authorizes STRS to offer this plan. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. Medicare Part B premium reimbursements will be discontinued effective January 1, 2020. The Plan is included in the report of STRS which can be obtained by visiting [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org) or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy – Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307 authorizes STRS to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. Nearly all health care plan enrollees, for the most recent year, pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care.

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***Net OPEB Liability***

The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2017, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the District's share of contributions to the respective retirement systems relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share:

	SERS	STRS	Total
Proportion of the net OPEB liability current measurement date	0.02427990%	0.02740722%	
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$651,609	\$1,069,329	\$1,720,938

***Actuarial Assumptions – SERS***

The total OPEB liability is determined by SERS' actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 74, as part of their annual actuarial valuation for each 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 terminations). 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 OPEB liability in the latest actuarial valuation date of June 30, 2017, are presented below:

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Wage Inflation	3.00 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.50 percent to 18.20 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.50 percent net of investments expense, including inflation
Municipal Bond Index Rate:	
Measurement Date	3.56 percent
Prior Measurement Date	2.92 percent
Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation	
Measurement Date	3.63 percent
Prior Measurement Date	2.98 percent
Medical Trend Assumption	
Medicare	5.50 to 5.00 percent
Pre-Medicare	7.50 to 5.00 percent

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and Scale BB, 120 percent of male rates and 110 percent of female rates. RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table with 90 percent for male rates and 100 percent for female rates set back five years.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five year period ended June 30, 2015.

The long-term expected rate of return on plan assets is reviewed as part of the actuarial five-year experience study. The most recent study covers fiscal years 2010 through 2015, and was adopted by the Board on April 21, 2016. Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return were developed by the investment consultant for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return, 7.50 percent, by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and then adding expected inflation. The capital market assumptions developed by the investment consultant are intended for use over a 10-year horizon and may not be useful in setting the long-term rate of return for funding pension plans which covers a longer timeframe. The assumption is intended to be a long-term assumption and is not expected to change absent a significant change in the asset allocation, a change in the inflation assumption, or a fundamental change in the market that alters expected returns in future years.

The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class, as used in the June 30, 2015 five-year experience study, are summarized as follows:

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<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Cash	1.00 %	0.50 %
US Stocks	22.50	4.75
Non-US Stocks	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	<u>100.00 %</u>	

**Discount Rate** – The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2017 was 3.63 percent. The discount rate used to measure total OPEB liability prior to June 30, 2017 was 2.98 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions will be made from members and the System at the state statute contribution rate of 2.00 percent of projected covered employee payroll each year, which includes a 1.50 percent payroll surcharge and 0.50 percent of contributions from the basic benefits plan. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to become insufficient to make future benefit payments during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan assets was used to present value the projected benefit payments through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and the Fidelity General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index rate of 3.56 percent, as of June 30, 2017 (i.e. municipal bond rate), was used to present value the projected benefit payments for the remaining years in the projection. The total present value of projected benefit payments from all years was then used to determine the single rate of return that was used as the discount rate. The projection of future benefit payments for all current plan members was until the benefit payments ran out.

**Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate and Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rates** – The net OPEB liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate and the health care cost trend rate. The following table presents the net OPEB liability of SERS, what SERS' net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (2.63 percent) and higher (4.63 percent) than the current discount rate (3.63 percent). Also shown is what SERS' net OPEB liability would be based on health care cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower (6.5 percent decreasing to 4.0 percent) and higher (8.5 percent decreasing to 6.0 percent) than the current rate.

	<u>1% Decrease (2.63%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (3.63%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (4.63%)</u>
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$786,901	\$651,609	\$544,423
	<u>1% Decrease (6.5 % decreasing to 4.0 %)</u>	<u>Current Trend Rate (7.5 % decreasing to 5.0 %)</u>	<u>1% Increase (8.5 % decreasing to 6.0 %)</u>
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$528,732	\$651,609	\$814,239

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**Actuarial Assumptions – STRS**

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results used in the June 30, 2017, actuarial valuation are presented below:

Inflation	2.50 percent
Projected salary increases	12.50 percent at age 20 to 2.50 percent at age 65
Investment Rate of Return	7.45 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Payroll Increases	3 percent
Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA)	0.0 percent, effective July 1, 2017
Blended Discount Rate of Return	4.13 percent
Health Care Cost Trends	6 to 11 percent initial, 4.5 percent ultimate

Projections of benefits include the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and retired plan members.

