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TRUMBULL COUNTY  
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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Southington Local School District  
Trumbull County  
2482 State Route 534  
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To the Board of Education:

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Southington Local School District, Trumbull County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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 financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Southington Local School District, Trumbull County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2019, and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Other Matters**

*Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require this presentation to include *management's discussion and analysis*, and schedules of net pension and other post-employment benefit liabilities and pension and other post-employment benefit contributions listed in the table of contents, to supplement the basic financial statements. Although this information is not part of the basic financial statements, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board considers it essential for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, consisting of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, to the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not opine or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to opine or provide any other assurance.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 5, 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

March 5, 2020

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The discussion and analysis of Southington Local School District's (the School District) financial performance is presented by the School District's management and provides an overall review of the School District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School District's financial performance.

**Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for 2019 include:

- Net position increased in fiscal year 2019. Although changes in the net pension liability and net OPEB asset/liability and the deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources associated with these liabilities caused program expenses to increase significantly, they continued to be outpaced by program revenues and general revenues.
- The School District is committed to meeting the academic needs of our students by providing them with updated equipment and facilities to compete in a global environment.
- The School District's enrollment remained the same as the prior fiscal at 520 students in fiscal year 2019. Classified staff increased from 24 in fiscal year 2018 to 25 in fiscal year 2019.
- The School District had additions to capital assets consisting of the completion of the athletics storage building, chromebooks, pressure washer and other various equipment.

**Using this Annual Financial Report**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes pertaining to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the Southington Local School District as a financial whole, or complete operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the whole School District, presenting both an aggregate and longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements explain how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the School District's most significant funds with all other non-major funds presented in total in one column. In the case of the Southington Local School District, the general fund and the bond retirement debt service fund are the most significant funds.

**Reporting the School District as a Whole**

*Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities*

This analysis of the School District encompasses all of the School District's funds used to provide programs and activities and presents them as a whole. This view of the School District as a whole looks at all financial transactions and answers the questions, "What were the fiscal changes throughout the year?" and "What was the net effect of those changes?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provide the basis for answering these questions. The statements include *all assets and deferred outflows of resources*

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and *liabilities and deferred inflows of resources* using the *accrual basis of accounting* similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting recognizes all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the School District's *net position* and any changes in this position. The change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the School District as a whole, the *financial position* of the School District has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some strictly within the scope of the School District, some not. External factors include the School District's property tax base, community demographics, current property tax laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, required educational programs and other factors.

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, the School District's activities are classified as governmental. All of the School District's programs and services are reported here including instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, pupil transportation, extracurricular activities and food services.

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

The analysis of the School District's major funds begins with the balance sheet. Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the School District's major funds. The School District uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, the fund financial statements focus on the School District's most significant funds.

***Governmental Funds*** – The School District's activities are reported as governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using an accounting method called *modified accrual* accounting, which measures cash and all other *financial assets* that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed *short-term view* of the School District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental *activities* (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental *funds* are reconciled in the financial statements of the *Governmental Funds*.

***Fiduciary Funds*** – Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the School District. Fiduciary funds are not reflected on the government-wide financial statements because the resources from these funds are not available to support the School District's programs. These funds use the accrual basis of accounting.

**The School District as a Whole**

You may recall that the Statement of Net Position provides the perspective of the School District as a whole. Table 1, found on the following page, provides a comparison of the School District's Net Position for fiscal year 2019 compared to fiscal year 2018.



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**(Table 1)**  
**Net Position - Governmental Activities**

	2019	2018	Change
<b>Assets</b>			
Current and Other Assets	\$7,253,847	\$6,911,877	\$341,970
Capital Assets, Net	16,591,842	17,457,517	(865,675)
Net OPEB Asset	310,974	0	310,974
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>24,156,663</u>	<u>24,369,394</u>	<u>(212,731)</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Deferred Charge on Refunding	604,807	641,455	(36,648)
Pension	1,622,997	2,018,302	(395,305)
OPEB	139,247	113,692	25,555
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<u>2,367,051</u>	<u>2,773,449</u>	<u>(406,398)</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current and Other Liabilities	759,765	573,928	(185,837)
Long Term Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year	355,415	345,390	(10,025)
Due in More than One Year			
Net Pension Liability	5,494,710	5,927,065	432,355
Net OPEB Liability	608,150	1,322,714	714,564
Other Amounts	6,500,671	6,776,301	275,630
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>13,718,711</u>	<u>14,945,398</u>	<u>1,226,687</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Property Taxes	1,942,542	1,921,614	(20,928)
Pension	609,289	520,389	(88,900)
OPEB	559,210	160,254	(398,956)
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>3,111,041</u>	<u>2,602,257</u>	<u>(508,784)</u>
<b>Net Position</b>			
Investment in Capital Assets	10,861,110	11,395,065	(533,955)
Restricted:			
Capital Projects	222,966	298,778	(75,812)
Debt Service	642,447	602,189	40,258
Unclaimed Monies	404	395	9
Other Purposes	371,382	487,980	(116,598)
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(2,404,347)	(3,189,219)	784,872
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u>\$9,693,962</u>	<u>\$9,595,188</u>	<u>\$98,774</u>

The net pension liability (NPL) is one of the largest single liabilities reported by the School District at June 30, 2019. GASB notes that pension and OPEB obligations, whether funded or unfunded, are part of the “employment exchange” – that is, the employee is trading his or her labor in exchange for wages, benefits, and the promise of a future pension and other postemployment benefits. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this promise is a present obligation of the government, part of a bargained-for benefit to the employee, and should accordingly be reported by the government as a liability since they received the benefit of the exchange. However, the School District is not responsible for certain key factors affecting the balance

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of these liabilities. In Ohio, the employee shares the obligation of funding pension benefits with the employer. Both employer and employee contribution rates are capped by State statute. A change in these caps requires action of both Houses of the General Assembly and approval of the Governor. Benefit provisions are also determined by State statute. The Ohio revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits.

Most long-term liabilities have set repayment schedules or, in the case of compensated absences (i.e. sick and vacation leave), are satisfied through paid time-off or termination payments. There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability or the net OPEB liability. As explained above, changes in benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balance of these liabilities, but are outside the control of the local government. In the event that contributions, investment returns, and other changes are insufficient to keep up with required payments, State statute does not assign/identify the responsible party for the unfunded portion. Due to the unique nature of how the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability are satisfied, these liabilities are separately identified within the long-term liability section of the statement of net position.

Total current and other assets increased due to an increase in cash. The increase in cash was largely a result of revenues outpacing expenditures. Net capital assets decreased as the additions to capital assets consisting of the completion of the athletics storage building, chromebooks, a pressure washer and other various equipment being exceeded by current year depreciation. Net position increased despite the changes in the net pension liability and net OPEB asset/liability and the deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources associated with these liabilities, which caused program expenses to increase significantly.

In order to further understand what makes up the changes in net position for the current year, the following table gives readers further details regarding the results of activities for 2019 and 2018.

**(Table 2)**  
**Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities**

	2019	2018	Change
<b>Revenues</b>			
Program Revenues			
Charges for Services and Sales	\$895,110	\$866,836	\$28,274
Operating Grants, Contributions and Interest	610,215	638,570	(28,355)
<i>Total Program Revenues</i>	<u>1,505,325</u>	<u>1,505,406</u>	<u>(81)</u>
General Revenues			
Property Taxes	1,956,850	1,949,260	7,590
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs	3,847,296	3,877,096	(29,800)
Investment Earnings	52,140	8,131	44,009
Unrestricted Contributions	31	1,367	(1,336)
Gain on Disposal of Capital Assets	0	14,000	(14,000)
Miscellaneous	32,267	33,581	(1,314)
<i>Total General Revenues</i>	<u>5,888,584</u>	<u>5,883,435</u>	<u>5,149</u>
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>\$7,393,909</u>	<u>\$7,388,841</u>	<u>\$5,068</u>

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**(Table 2)**  
**Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities (continued)**

	2019	2018	Change
<b>Program Expenses</b>			
Instruction:			
Regular	\$3,427,712	\$1,899,559	(\$1,528,153)
Special	639,368	367,352	(272,016)
Vocational	22,492	888	(21,604)
Support Services:			
Pupil	261,470	220,589	(40,881)
Instructional Staff	121,876	53,192	(68,684)
Board of Education	36,318	26,503	(9,815)
Administration	485,089	317,505	(167,584)
Fiscal	286,711	242,543	(44,168)
Business	15,460	21,852	6,392
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	770,464	668,199	(102,265)
Pupil Transportation	318,370	254,979	(63,391)
Central	61,651	13,522	(48,129)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	100	100	0
Food Service Operations	243,877	235,309	(8,568)
Extracurricular Activities	351,075	320,716	(30,359)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	253,102	252,485	(617)
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<u>7,295,135</u>	<u>4,895,293</u>	<u>(2,399,842)</u>
Change in Net Position	98,774	2,493,548	(2,394,774)
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>	<u>9,595,188</u>	<u>7,101,640</u>	<u>2,493,548</u>
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$9,693,962</u></u>	<u><u>\$9,595,188</u></u>	<u><u>\$98,774</u></u>

The largest component of the increase in program expenses results from changes in assumptions and benefit terms related to pensions in the prior year. STRS adopted certain assumption changes, including a reduction in their discount rate, and also voted to suspend cost of living adjustments (COLA). SERS decreased their COLA assumption. As a result of these changes, pension expense decreased from \$514,342 in fiscal year 2017 to a negative pension expense of \$1,913,903 for fiscal year 2018. For fiscal year 2019, pension expense increased to \$466,737, closer to the 2017 pension expense amount.