For healthy retirees the mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Annuitant Mortality Table with 50 percent of rates through age 69, 70 percent of rates between ages 70 and 79, 90 percent of rates between ages 80 and 84, and 100 percent of rates thereafter, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. For disabled retirees, mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Table with 90 percent of rates for males and 100 percent of rates for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2017, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016.

Since the prior measurement date, the discount rate was increased from 3.26 percent to 4.13 percent based on the methodology defined under GASB *Statement No. 74, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans (OPEB)* and the long term expected rate of return was reduced from 7.75 percent to 7.45 percent. Valuation year per capita health care costs were updated, and the salary scale was modified. The percentage of future retirees electing each option was updated based on current data and the percentage of future disabled retirees and terminated vested participants electing health coverage were decreased. The assumed mortality, disability, retirement, withdrawal and future health care cost trend rates were modified along with the portion of rebated prescription drug costs.

Also since the prior measurement date, the subsidy multiplier for non-Medicare benefit recipients was reduced from 2.1 percent to 1.9 percent per year of service. Medicare Part B premium reimbursements were discontinued for certain survivors and beneficiaries and all remaining Medicare Part B premium reimbursements will be discontinued beginning January 2019. Subsequent to the current measurement date, the date for discontinuing remaining Medicare Part B premium reimbursements was extended to January 2020.

STRS' 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:

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<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Rate of Return *</u>
Domestic Equity	28.00 %	7.35 %
International Equity	23.00	7.55
Alternatives	17.00	7.09
Fixed Income	21.00	3.00
Real Estate	10.00	6.00
Liquidity Reserves	1.00	2.25
 Total	 <u>100.00 %</u>	

\*10 year annualized geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.25 percent and does not include investment expenses. Over a 30-year period, STRS' investment consultant indicates that the above target allocations should generate a return above the actuarial rate of return, without net value added by management.

**Discount Rate** – The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 4.13 percent as of June 30, 2017. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes STRS Ohio continues to allocate no employer contributions to the health care fund. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was not projected to be sufficient to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. The OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to become insufficient to make future benefit payments during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2037. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan assets was used to determine the present value of the projected benefit payments through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2036 and the Bond Buyer 20-year municipal bond rate of 3.58 percent as of June 30, 2017 (i.e. municipal bond rate), was used to determine the present value of the projected benefit payments for the remaining years in the projection. The total present value of projected benefit payments from all years was then used to determine the single rate of return that was used as the discount rate. The blended discount rate of 4.13 percent, which represents the long-term expected rate of return of 7.45 percent for the funded benefit payments and the Bond Buyer 20-year municipal bond rate of 3.58 percent for the unfunded benefit payments, was used to measure the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2017. A blended discount rate of 3.26 percent which represents the long term expected rate of return of 7.75 percent for the funded benefit payments and the Bond Buyer 20-year municipal bond rate of 2.85 percent for the unfunded benefit payments was used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2016.

**Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount and Health Care Cost Trend Rate** – The following table represents the net OPEB liability as of June 30, 2017, calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 4.13 percent, as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (3.13 percent) or one percentage point higher (5.13 percent) than the current assumption. Also shown is the net OPEB liability as if it were calculated using health care cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current health care cost trend rates.

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	1% Decrease (3.13%)	Current Discount Rate (4.13%)	1% Increase (5.13%)
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$1,435,556	\$1,069,329	\$779,889
	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$742,924	\$1,069,329	\$1,498,916

**11. Debt**

The changes in the District's debt obligations during fiscal year 2018 consist of the following:

	Principal Outstanding 06/30/17	Reductions	Principal Outstanding 06/30/18	Amount Due in One Year
<u>Governmental Activities</u>				
General Obligation Bonds:				
Series 2012 Advance				
Refunding Bonds	\$ 2,565,000	\$ 260,000	\$ 2,305,000	\$ 200,000

During fiscal year 2013, the District issued general obligation bonds in the amount of \$3,370,000 to advance refund a portion of the District's outstanding general obligation Series 2004 bonds dated March 14, 2004, which were issued for the purpose of renovating and otherwise improving school facilities. The refunding bonds bear an interest rate of 2.58 percent and will mature in December 2027. Interest payments on the bonds are due on June 1 and December 1 of each year until the final stated maturity. The bonds are being retired with a voted property tax levy from the Bond Retirement Fund. This refunding was undertaken to reduce debt service interest payments and resulted in an economic gain of \$624,583.

The portion of the bonds maturing on December 1, 2023 is subject to redemption at the option of the District, either whole or in part, in such order of maturity as the District shall determine, on any interest payment date on or after December 1, 2023, at a redemption price equal to 100 percent of the principal amount redeemed plus, in each case, accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

The bonds are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at a redemption price of 100 percent of the principal amount to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption, on December 1 of each year through the final stated maturity on December 1, 2017.

Principal and interest requirements to retire long-term liabilities outstanding at June 30, 2018 are as follows:

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Series 2012 Advance Refunding Bonds			
Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Principal Due	Interest Due	Total Due
2019	\$200,000	\$56,889	\$256,889
2020	205,000	51,665	256,665
2021	215,000	46,247	261,247
2022	220,000	40,635	260,635
2023	230,000	34,830	264,830
2024-2028	1,235,000	80,561	1,315,561
Total	\$2,305,000	\$310,827	\$2,615,827

**12. Set-Aside Requirements**

The 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.

In prior years, the District was also required to set aside money for budget stabilization. For fiscal year 2018, only the unspent portion of prior year bureau of workers compensation refunds is shown as a set-aside at year end.

The following table summarizes the change in the year-end set-aside amounts for capital improvements and budget stabilization:

	Capital Improvements	Budget Stabilization
Set-aside Balance June 30, 2017		\$17,563
Current Year Set-Aside Requirement	\$113,942	
Current year offsets	(\$113,942)	
Set-aside balance June 30, 2018		\$17,563

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**13. Interfund Advances and Interfund Balances**

**A. Interfund Advances**

During fiscal year 2018, the following advances were made:

Advances from the General Fund:	Amount	Advances to the General Fund:	Amount
To Fund:		From Fund:	
Other Governmental Funds:		Other Governmental Funds:	
Permanent Improvement Fund	\$360,000	Permanent Improvement Fund	\$51,000
Edwards Foundation Fund	160,449	Edwards Foundation Fund	20,000
Auxiliary Services Grant Fund	709	Auxiliary Services Grant Fund	709
Vo-Ag 5th Quarter Grant Fund	4,345	Title I Grant Fund	148,651
Title I Grant Fund	148,651	Title II-A Grant Fund	20,556
Title II-A Grant Fund	20,556	Miscellaneous Federal Grants Fund	6,487
Miscellaneous Federal Grants Fund	6,487		
Total	\$701,197	Total	\$247,403

The primary purpose of the advances is to cover costs in specific funds where receipts were not received by June 30. An advance into the General Fund in the amount of \$51,000 was repayment of a prior year advance from the Permanent Improvement Fund. The remaining advances will be repaid once the anticipated receipts are received.

**B. Interfund Balances**

At June 30, 2018, the District had the following inter-fund advances outstanding from the General Fund:

Fund	Outstanding Advances
Permanent Improvement Fund	\$360,000
Edwards Foundation Fund	140,449
Vo-Ag 5th Quarter Grant Fund	4,345
Set-aside balance June 30, 2018	\$504,794

**14. Interfund Transfers**

During fiscal year 2018, the following interfund transfers were made:

Transfers To:	Transfers From:
	General Fund
Other Governmental Funds:	
Various Scholarships/Memorial/Amenities Fund	\$8,550
District Managed Activities Fund	69,074
Total Transfers	\$77,624

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The above mentioned transfers were used to move receipts from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them; and to use unrestricted receipts collected in the General Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

Interfund transfers between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements. Interfund transfers between governmental and business-type activities on the government-wide financial statements are reported in the same manner as general receipts.