**Analysis of overall financial position and results of operations**

Revenue is divided into two major components: program revenues and general revenues. Program revenues are defined as fees, restricted grants and charges for services that are program specific. General revenues include taxes and unrestricted grants such as State Foundation support.

Program revenues for governmental activities in fiscal year 2019 had minimal changes from the prior fiscal year. Charges for service program revenue increases can be traced to additional amounts collected from extracurricular activities in the fiscal year. Operating grants saw a decrease in program revenue as the School District collected less additional sources of funding while maintaining the desired programs.

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General revenues increased in fiscal year 2019 primarily resulting from increased collections from investment interest as the School District had more cash to invest. The decrease in intergovernmental revenues not restricted is due to the School District not receiving the benefit of all of the additional sources of funding received in the prior fiscal year. Property tax increases were the result of an increase in assessed valuations.

The unique nature of property taxes in Ohio creates the need to routinely seek voter approval for operating funds. The overall revenue generated by a voted levy does not increase solely as a result of inflation. It increases as a result of new construction or collection from a new voted levy. Although school districts experience inflationary growth in expenses, tax revenue does not keep pace with the increased expenses due to House Bill 920. As an example, a homeowner with a home valued at \$100,000 and taxed at 1.0 mill would pay \$35.00 annually in taxes. If three years later the home were reappraised and increased to \$200,000 (and this inflationary increase in value is comparable to other property owners) the effective tax rate would become .5 mills and the owner would still pay less than \$35.00 and the School District would collect the same dollar value the levy generated in the year it passed. The 10 percent rollback on all residential/agricultural property and the 2.5 percent rollback on all owner occupied homes would reduce the amount of taxes paid. Thus school districts dependent upon property taxes are hampered by a lack of revenue growth and must regularly return to the voters to maintain a constant level of service.

Program expenses increased in fiscal year 2019 due to changes in the net pension liability and net OPEB asset/liability. As mentioned previously, pension expense increased from a negative pension expense of \$1,913,903 in fiscal year 2018 to a pension expense of \$466,737 for fiscal year 2019, representing a total change of \$2,380,640 attributable to changes in the net pension liability. The change in the net OPEB liability resulted in a (\$636,619) change to program expenses.

Program expenses excluding amounts related to the net pension and net OPEB liabilities increased due to increases in instructional costs during fiscal year 2019.

In Table 3 below, the total cost of services column contains all costs related to the programs and the net cost of services column shows how much of the total amount is not covered by program revenues. The net costs are program costs that must be covered by unrestricted State aid (State Foundation) or local taxes.

**(Table 3)**  
**Total and Net Cost of Program Services**  
**Governmental Activities**

	2019		2018	
	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
Instruction	\$4,089,572	\$2,889,440	\$2,267,799	\$1,056,174
Support Services:				
Pupil and Instructional Staff	383,346	377,946	273,781	268,381
Board of Education, Administration, Fiscal Services, Business and Central	885,229	878,555	621,925	610,784
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	770,464	742,737	668,199	640,386
Pupil Transportation	318,370	318,370	254,979	254,979
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	100	100	100	100
Food Service Operations	243,877	34,938	235,309	20,553
Extracurricular Activities	351,075	294,622	320,716	286,045
Interest and Fiscal Charges	253,102	253,102	252,485	252,485
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<u>\$7,295,135</u>	<u>\$5,789,810</u>	<u>\$4,895,293</u>	<u>\$3,389,887</u>

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The dependence upon general revenues for governmental activities is apparent as they account for a majority of the total cost of services in fiscal year 2019. The community, as a whole, is by far the primary support for Southington Local School District students.

**The School District's Funds**

The School District's governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Total governmental funds had revenues of \$7,365,817 and expenditures of \$7,282,490. The general fund had an increase in fund balance which can be attributed to revenues outpacing expenditures as the School District was able to maintain a surplus in the general fund while continuing to offer the programs the community desires. The bond retirement fund had a slight increase in fund balance due to a decrease in interest and fiscal charges.

***General Fund Budgeting Highlights***

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

During the course of fiscal year 2019, the School District amended its general fund budget several times. The School District uses an operational unit budget process and has in place systems that are designed to tightly control expenditures but provide flexibility for program based decision and management.

Actual revenues were lower than the final certificate as the School District received less property tax revenues than what was anticipated as final distributions were made. Final budgeted revenues were slightly lower than original budgeted revenues as a clear picture of where revenues would end materialized. Actual expenditures were lower than final appropriations due mainly to the diligence of management to keep costs low while still providing the services the School District citizens expect.

**Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

***Capital Assets***

All capital assets, except land and construction in progress, are reported net of depreciation. For fiscal year 2019, the net decrease in capital assets during the fiscal year resulted from annual depreciation, offset by additions of the completion of the athletics storage building, chromebooks, pressure washer and other various equipment. Ohio law requires school districts to set aside three percent of certain revenues for capital improvements. For fiscal year 2019, this amounted to \$92,353. See Note 9 to the basic financial statements for additional information on the School District's capital assets and Note 20 for additional information regarding required set-asides.

***Debt***

At June 30, 2019, the School District had general obligation bonds outstanding in the amount of \$6,592,051. These bonds were issued for the School District's portion of the Ohio School Facilities Commission project. During fiscal year 2016, the School District refunded a portion of the 2008 classroom facilities improvement bonds to take advantage of lower interest rates. These bonds will be fully repaid in fiscal year 2036. The overall debt margin of the School District as of June 30, 2019 was \$922,920 with an unvoted debt margin of \$66,113. Please see Note 11 of the notes to the basic financial statements for more information about the School District's long-term obligations.

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**Challenges and Opportunities for the Future**

The School District will continue to provide the best education it can to the community's most important asset. It will continue to be a responsible and conservative caretaker of our taxpayers' dollars and will continue to work within the confines of the budget it has set forth in an effort to comply with all State mandates.

The Southington Local School District has committed itself to financial reporting excellence. Southington continues its commitment to continuous improvement in financial reporting to our community.

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

This financial report is designed to provide our students, citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to show the School District's accountability for the public dollars entrusted to us. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Janet Ward, Treasurer at Southington Local School District, 2482 State Route 534, Southington, Ohio 44470, or [janet.ward@southingtonlocal.org](mailto:janet.ward@southingtonlocal.org).

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*Statement of Net Position*

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	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>Assets</b>	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$4,953,899
Accounts Receivable	210
Accrued Interest Receivable	1,564
Intergovernmental Receivable	63,394
Prepaid Items	4,123
Property Taxes Receivable	2,230,657
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	224,230
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	16,367,612
Net OPEB Asset (See Note 13)	310,974
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>24,156,663</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	
Deferred Charge on Refunding	604,807
Pension	1,622,997
OPEB	139,247
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<u>2,367,051</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	41,696
Contracts Payable	147,835
Accrued Wages and Benefits	404,288
Intergovernmental Payable	150,958
Accrued Interest Payable	14,988
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Due Within One Year	355,415
Due In More Than One Year	
Net Pension Liability (See Note 12)	5,494,710
Net OPEB Liability (See Note 13)	608,150
Other Amounts	6,500,671
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>13,718,711</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	
Property Taxes	1,942,542
Pension	609,289
OPEB	559,210
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>3,111,041</u>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	10,861,110
Restricted for:	
Capital Projects	222,966
Debt Service	642,447
Unclaimed Monies	404
Other Purposes	371,382
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(2,404,347)</u>
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u>\$9,693,962</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Southington Local School District**  
*Statement of Activities*  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
	Expenses	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants, Contributions and Interest	Governmental Activities
<b>Governmental Activities</b>				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$3,427,712	\$637,877	\$128,432	(\$2,661,403)
Special	639,368	126,671	296,793	(215,904)
Vocational	22,492	6,713	3,646	(12,133)
Support Services:				
Pupil	261,470	0	0	(261,470)
Instructional Staff	121,876	0	5,400	(116,476)
Board of Education	36,318	0	0	(36,318)
Administration	485,089	0	750	(484,339)
Fiscal	286,711	0	5,924	(280,787)
Business	15,460	0	0	(15,460)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	770,464	0	27,727	(742,737)
Pupil Transportation	318,370	0	0	(318,370)
Central	61,651	0	0	(61,651)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	100	0	0	(100)
Food Service Operations	243,877	67,396	141,543	(34,938)
Extracurricular Activities	351,075	56,453	0	(294,622)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	253,102	0	0	(253,102)
<i>Totals</i>	<u>\$7,295,135</u>	<u>\$895,110</u>	<u>\$610,215</u>	<u>(5,789,810)</u>

**General Revenues**

Property Taxes Levied for:

General Purposes	1,417,777
Debt Service	454,185
Classroom Facilities Maintenance	84,888
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs	3,847,296
Investment Earnings	52,140
Unrestricted Contributions	31
Miscellaneous	32,267

*Total General Revenues* 5,888,584

Change in Net Position 98,774

*Net Position Beginning of Year* 9,595,188

*Net Position End of Year* \$9,693,962

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements



**Southington Local School District**

*Balance Sheet*

*Governmental Funds*

*June 30, 2019*

	General	Bond Retirement	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$3,549,739	\$589,152	\$814,604	\$4,953,495
Restricted Assets:				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	404	0	0	404
Accounts Receivable	210	0	0	210
Accrued Interest Receivable	0	1,564	0	1,564
Intergovernmental Receivable	31,075	0	32,319	63,394
Interfund Receivable	42,592	0	0	42,592
Prepaid Items	4,123	0	0	4,123
Property Taxes Receivable	1,618,297	515,837	96,523	2,230,657
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$5,246,440</u>	<u>\$1,106,553</u>	<u>\$943,446</u>	<u>\$7,296,439</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Accounts Payable	\$28,020	\$0	\$13,676	\$41,696
Contracts Payable	0	0	147,835	147,835
Accrued Wages and Benefits	362,426	0	41,862	404,288
Interfund Payable	0	0	42,592	42,592
Intergovernmental Payable	141,286	0	9,672	150,958
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>531,732</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>255,637</u>	<u>787,369</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>				
Property Taxes	1,409,401	449,118	84,023	1,942,542
Unavailable Revenue	232,474	64,673	44,436	341,583
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>1,641,875</u>	<u>513,791</u>	<u>128,459</u>	<u>2,284,125</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>				
Nonspendable	4,527	0	0	4,527
Restricted	0	592,762	597,902	1,190,664
Committed	1,721	0	0	1,721
Assigned	115,301	0	0	115,301
Unassigned (Deficit)	2,951,284	0	(38,552)	2,912,732
<i>Total Fund Balances</i>	<u>3,072,833</u>	<u>592,762</u>	<u>559,350</u>	<u>4,224,945</u>
<i>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</i>	<u>\$5,246,440</u>	<u>\$1,106,553</u>	<u>\$943,446</u>	<u>\$7,296,439</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Southington Local School District**  
*Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to  
 Net Position of Governmental Activities  
 June 30, 2019*

<b>Total Governmental Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$4,224,945</b>
 <i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because</i>	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	16,591,842
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are unavailable revenue in the funds:	
Delinquent Property Taxes	279,280
Grants	32,077
Tuition and Fees	23,042
Miscellaneous	7,184
Total	341,583
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding general obligation bonds, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due.	(14,988)
The net pension liability and net OPEB asset/liability are not due and payable in the current period; therefore, the asset/liabilities and related inflows/outflows are not reported in governmental funds:	
Net OPEB Asset	310,974
Deferred Outflows - Pension	1,622,997
Deferred Outflows - OPEB	139,247
Net Pension Liability	(5,494,710)
Net OPEB Liability	(608,150)
Deferred Inflows - Pension	(609,289)
Deferred Inflows - OPEB	(559,210)
Total	(5,198,141)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:	
Deferred Charge on Refunding	604,807
General Obligation Bonds	(5,876,512)
Bond Premium	(715,539)
Compensated Absences	(250,355)
Special Termination Benefits	(13,680)
Total	(6,251,279)
<i>Net Position of Governmental Activities</i>	<b>\$9,693,962</b>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Southington Local School District**  
*Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances*  
*Governmental Funds*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019*

	General	Bond Retirement	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property Taxes	\$1,409,028	\$449,877	\$84,203	\$1,943,108
Intergovernmental	3,976,720	78,047	404,992	4,459,759
Interest	52,089	40	2,791	54,920
Tuition and Fees	634,833	0	0	634,833
Extracurricular Activities	6,736	0	49,717	56,453
Contributions and Donations	31	0	4,300	4,331
Charges for Services	119,934	0	67,396	187,330
Miscellaneous	25,083	0	0	25,083
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>6,224,454</u>	<u>527,964</u>	<u>613,399</u>	<u>7,365,817</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	2,914,199	0	102,212	3,016,411
Special	584,938	0	120,600	705,538
Vocational	34,840	0	0	34,840
Support Services:				
Pupil	274,389	0	729	275,118
Instructional Staff	102,813	0	15,183	117,996
Board of Education	31,936	3,249	0	35,185
Administration	529,045	0	9,183	538,228
Fiscal	263,240	10,096	2,145	275,481
Business	15,257	0	0	15,257
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	550,588	0	193,222	743,810
Pupil Transportation	262,167	0	0	262,167
Central	60,155	0	0	60,155
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	0	0	100	100
Food Services Operations	0	0	229,772	229,772
Extracurricular Activities	146,470	0	191,307	337,777
Capital Outlay	0	0	125,055	125,055
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	0	325,000	0	325,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges	0	184,600	0	184,600
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>5,770,037</u>	<u>522,945</u>	<u>989,508</u>	<u>7,282,490</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>454,417</u>	<u>5,019</u>	<u>(376,109)</u>	<u>83,327</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Transfers In	0	0	181,681	181,681
Transfers Out	(181,681)	0	0	(181,681)
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<u>(181,681)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>181,681</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	272,736	5,019	(194,428)	83,327
<i>Fund Balances Beginning of Year</i>	<u>2,800,097</u>	<u>587,743</u>	<u>753,778</u>	<u>4,141,618</u>
<i>Fund Balances End of Year</i>	<u>\$3,072,833</u>	<u>\$592,762</u>	<u>\$559,350</u>	<u>\$4,224,945</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Southington Local School District**

*Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019*

<b>Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds</b>		\$83,327
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because</i>		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlay in the current period:		
Capital Outlay Additions	62,881	
Current Year Depreciation	<u>(928,556)</u>	
Total		(865,675)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds:		
Delinquent Property Taxes	13,742	
Grants	(9,328)	
Tuition and Fees	16,494	
Miscellaneous	<u>7,184</u>	
Total		28,092
Repayment of long-term obligations is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.		
		325,000
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as an expenditure in governmental funds:		
Accrued Interest on Bonds	23,786	
Amortization of Accretion	(106,153)	
Amortization of Bond Premium	50,513	
Amortization of Deferred Charge on Refunding	<u>(36,648)</u>	
Total		(68,502)
Contractually required contributions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds; however, the statement of net position reports these amounts as deferred outflows:		
Pension	414,887	
OPEB	<u>15,518</u>	
Total		430,405
Except for the amounts reported as deferred inflows/outflows, changes in the net pension/OPEB asset/liabilities are reported as pension/OPEB expense in the statement of activities:		
Pension	(466,737)	
OPEB	<u>636,619</u>	
Total		169,882
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:		
Compensated Absences	(8,315)	
Special Termination Benefits	<u>4,560</u>	
Total		<u>(3,755)</u>
<i>Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities</i>		<u><u>\$98,774</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Southington Local School District**  
*Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes*  
*In Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual*  
*General Fund*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019*