**15. Tax Increment Financing and Tax Abatements Entered into by Other Governments**

**A. Tax Increment Financing**

Putnam County along with Van Buren Township and the Village of Leipsic entered into Tax Increment Financing (TIF's) for public road improvements and water facility improvements with various companies. Annual payment in lieu of taxes are made to the County by the companies for distribution to the Township and Village. The agreements affect the property tax receipts collected and distributed to the District. Under the agreements, the District received \$143,416 in payment in lieu of taxes during fiscal year 2018.

**B. Tax Abatements**

Other governments entered into property tax abatement agreements with property owners under Enterprise Zone Agreements (EZAs) and the Ohio Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) program with the taxing districts of the District. The EZAs and CRA program are directive incentive tax exemption programs benefiting property owners who renovate or construct new buildings. Under these programs, the other governments designated areas to encourage revitalization of the existing housing stock and the development of new structures. Under these agreements, the District's property taxes were reduced by \$713,703. The District is not receiving any amounts from these other governments in association with the forgone property tax revenue.

**16. Contingencies**

**A. Grants**

The District receives financial assistance from Federal and State agencies in the form of grants. Disbursing grant funds generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds. However, the effect of any such disallowed claims on the overall financial position of the District at June 30, 2018, if applicable, cannot be determined at this time.

**B. Litigation**

The District is not a party to any legal proceedings.

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**C. School Foundation**

District Foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of each student. Traditional districts must comply with minimum hours of instruction, instead of a minimum number of school days each year. The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is legislatively required to adjust/reconcile funding as enrollment information is updated by schools throughout the State, which can extend past the fiscal year-end. As of the date of this report, FTE Statement No. 2 was made on December 14, 2018 and resulted in the District receiving \$20,429 from ODE. This amount is not recorded on the financial statements.

**17. Jointly Governed Organizations**

**A. Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative**

The District is a participant in the Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative (NOACSC), which is a computer consortium. NOACSC is an association of educational entities within the boundaries of Allen, Auglaize, Hancock, Hardin, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Seneca, Van Wert, Wood, and Wyandot Counties, and the cities of St. Mary's and Wapakoneta. 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 educational entities. The governing board of NOACSC consists of two representatives from each county elected by majority vote of all charter member educational entities within each county. During fiscal year 2018, the District paid \$23,515 to NOACSC for various services. Financial information can be obtained from Ray Burden, Executive Director of Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative, 4277 East Road, Elida, Ohio 45807.

**B. State Support Team Region 1**

The State Support Region 1 (SSTR1) provides specialized core work related to building regional capacity for district, building, and community school implementation of the Ohio Improvement Process (OIP) at a high level. The service region of the SSTR1 includes Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, and Wood Counties. The fiscal agent for the SSTR1 is the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West. Executive Director and Single Point of Contact is Lynn McKahan. Contact information is available at [www.sstr1.org](http://www.sstr1.org).

**18. Public Entity Risk Pools**

**A. Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority**

The District participates as a member of the Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority (SORSA), which was established in 2002 pursuant to Articles of Incorporation filed under Chapter 1702 of the Ohio Revised Code. SORSA is a non-profit, member owned consortium, providing property, bus fleet and educator liability insurance for public schools in Ohio. SORSA serves 106 members across Ohio. The District paid \$44,301 in premiums for services during fiscal year 2018.

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SORSA is governed by a nine member Board of Directors, comprised of superintendents, treasurers, and business Managers from participating member districts, and is managed by several separate organizations whereby each provides certain administrative, executive, accounting or other services to SORSA. SORSA employs a full-time Executive Director, Risk Control Manager, Claims Loss Manager, and a Program Manager. Claims are handled in-house by the Claims Loss Manager. Additional information can be obtained from SORSA at 555 Metro Place North, Suite 645, Dublin, Ohio 43017.

See Note 8 for a listing of the types of coverage provided to the District through SORSA for fiscal year 2018.

**B. Putnam County Schools Insurance Group**

The Putnam County School Insurance Group (the Group), a public entity risk pool, administered by Huntington Trust, is a public entity shared risk pool consisting of eleven school districts, including the Putnam County Educational Service Center, and the Putnam County Board of DD. The Group is a not-for-profit insurance group and provides medical, prescription drug, and optional dental insurance benefits, to the employees of the participants. Each participant's superintendent is appointed to the Board of Trustees which advises the consultant, Huntington Insurance, concerning aspects of the administration of the Group.