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property Taxes	\$1,449,946	\$1,447,285	\$1,411,233	(\$36,052)
Intergovernmental	3,970,267	3,980,267	3,986,446	6,179
Interest	6,574	44,574	52,089	7,515
Tuition and Fees	671,845	627,506	621,805	(5,701)
Contributions and Donations	1,367	1,367	31	(1,336)
Charges for Services	111,932	118,932	119,934	1,002
Miscellaneous	23,869	11,870	13,041	1,171
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>6,235,800</u>	<u>6,231,801</u>	<u>6,204,579</u>	<u>(27,222)</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	2,633,410	2,869,289	2,868,985	304
Special	622,386	590,216	573,293	16,923
Vocational	51,653	51,653	37,448	14,205
Support Services:				
Pupil	292,024	292,024	269,494	22,530
Instructional Staff	63,906	99,906	99,458	448
Board of Education	40,579	40,579	36,838	3,741
Administration	526,970	536,906	529,095	7,811
Fiscal	250,837	261,337	261,055	282
Business	23,407	23,407	15,797	7,610
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	785,313	602,002	598,107	3,895
Pupil Transportation	282,889	287,250	286,268	982
Central	68,729	68,729	60,351	8,378
Extracurricular Activities	129,324	129,324	127,755	1,569
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>5,771,427</u>	<u>5,852,622</u>	<u>5,763,944</u>	<u>88,678</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>464,373</u>	<u>379,179</u>	<u>440,635</u>	<u>61,456</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Sale of Capital Assets	8,000	8,000	0	(8,000)
Advances In	39,749	173,537	173,537	0
Advances Out	(231,992)	(210,578)	(200,578)	10,000
Transfers Out	(156,291)	(182,238)	(181,681)	557
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<u>(340,534)</u>	<u>(211,279)</u>	<u>(208,722)</u>	<u>2,557</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	123,839	167,900	231,913	64,013
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	3,040,045	3,040,045	3,040,045	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	128,775	128,775	128,775	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u>\$3,292,659</u>	<u>\$3,336,720</u>	<u>\$3,400,733</u>	<u>\$64,013</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Southington Local School District**  
*Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities*  
*Agency Funds*  
*June 30, 2019*

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<b>Assets</b>	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u><u>\$47,755</u></u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Due to Students	\$23,609
Deposits Held and Due to Others	<u>24,146</u>
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u><u>\$47,755</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Southington Local School District**  
*Notes to the Basic Financial Statements*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019*

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**Note 1 - Description of the School District and Reporting Entity**

Southington Local School District (the School District) is a body politic and corporate established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio.

The School District operates under a locally-elected five-member Board form of government and provides educational services as mandated by State and federal agencies. The Board of Education controls the School District's one instructional/support facility staffed by 25 classified employees, 42 certified employees and 3 administrative employees who provide services to 520 students and other community members.

*Reporting Entity*

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

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the School District is financially accountable. The School District is financially accountable for an organization if the School District appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the School District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; (2) the School District is entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; or (3) the School District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the School District is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the School District in that the School District approves the budget, the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes, and there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the primary government. The School District has no component units.

The School District participates in three jointly governed organizations, one insurance purchasing pool and one risk sharing pool. These organizations are the North East Ohio Management Information Network, Trumbull Career and Technical Center, State Support Team Region 5, the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program and the Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority. These organizations are presented in Notes 16 and 17 to the basic financial statements.

**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The financial statements of the School District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the School District's accounting policies are described below.

*Basis of Presentation*

The School District's basic financial statements consist of government-wide 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.

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*Notes to the Basic Financial Statements*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019*

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**Government-wide Financial Statements** The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the School District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. These statements usually distinguish between those activities of the School District that are governmental and those that are considered business-type. The School District, however, has no business-type activities.

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the School District at fiscal year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the School District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the School District, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the School District.

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

**Fund Accounting**

The School District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self balancing set of accounts. All of the School District's funds are classified as either governmental or fiduciary.

**Governmental Funds** Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources is reported as fund balance. The following are the School District's major governmental funds:

**General Fund** The general fund is the operating fund of the School District and is used to account for and report all financial resources except those required to be accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the School District for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

**Bond Retirement Fund** The bond retirement fund accounts for and reports property tax revenues that are restricted for the payment of principal and interest and fiscal charges on general obligation debt.

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



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*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019*

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***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 School District under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are therefore not available to support the School District's own programs. The School District has no trust funds. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The School District's agency funds account for student and alumni activities.

***Measurement Focus***

***Government-wide Financial Statements*** The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and deferred outflows of resources and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of the School District are included on the statement of net position. The statement of activities presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net position.

***Fund Financial Statements*** All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities and deferred inflows of resources generally are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (e.g., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (e.g., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

***Basis of Accounting***

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements and the statements presented for the fiduciary funds are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and the modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred inflows/outflows of resources, and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

***Revenues - Exchange and Non-Exchange Transactions*** Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the School District, available means expected to be received within sixty days of fiscal year-end.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the School District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied (See Note 7). Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the School District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure

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requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at fiscal year-end: property taxes available as an advance, interest, tuition, grants and student fees.

***Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources*** In addition to assets, the statements of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the School District, deferred outflows of resources are reported on the government-wide statement of net position for deferred charges on refunding debt, pension and OPEB plans. A deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt. The deferred outflows of resources related to pension and OPEB plans are explained in Notes 12 and 13.

In addition to liabilities, the statements of financial position report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized until that time. For the School District, deferred inflows of resources include property taxes, pension, OPEB plans and unavailable revenue. Property taxes represent amounts for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of June 30, 2019, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2020 operations. These amounts have been recorded as a deferred inflow on both the government-wide statement of net position and governmental fund financial statements. Unavailable revenue is reported only on the governmental funds balance sheet, and represents receivables which will not be collected within the available period. For the School District, unavailable revenue includes delinquent property taxes, grants, tuition and fees, and miscellaneous revenues. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period the amounts become available. The details of these unavailable revenues are identified on the Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to Net Position of Governmental Activities fund on page 17. Deferred inflows of resources related to pension and OPEB plans are reported on the government-wide statement of net position. (See Notes 12 and 13)

***Expenses/Expenditures*** On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in governmental funds.

***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

To improve cash management, cash received by the School District is pooled. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through the School District's records. Interest in the pool is presented as "equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents" on the financial statements.

During fiscal year 2019, investments were limited to nonnegotiable certificates of deposit which are reported at cost.

Following Ohio statutes, the Board of Education has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest revenue credited to the general fund during fiscal year 2019 amounted to \$52,089, of which \$12,731 was assigned from other School District funds.

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Investments of the cash management pool and investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the School District are presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents.

***Prepaid Items***

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2019, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method by recording a current asset for the prepaid amount and reflecting the expenditure/expense in the year in which the services are consumed.

***Restricted Assets***

Assets are reported as restricted when limitations on their use change in nature or normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either externally imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, laws of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provision. Restricted assets in the general fund include unspent resources set-aside for unclaimed monies.

***Interfund Balances***

On fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as “interfund receivables/payables.” These amounts are eliminated in the governmental activities column of the statement of net position.

***Capital Assets***

The School District’s only capital assets are general capital assets. These assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. The School District was able to estimate the historical cost for the initial reporting of assets by backtrending (i.e., estimating the current replacement cost of the asset to be capitalized and using an appropriate price-level index to deflate the cost to the acquisition year or estimated acquisition year.) Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition values as of the date received. The School District maintains a capitalization threshold of one thousand five hundred dollars. The School District does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset’s life are not.

All reported capital assets, except land, are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Description	Governmental Activities Estimated Lives
Land and Improvements	10 - 25 years
Buildings and Improvements	30 - 50 years
Furniture	20 years
Fixtures	15 years
Equipment	10 - 20 years
Vehicles	10 years

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***Compensated Absences***

Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the School District will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. The School District records a liability for accumulated unused vacation time when earned for all employees with more than one year of service.

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the vesting method. An accrual for earned sick leave is made based on the sick leave accumulated at year-end by those employees who currently are eligible to receive termination payments, as well as other employees who are expected to become eligible in the future to receive such payments. All employees with ten or more years of service were included in the calculation of the compensated absences accrual amount.

***Accrued Liabilities and Long-term Obligations***

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements.

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources, are reported as obligations of the funds. However, claims and judgments and compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current fiscal year. Bonds are recognized as a liability on the fund financial statements when due. Net pension/OPEB asset/liability should be recognized in the governmental funds to the extent that benefit payments are due and payable and the pension/OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is not sufficient for payment of those benefits.

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

For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB asset/liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions/OPEB, and pension/OPEB expense, 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.

***Internal Activity***

Transfers between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements. Internal allocations of overhead expenses from one function to another or within the same function are eliminated on the Statement of Activities. Interfund payments for services provided and used are not eliminated.

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

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***Net Position***

Net position represents the difference between all other elements in a statement of financial position. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. Net position restricted for other purposes include resources restricted for food service operations, instruction, support services and extracurricular activities.

The School District applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

***Fund Balance***

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

***Nonspendable*** The nonspendable fund balance category includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form, or 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.

***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 School District Board of Education. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the School District Board of Education removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

***Assigned*** Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the School District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance includes the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. These assigned balances are established by the School District Board of Education. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by policies of the School District Board of Education or a School District official delegated that authority by resolution by State statute. State statute authorizes the Treasurer to assign fund balance purchases on order provided such amounts have been lawfully appropriated. The Board of Education assigned fund balance for instruction and extracurricular activities.