Each school district in the Group (other than the Putnam County Board of DD) must collectively bargain benefit levels with its respective employee unions. Financial information can be obtained from Jan Osborne, Superintendent, Putnam County ESC, 124 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa, Ohio 45875.

**C. Ohio SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan**

The District participates in a group rating plan for workers' compensation as established under Section 4123.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Ohio SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan was established as an insurance purchasing pool through the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) and Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO).

The Plan's business and affairs are conducted by its Board of Directors and the Plan is administered by its third party administrator, CompManagement, Inc. Each year participants pay an enrollment fee to the Plan to cover costs of administering the program. During fiscal year 2018, the District paid \$585 to CompManagement for annual enrollment into the program.



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER  
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS  
REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Leipsic Local School District  
Putnam County  
232 Oak Street  
Leipsic, Ohio 45856-1312

To 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, the business-type activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Leipsic Local School District, Putnam County, Ohio (the District) as of and for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District’s basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated April 30, 2020, wherein we noted the District uses a special purpose framework other than generally accepted accounting principles. We also noted the financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the District.

***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. Therefore, unidentified material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings that we consider a material weakness. We consider finding 2019-002 to be a material weakness.

***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 2019-001.

***District's Response to Finding***

The District's response to a finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings. We did not subject the District's response to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements 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 report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Keith Faber  
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

April 30, 2020

LEIPSIC LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PUTNAM COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
JUNE 30, 2019 AND 2018

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

FINDING NUMBER 2019-001

**Noncompliance Citation**

**Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38(A)** 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 Admin. Code § 117-2-03(B)**, which further clarifies the requirements of Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38, requires the District to file annual financial reports which are prepared using generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

As a cost savings measure, the District prepared financial statements that, although formatted similar to financial statements prescribed by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, report on the basis of cash receipts and cash disbursements, rather than GAAP. The accompanying financial statements and notes omit certain assets, liabilities, deferred inflows/outflows of resources, fund equities/net position, and disclosures that, while presumed material, cannot be determined at this time.

Pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 the District may be fined and subject to various other administrative remedies for its failure to file the required financial report. Failure to report on a GAAP basis compromises the District’s ability to evaluate and monitor the overall financial condition of the District. To help provide the users with more meaningful financial statements, the District should prepare its annual financial statements according to generally accepted accounting principles.

**Officials’ Response:**

Management believes reporting on a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) is more cost efficient.

FINDING NUMBER 2019-002

**Material Weakness – Financial Reporting**

In our audit engagement letter, as required by AU-C Section 210, *Terms of Engagement*, paragraph .06, management acknowledged its responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of their financial statements; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error as discussed in AU-C Section 210 paragraphs .A14 & .A16.

An error was noted in the 2019 financial statements due to a transfer from the General Fund to the Enterprise Food Service Fund in the amount of \$32,781 was incorrectly classified as Business-Type Activity operating grants and contributions on the Statement of Activities – Cash Basis.

This error was the result of inadequate policies and procedures in reviewing the financial statements. Failure to complete accurate financial statements could lead to the Board making misinformed decisions. The accompanying financial statements and notes to the financial statements have been adjusted to correct this and other errors. Additional errors were noted in smaller relative amounts.

To help ensure the District's financial statements and notes to the financial statements are complete and accurate, the Board should adopt policies and procedures, including a final review of the financial statements and notes to the financial statements by the Treasurer and the Board, to identify and correct errors and omissions.

**Officials' Response:**

We did not receive a response from Officials to the finding reported above.

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## SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS JUNE 30, 2019 AND 2018

<b>Finding Number</b>	<b>Finding Summary</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Additional Information</b>
2017-001	This finding was first reported in 2004. Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 and Ohio Admin. Code § 117-2-03(B) for reporting on a basis other than generally accepted accounting principles.	Not corrected and reissued as Finding 2019-001 in this report.	This finding reoccurred since management believes reporting on a basis other than generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) is more cost efficient.

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OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE  
**KEITH FABER**



**LEIPSIC LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**PUTNAM COUNTY**

**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.**

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
MAY 19, 2020**