***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.

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

***Deferred Charge on Refunding***

On the government-wide financial statements, the difference between the reacquisition price (funds required to refund the old debt) and the net carrying amount of the old debt, the gain/loss on the refunding, is being amortized as a component of interest expense. This deferred amount is amortized over the life of the old or new debt, whichever is shorter, using the effective interest method and is presented as deferred outflows of resources on the statement of net position.

***Bond Premiums***

On the government-wide financial statements, bond premiums are deferred and amortized over the term of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bond premiums are presented as an increase of the face amount of the general obligation bonds payable. On fund financial statements, bonds premiums are received in the year the bonds are issued. Under Ohio law, premiums on the original issuance of debt are to be deposited to the bond retirement fund to be used for debt retirement and are precluded from being applied to the project fund. Ohio law does allow premiums on refunding debt to be used as part of the payment to the bond escrow agent.

***Estimates***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

***Budgetary Data***

All funds, other than agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the appropriation resolution and the certificate of estimated resources, 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 that the Board of Education may appropriate. The appropriation resolution is the Board's authorization to spend resources and set annual limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at a level of control selected by the Board. The legal level of control has been established by the Board of Education at the fund level. Any budgetary modifications at this level may only be made by resolution of the Board of Education. The Treasurer is authorized to further allocate appropriations at the function and object levels.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the School District Treasurer. The amounts reported as the original and final budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the amended certificate that were in effect at the time the original and final appropriations were passed by the Board of Education.

The appropriation resolution is subject to amendment by the Board throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations may not exceed estimated revenues. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts reflect the first appropriation for that fund that covered the entire fiscal year, including amounts automatically carried over 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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**Note 3 – Fund Balances**

Fund balance is classified as restricted, assigned and/or unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the School District is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of resources in the governmental funds. The constraints placed on fund balance for the major governmental funds and all other governmental funds are presented below:

Fund Balances	General	Bond Retirement	Other Governmental Funds	Total
<i><b>Nonspendable</b></i>				
Unclaimed Monies	\$404	\$0	\$0	\$404
Prepaid Items	4,123	0	0	4,123
<i>Total Nonspendable</i>	<u>4,527</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,527</u>
<i><b>Restricted for</b></i>				
Instructional Services	0	0	2,769	2,769
Food Service Operations	0	0	103,521	103,521
Scholarships and Awards	0	0	51,254	51,254
Athletics	0	0	24,091	24,091
Classroom Facilities Maintenance	0	0	193,301	193,301
Debt Service Payments	0	592,762	0	592,762
Capital Improvements	0	0	222,966	222,966
<i>Total Restricted</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>592,762</u>	<u>597,902</u>	<u>1,190,664</u>
<i><b>Committed to</b></i>				
Educational Services	1,721	0	0	1,721
<i><b>Assigned to</b></i>				
Instruction and Extracurricular Activities	39,496	0	0	39,496
Purchases on Order:				
Instruction	46,330	0	0	46,330
Support Services	29,475	0	0	29,475
<i>Total Assigned</i>	<u>115,301</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>115,301</u>
<i>Unassigned (Deficit)</i>	<u>2,951,284</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(38,552)</u>	<u>2,912,732</u>
<i>Total Fund Balances</i>	<u>\$3,072,833</u>	<u>\$592,762</u>	<u>\$559,350</u>	<u>\$4,224,945</u>

**Note 4 - Budgetary Basis of Accounting**

While the School District is reporting financial position, results of operations and changes in fund balance on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual for the general fund is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the budget basis and GAAP basis are:

1. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP).
2. Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budget) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP).

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3. Encumbrances are treated as expenditures (budget) rather than as restricted, committed or assigned fund balance (GAAP).
4. Advances-In and Advances-Out are operating transaction (budget) as opposed to balance sheet transactions (GAAP).
5. Budgetary revenues and expenditures of the uniform school supply fund and public school support fund are classified to the general fund for GAAP reporting.

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP basis statements to the budgetary basis statements for the general fund.

	General
GAAP Basis	\$272,736
Net Adjustment for Revenue Accruals	(52,181)
Advances In	173,537
Net Adjustment for Expenditure Accruals	146,200
Advances Out	(200,578)
Perspective Difference:	
Uniform School Supply	2,661
Public School Support	(737)
Encumbrances	(109,725)
Budget Basis	\$231,913

**Note 5 – Accountability**

At June 30, 2019, the title VI-B, title I, and the miscellaneous federal grants special revenue funds had deficit fund balances of \$21,349, \$11,694 and \$5,509, respectively.

The deficits were caused by the recognition of expenditures on a modified accrual basis of accounting which are substantially greater than the expenditures recognized on a cash basis. The general fund is liable for any deficit in these funds and provides transfers when cash is required, not when accruals occur.

**Note 6 - Deposits and Investments**

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

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

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



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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 School 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 School District can be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury bills, bonds notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligation or security issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, 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 previously 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 daily, and 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 (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); and
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 monies 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. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the School District, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity.

Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. 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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**Note 7 - Property Taxes**

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

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real property and public utility property located in the School District. Real property tax revenues 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 are established by State law at thirty-five percent of appraised market value. Real property 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 by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax revenues received in calendar year 2019 represents collections of calendar year 2018 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2018 became a lien December 31, 2017, were levied after April 1, 2018 and are collected in 2019 with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at thirty-five percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value.

The School District receives property taxes from Trumbull County. The County Auditor periodically advances to the School District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the 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.

Accrued property taxes receivable includes real property and public utility property taxes which are measurable as of June 30, 2019 and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. Although total property tax collections for the next fiscal year are measurable, only the amount of real property taxes available as an advance at June 30 were levied to finance current fiscal year operations are reported as revenue at fiscal year-end. The portion of the receivable not levied to finance current fiscal year operations is offset by a credit to deferred inflows of resources – property taxes. On the accrual basis, collectible delinquent property taxes have been recorded as a receivable and revenue while on the modified accrual basis the revenue has been reported as deferred inflows of resources – unavailable revenue.

The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2019, was \$6,406 in the general fund, \$383 in the classroom facilities special revenue fund and \$2,046 in the bond retirement debt service fund. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2018, was \$8,611 in the general fund, \$508 in the classroom facilities special revenue fund and \$2,683 in the bond retirement debt service fund.

The assessed values upon which the fiscal year 2019 taxes were collected are:

	2018 Second Half Collections		2019 First Half Collections	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Agricultural/Residential and Other Real Estate	\$63,212,870	96.26 %	\$63,526,520	96.09 %
Public Utility Personal	2,455,930	3.74	2,586,350	3.91
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$65,668,800</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>	<b>\$66,112,870</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>
Full Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$50.70		\$50.70	

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**Note 8 - Receivables**

Receivables at June 30, 2019, consisted of taxes and intergovernmental grants. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the stable condition of State programs and the current year guarantee of Federal funds. All receivables, except delinquent taxes are expected to be collected within one year. Property taxes, although ultimately collectible, include some portion of delinquencies that will not be collected within one year. A summary of principal items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

Intergovernmental Receivables	Amounts
Foundation Adjustment	\$23,815
Title VI-B Grant	14,013
Title I Grant	12,646
Bureau of Workers Compensation	7,184
Miscellaneous Federal Grants	5,418
Medicaid	318
Total	\$63,394

**Note 9 – Capital Assets**

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, was as follows:

	Balance June 30, 2018	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2019
<b>Nondepreciable Capital Assets</b>				
Land	\$224,230	\$0	\$0	\$224,230
Construction in Progress	8,725	9,607	(18,332)	0
<i>Total Nondepreciable Capital Assets</i>	232,955	9,607	(18,332)	224,230
<b>Depreciable Capital Assets</b>				
Land and Improvements	3,042,323	0	0	3,042,323
Buildings and Improvements	16,981,412	28,772	0	17,010,184
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	2,739,327	42,834	0	2,782,161
Vehicles	611,599	0	0	611,599
<i>Total Depreciable Capital Assets</i>	23,374,661	71,606	0	23,446,267
<b>Less: Accumulated Depreciation</b>				
Land and Improvements	(974,250)	(150,184)	0	(1,124,434)
Buildings and Improvements	(3,658,899)	(539,662)	0	(4,198,561)
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	(1,171,817)	(172,350)	0	(1,344,167)
Vehicles	(345,133)	(66,360)	0	(411,493)
<i>Total Accumulated Depreciation</i>	(6,150,099)	(928,556) *	0	(7,078,655)
<i>Depreciable Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation</i>	17,224,562	(856,950)	0	16,367,612
<i>Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net</i>	\$17,457,517	(\$847,343)	(\$18,332)	\$16,591,842

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\* Depreciation expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

Instruction	
Regular	\$836,520
Special	1,527
Support Services	
Instructional Staff	13,520
Administration	917
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	8,307
Pupil Transportation	51,415
Food Service Operations	7,666
Extracurricular Activities	8,684
Total Depreciation Expense	<u><u>\$928,556</u></u>

## **Note 10 – Contingencies**

### ***Grants***

The School District received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with the terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the general fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, the effect of any such disallowed claims on the overall financial position of the School District at June 30, 2019 if applicable, cannot be determined at this time.

### ***School Foundation***

School 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, additional ODE adjustments for fiscal year 2019 have been finalized and were determined to be insignificant.

### ***Litigation***

The School District is not a party to any material legal proceedings.

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**Note 11 – Long-Term Obligations**

Original issue amounts and interest rates of the School District’s debt issues were as follows:

Debt Issue	Interest Rate	Original Issue	Fiscal Year of Maturity
2008 Classroom Facilities Bonds:			
Serial Bonds	3.00 - 4.00%	\$3,110,000	2019
2015 Classroom Facilities Refunding Bonds:			
Serial Bonds	1.00 - 4.00	5,880,000	2036
Capital Appreciation Bonds	Various	85,000	2024

The changes in the School District’s long-term obligations during fiscal year 2019 were as follows:

	Balance 6/30/18	Additions	Deductions	Balance 6/30/19	Amounts Due in One Year
<b>Governmental Activities</b>					
<i>General Obligation Bonds:</i>					
2008 Classroom Facilities Bonds					
Serial Bonds	\$240,000	\$0	\$240,000	\$0	\$0
Unamortized Premium	7,145	0	7,145	0	0
<b>Total 2008 Classroom Facilities Bonds</b>	<b>247,145</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>247,145</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
2015 Classroom Facilities Refunding Bonds					
Serial Bonds	5,620,000	0	85,000	5,535,000	255,000
Capital Appreciation Bonds	85,000	0	0	85,000	15,000
Accretion	150,359	106,153	0	256,512	65,000
Premium on Bonds	758,907	0	43,368	715,539	0
<b>Total 2015 Classroom Facilities Bonds</b>	<b>6,614,266</b>	<b>106,153</b>	<b>128,368</b>	<b>6,592,051</b>	<b>335,000</b>
<b>Total General Obligation Bonds</b>	<b>6,861,411</b>	<b>106,153</b>	<b>375,513</b>	<b>6,592,051</b>	<b>335,000</b>
<i>Other Long-Term Obligations:</i>					
Net Pension Liability:					
STRS	4,724,617	0	469,446	4,255,171	0
SERS	1,202,448	37,091	0	1,239,539	0
<b>Total Net Pension Liability</b>	<b>5,927,065</b>	<b>37,091</b>	<b>469,446</b>	<b>5,494,710</b>	<b>0</b>
Net OPEB Liability:					
STRS	775,987	0	775,987	0	0
SERS	546,727	61,423	0	608,150	0
<b>Total Net OPEB Liability</b>	<b>1,322,714</b>	<b>61,423</b>	<b>775,987</b>	<b>608,150</b>	<b>0</b>
Compensated Absences	242,040	24,145	15,830	250,355	15,855
Special Termination Benefits	18,240	0	4,560	13,680	4,560
<b>Total Other Long-Term Obligations</b>	<b>7,510,059</b>	<b>122,659</b>	<b>1,265,823</b>	<b>6,366,895</b>	<b>20,415</b>
<b>Total Long-Term Liabilities</b>	<b>\$14,371,470</b>	<b>\$228,812</b>	<b>\$1,641,336</b>	<b>\$12,958,946</b>	<b>\$355,415</b>

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Compensated absences will be paid from the general fund and the food service, Ohio schools facility maintenance, the title VI-B and the title I special revenue funds. The special termination benefits will be paid from the general fund. There are no repayment schedules for the net pension liability and net OPEB liability. However, employer pension contributions are made from the following funds: general fund and the food service, Ohio schools facility maintenance and the title I special revenue funds. For additional information related to the net pension and net OBEB liabilities see Notes 12 and 13.

On February 20, 2008, Southington Local School District issued \$8,000,000 in general obligation bonds, which included serial and term bonds to fund capital improvements to the School District's buildings. The bonds were issued for a twenty-eight year period with final maturity on December 1, 2035. The bonds were issued at a premium of \$200,073 and will be repaid with property taxes in the bond retirement fund. During fiscal year 2016, a portion of the bonds were retired by the School District through an advance refunding. After the advance refunding, the original general obligation bonds matured December 1, 2018.

On September 9, 2015, the School District issued \$5,965,000 in general obligation bonds to refund a portion of the 2008 general obligation classroom facilities bonds. The general obligation bonds included serial and capital appreciation (deep discount) bonds in the amounts \$5,880,000 and \$85,000, respectively. The bonds were issued for a twenty year period with a final maturity at December 1, 2035.

The capital appreciation bonds were originally sold at a discount of \$860,000, which is being accreted annually until the point of maturity of the capital appreciation bonds, which is 2024. The maturity amount of the outstanding capital appreciation bonds at June 30, 2019 is \$945,000. The accretion recorded for fiscal year 2019 was \$106,153, for a total outstanding bond liability of \$341,512 at June 30, 2019.

The refunding bonds were sold at a premium of \$881,783. Net proceeds of \$6,710,291 were deposited in an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide for all future debt service payments on the refunded portion of the various bonds. As a result, \$5,965,000 of these bonds is considered defeased and the liability for the refunded portion of these bonds has been removed from the School District's financial statements.

The overall debt margin of the School District as of June 30, 2019 was \$922,920 with an unvoted debt margin of \$66,113. Principal and interest requirements to retire the general obligation bonds outstanding at June 30, 2019 are as follows:

	Serial Bonds		Capital Appreciation Bonds	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Accretion
2020	\$255,000	\$177,300	\$15,000	\$65,000
2021	255,000	172,200	10,000	65,000
2022	80,000	168,850	25,000	240,000
2023	80,000	167,050	20,000	245,000
2024	80,000	165,050	15,000	245,000
2025-2029	1,880,000	682,525	0	0
2030-2034	2,040,000	348,400	0	0
2035-2036	865,000	34,800	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,535,000</b>	<b>\$1,916,175</b>	<b>\$85,000</b>	<b>\$860,000</b>

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**Note 12 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

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

***Net Pension Liability/Net OPEB Liability (Asset)***

The net pension liability and the net OPEB liability (asset) reported on the statement of net position represent liabilities to employees for pensions and OPEB, respectively. Pensions/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 obligation to sacrifice resources for pensions is a present obligation because it was created as a result of employment exchanges that already have occurred.

The net pension/OPEB liabilities (asset) represent the School 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 liabilities (asset) calculations are 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 School District’s obligation for these liabilities to annually required payments. The School District cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions/OPEB are financed; however, the School 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 funding to come from these employers. All pension contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also include 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 monthly premium. State statute requires the retirement systems to amortize unfunded pension liabilities within 30 years. If the pension 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 liabilities (asset). Resulting adjustments to the net pension/OPEB liabilities (asset) would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide health care to eligible benefit recipients.

The proportionate share of each plan’s unfunded benefits is presented as a *net OPEB asset*, long-term *net pension liability*, or long-term *net OPEB liability* on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually-required pension/OPEB contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in *intergovernmental payable* on both the accrual and modified accrual bases of accounting. The remainder of this note includes the required pension disclosures. See Note 13 for the required OPEB disclosures.

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

Plan Description – School District non-teaching employees participate in SERS, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by SERS. SERS provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries.

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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.

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 School District is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to statutory maximum amounts of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the System's funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, 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 School District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$94,053 for fiscal year 2019. Of this amount \$14,931 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

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

Plan Description – School District licensed teachers and other faculty members participate in STRS Ohio, a cost-sharing multiple employer public employee 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).



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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 5 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, 2026, when retirement eligibility for unreduced benefits will be 5 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.

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 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 the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The defined benefit portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60 with five years of 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 to 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 salary. For fiscal year 2019, the contributions rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates and the full employer contribution was allocated to pension.

The School District's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$320,834 for fiscal year 2019. Of this amount \$52,719 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

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

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2019, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the School District's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability:			
Prior Measurement Date	0.02012540%	0.01988876%	
Current Measurement Date	<u>0.02164310%</u>	<u>0.01935246%</u>	
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>0.00151770%</u>	<u>-0.00053630%</u>	
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$1,239,539	\$4,255,171	\$5,494,710
Pension Expense	\$106,311	\$360,426	\$466,737

At June 30, 2019, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$67,981	\$98,222	\$166,203
Changes of assumptions	27,992	754,096	782,088
Changes in proportionate share and difference between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	49,714	210,105	259,819
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>94,053</u>	<u>320,834</u>	<u>414,887</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$239,740</u>	<u>\$1,383,257</u>	<u>\$1,622,997</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$0	\$27,789	\$27,789
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	34,344	258,029	292,373
Changes in proportionate share and difference between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>18,019</u>	<u>271,108</u>	<u>289,127</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$52,363</u>	<u>\$556,926</u>	<u>\$609,289</u>

\$414,887 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

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Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	SERS	STRS	Total
2020	\$110,960	\$316,616	\$427,576
2021	33,576	193,139	226,715
2022	(40,678)	72,397	31,719
2023	(10,534)	(76,655)	(87,189)
Total	<u>\$93,324</u>	<u>\$505,497</u>	<u>\$598,821</u>

***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 as follows:

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 investment expense, including inflation
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal (Level Percent of Payroll)

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age setback for both males and females. Mortality among service retired members, and beneficiaries were based upon the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection with 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.

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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 by 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 average of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate, and adding the expected return from rebalanced uncorrelated asset classes.

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>	

**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 earnings were calculated using the long-term assumed investment rate of return (7.50 percent). Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current plan members; therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefits to determine the total pension liability.

**Sensitivity of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate** Net pension liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 percent, as well as what the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.50 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%)
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$1,745,986	\$1,239,539	\$814,920

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**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 as follows:

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
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 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. 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 RP-2014 Employee Mortality Table, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016.

Actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2018, valuation 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 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 do 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.

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**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 previously. 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.

**Sensitivity of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate** The following table presents the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.45 percent, as well as what the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.45 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%)
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$6,214,118	\$4,255,171	\$2,597,189

**Note 13 – Defined Benefit OPEB Plans**

See Note 12 for a description of the net OPEB liability (asset).

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

**Health Care Plan Description** – The School District contributes to the SERS Health Care Fund, administered by SERS for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries. For GASB 75 purposes, this plan is considered a cost-sharing other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan. SERS' Health Care Plan provides health care 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, 0.5 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 School District’s surcharge obligation was \$12,035.

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 School District’s contractually required contribution to SERS was \$15,518 for fiscal year 2019. Of this amount \$12,588 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

***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 postemployment 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 postemployment health care.

***OPEB Liabilities (Asset), OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB***

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 School District's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset) was based on the School 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 and OPEB expense:

	SERS	STRS	Total
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability/Asset:			
Prior Measurement Date	0.02037180%	0.01988876%	
Current Measurement Date	0.02192110%	0.01935246%	
Change in Proportionate Share	0.00154930%	-0.00053630%	
Proportionate Share of the:			
Net OPEB Asset	\$0	(\$310,974)	(\$310,974)
Net OPEB Liability	\$608,150	\$0	\$608,150
OPEB Expense	\$32,125	(\$668,744)	(\$636,619)

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At June 30, 2019, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	SERS	STRS	Total
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$9,927	\$36,322	\$46,249
Changes in proportionate share and difference between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	32,798	44,682	77,480
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	15,518	0	15,518
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>\$58,243</b>	<b>\$81,004</b>	<b>\$139,247</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$0	\$18,118	\$18,118
Changes of assumptions	54,638	423,727	478,365
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	913	35,526	36,439
Changes in proportionate share and difference between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	7,177	19,111	26,288
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>\$62,728</b>	<b>\$496,482</b>	<b>\$559,210</b>

\$15,518 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

	SERS	STRS	Total
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2020	(\$20,252)	(\$73,212)	(\$93,464)
2021	(14,420)	(73,212)	(87,632)
2022	4,053	(73,212)	(69,159)
2023	4,441	(65,144)	(60,703)
2024	4,378	(62,318)	(57,940)
Thereafter	1,797	(68,380)	(66,583)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$20,003)</b>	<b>(\$415,478)</b>	<b>(\$435,481)</b>

**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.



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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 as follows:

Inflation	3.00 percent
Wage Increases	3.50 percent to 18.20 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.50 percent net of investment 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.

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.

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The SERS health care plan follows the same asset allocation and long-term expected real rate of return for each major asset class as the pension plan, see Note 12.

**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.

**Sensitivity of the School 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 School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability for SERS and what the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (2.70 percent) and higher (4.70 percent) than the current discount rate (3.70 percent). Also shown is what the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be based on health care cost trend rates that are one 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%)
School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$737,943	\$608,150	\$505,379
	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%)
School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$490,666	\$608,150	\$763,721

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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, 2018, actuarial valuation are presented as follows:

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 - Current Year	7.45 percent
Blended Discount Rate of Return - Prior Year	4.13 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.

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.

The STRS health care plan follows the same asset allocation and long-term expected real rate of return for each major asset class as the pension plan, see Note 12.

**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 continues to allocate no employer contributions to the health care fund. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary

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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.

***Sensitivity of the School 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 School District's proportionate share of 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 School District's proportionate share of 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 School District's proportionate share of 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%)
School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	(\$266,534)	(\$310,974)	(\$348,324)

	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	(\$346,216)	(\$310,974)	(\$275,184)

**Note 14 - Other Employee Benefits**

***Compensated Absences***

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave benefits are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Classified employees earn ten to twenty days of vacation per year, depending upon length of service. Accumulated unused vacation time is paid to classified employees upon termination of employment. Teachers do not earn vacation time.

Each employee earns sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Sick leave shall accumulate during active employment on a continuous year-to-year basis. Maximum sick leave accumulation for certified employees and classified employees is 324 days and 305 days, respectively.

For all employees, retirement severance is paid to each employee retiring from the School District at a per diem rate of the annual salary at the time of retirement if the employee has been employed by the School District for a minimum of ten consecutive years and has ten years of service with the State retirement system at the time of retirement. Certified and classified employees receiving retirement severance pay shall be entitled to a dollar amount equivalent to one-fourth of all accumulated sick leave credited to that employee up to 81 days and 76.25 days, respectively.

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***Life Insurance Benefits***

The School District provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to most employees through ReliaStar Insurance Company, in the amount of \$50,000 for all regular contracted certified employees and \$30,000 for all regular contracted classified employees.

***Health Insurance Benefits***

The School District provides employee medical and surgical plans through Medical Mutual of Ohio. Employees may choose between three comprehensive major medical plans for medical/surgical insurance. These plans provide medical/surgical coverage with deductibles ranging from \$100 to \$2,000 for single coverage and \$200 to \$4,000 for family coverage with a maximum of \$1,000 per individual and \$2,000 per family. Prescription drug is provided through Medical Mutual of Ohio and dental is provided through Delta Dental. Vision is provided through Medical Mutual.

***Retirement Incentive***

The School District's Board of Education offered employees participation in a Retirement Incentive program in fiscal year 2017. Participation was open to teachers who were eligible for service retirement under the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) pursuant to O.R.C. 3307.38 and any applicable STRS regulations along with being at least 60 years of age by October 1, 2017. The Board of Education will pay an annual supplement to the retiree for single group rate coverage provided through STRS to be applied to the retiree's premium share until their 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. As of fiscal year 2019, one employee took advantage of the retirement incentive equating to a remaining balance of \$13,680. The retirement incentive will be paid out over a five year period.

**Note 15 - Risk Management**

***Property and Liability***

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2019, the School District has addressed these various types of risk by purchasing a comprehensive insurance policy through Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority (Note 17).

Professional liability is maintained in the amount of \$15,000,000 for single occurrence and \$17,000,000 in the aggregate.

The School District maintains fleet insurance in the amount of \$15,000,000 for any one accident or loss. The School District maintains replacement cost insurance on buildings and contents in the amount of \$31,660,747.

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years. There have been no significant reductions in coverage from last year.

***Workers' Compensation***

For fiscal year 2019, the School District participated in the Ohio School Boards' Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 17). The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the School District by virtue of its grouping and

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representation with other participants in the GRP. 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 GRP. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the GRP rather than its individual rate. Participation in the GRP is limited to school districts that can meet the GRP's selection criteria. The firm of CompManagement provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the GRP. The Board exercises total control over the operations of the GRP including budgeting, appropriating, contracting and designating management.

**Note 16 - Jointly Governed Organizations**

***North East Ohio Management Information Network (NEOMIN)*** NEOMIN is a jointly governed organization among thirty school districts in Trumbull and Ashtabula Counties. The jointly governed 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 districts. Each of the districts supports NEOMIN based upon a per pupil charge. Southington Local School District paid \$20,350 to NEOMIN during fiscal year 2019.

The Governing Board consists of ten members: The Trumbull and Ashtabula County superintendents (permanent members), three superintendents from Ashtabula County participating school districts, three superintendents from Trumbull County participating school districts, and a principal and treasurer (non-voting members who must be employed by a participating school district, the fiscal agent or NEOMIN). The Southington Local School District was not represented on the Governing Board during fiscal year 2019. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the Board. To obtain a copy of NEOMIN's financial statements, write to the Trumbull County Educational Service Center, 6000 Youngstown Warren Road, Niles, Ohio 44446-4603.

***Trumbull Career and Technical Center (Center)*** The Trumbull Career and Technical Center is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio providing vocational needs of the students. The Center is operated under the direction of a Board consisting of one representative from each of the fifteen participating school districts' elected boards, which possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the Board. Southington Local School District did not make any contributions to the Center during fiscal year 2019. To obtain financial information write to the Trumbull Career and Technical Center, Cody Holecko, who serves as Treasurer, at 528 Educational Highway, Warren, Ohio 44483.

***State Support Team Region 5*** The State Support Team Region 5 is a special education service center which selects its own board, adopts its own budget and receives direct Federal and State grants for its operation. The jointly governed organization was formed for the purpose of initiating, expanding and improving special education programs and services for children with disabilities and their parents.

The State Support Team Region 5 is governed by a governing board of 39 members made up of representatives from 35 superintendents of the participating districts, one non-public school, one county board of mental retardation and two parents whose term rotates every year. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the Board. Southington Local School District did not make any contributions to the State Support Team Region 5 during fiscal year 2019. Financial information can be obtained by contacting the Treasurer at the Mahoning County Educational Service Center, 100 DeBartolo Place, Suite 105, Youngstown, Ohio 44512.

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**Note 17 – Public Entity Risk Sharing Pools**

***Insurance Purchasing Pool***

The School District participates in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers’ Compensation Group Rating Program (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool. The GRP’s business and affairs are conducted by a three member Board of directors consisting of the President, the President-Elect and the Immediate Post President of the OSBA. The Executive Director of the OSBA, or his designee, serves as coordinator of the program. Each year, the participating school districts pay an enrollment fee to the GRP to cover the costs of administering the program.

***Risk Sharing Pool***

The School District participates in the Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority (SORSA), a risk sharing insurance pool. The pool consists of 106 school districts, joint vocational schools, and educational service centers throughout Ohio who pool risk for property, crime, liability, boiler and machinery, and public official liability coverage. SORSA is governed by a board of trustees elected by members. The School District pays an annual premium to SORSA for this coverage. Reinsurance is purchased to cover claims exceeding this amount and for all claims related to equipment breakdown coverage.

**Note 18 – Interfund Transfers and Balances**

***Interfund Balances***

Interfund balances at June 30, 2019, consist of the following individual fund receivables and payables:

	<u>Interfund Receivable</u>
<u>Interfund Payable</u>	<u>General Fund</u>
<b>Other Governmental Funds</b>	
Athletics and Music	\$300
Title VI-B	17,706
Title I	24,586
<i>Total</i>	<u><u>\$42,592</u></u>

The interfund receivables and payables with the general fund and other governmental funds were due to the timing of the receipt of grant monies received by the various funds. The general fund provides temporary funding of the program until the grant dollars are received. All interfund receivables will be repaid within one year.

***Interfund Transfers***

The general fund transferred \$2,500, \$129,181 and \$50,000 to the scholarship and the athletics and music special revenue funds and the permanent improvement capital projects fund, respectively, to help provide funding for fiscal year 2019.

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**Note 19 – Significant Commitments**

***Encumbrances***

Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilitate effective cash planning and control. At fiscal year end the amount of encumbrances expected to be honored upon performance by the vendor in the next fiscal year were as follows:

General	\$109,725
Other Governmental Funds	<u>202,970</u>
Total	<u><u>\$312,695</u></u>

***Contractual Commitments***

As of June 30, 2019, the School District had the following contract balances for various construction projects:

Project	Amount Outstanding
Waterline	\$6,160

All remaining commitment amounts were encumbered at year end.

**Note 20 - Set Aside Calculation**

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

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

	Capital Improvements
Set-Aside Balance as of June 30, 2018	\$0
Current Year Set-aside Requirement	92,353
OSFC Debt Service Payments	(509,600)
Qualifying Disbursements	<u>(24,591)</u>
Total	<u><u>(\$441,838)</u></u>
Set-aside Balance Carried Forward to Future Fiscal Years	<u><u>\$0</u></u>
Set-aside Balance as of June 30, 2019	<u><u>\$0</u></u>



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Although the School District had qualifying offsets and disbursements during the fiscal year that reduced the capital acquisition set-aside amounts below zero, these amounts may not be used to reduce the set-aside requirements of future years. This balance is therefore not presented as being carried forward to future fiscal years.

**Note 21 – Changes in Accounting Principles**

For fiscal year 2019, the School District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 88, *Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements* and Statement No. 89, *Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period*.

GASB 88 improves the information that is disclosed in notes to government 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. These changes were incorporated in the School District's 2019 financial statements; however, there was no effect on beginning net position.

GASB 89 establishes accounting requirements for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period. These changes were incorporated in the School District's 2019 financial statements; however, there was no effect on beginning net position.

For fiscal year 2019, the School District also implemented the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) *Implementation Guide No. 2017-2*. These changes were incorporated in the School District's 2019 financial statements; however, there was no effect on beginning net position/fund balance.

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## Required Supplementary Information

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**Southington Local School District**  
*Required Supplementary Information*  
*Schedule of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability*  
*School Employees Retirement System of Ohio*  
*Last Six Fiscal Years (1)*

	2019	2018	2017
School District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.02164310%	0.02012540%	0.02058610%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$1,239,539	\$1,202,448	\$1,506,713
School District's Covered Payroll	\$718,778	\$678,271	\$641,543
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered - Payroll	172.45%	177.28%	234.86%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	71.36%	69.50%	62.98%

(1) Although this schedule is intended to reflect information for ten years, information prior to fiscal year 2014 is not available. An additional column will be added each year.

\*Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the School District's measurement date which is the prior fiscal year end.

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2016	2015	2014
0.02090300%	0.02178700%	0.02178700%
\$1,192,741	\$1,102,628	\$1,295,603
\$632,253	\$636,153	\$616,023
188.65%	173.33%	210.32%
69.16%	71.70%	65.52%

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*Schedule of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability*  
*School Employees Retirement System of Ohio*  
*Last Three Fiscal Years (1)*

	2019	2018	2017
School District's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	0.02192110%	0.02037180%	0.02082630%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$608,150	\$546,727	\$593,627
School District's Covered Payroll	\$718,778	\$678,271	\$641,543
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered - Payroll	84.61%	80.61%	92.53%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	13.57%	12.46%	11.49%

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**Southington Local School District**  
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*Schedule of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability*  
*State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio*  
*Last Six Fiscal Years (1)*

	2019	2018	2017
School District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.01935246%	0.01988876%	0.01871906%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$4,255,171	\$4,724,617	\$6,265,834
School District's Covered Payroll	\$2,205,921	\$2,207,107	\$1,974,221
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered - Payroll	192.90%	214.06%	317.38%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	75.30%	75.30%	66.80%

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2016	2015	2014
0.02033617%	0.02024431%	0.02024431%
\$5,620,321	\$4,924,117	\$5,865,576
\$2,103,243	\$2,086,185	\$2,119,477
267.22%	236.03%	276.75%
72.10%	74.70%	69.30%

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*Schedule of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)*  
*State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio*  
*Last Three Fiscal Years (1)*

	2019	2018	2017
School District's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	0.01935246%	0.01988876%	0.01871906%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	(\$310,974)	\$775,987	\$1,001,100
School District's Covered Payroll	\$2,205,921	\$2,207,107	\$1,974,221
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	-14.10%	35.16%	50.71%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	176.00%	47.10%	37.30%

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*Schedule of the School District's Contributions*  
*School Employees Retirement System of Ohio*  
*Last Ten Fiscal Years*

	2019	2018	2017	2016
<b>Net Pension Liability</b>				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$94,053	\$97,035	\$94,958	\$89,816
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(94,053)	(97,035)	(94,958)	(89,816)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
School District Covered Payroll (1)	\$696,689	\$718,778	\$678,271	\$641,543
Pension Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u>13.50%</u>	<u>13.50%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>
<b>Net OPEB Liability</b>				
Contractually Required Contribution (2)	15,518	15,278	10,868	10,386
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(15,518)	(15,278)	(10,868)	(10,386)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
OPEB Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u>2.23%</u>	<u>2.13%</u>	<u>1.60%</u>	<u>1.62%</u>
Total Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (2)	<u>15.73%</u>	<u>15.63%</u>	<u>15.60%</u>	<u>15.62%</u>

(1) The School District's covered payroll is the same for Pension and OPEB.

(2) Includes Surcharge

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
\$83,331	\$86,792	\$85,258	\$83,825	\$75,174	\$82,063
(83,331)	(86,792)	(85,258)	(83,825)	(75,174)	(82,063)
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$632,253	\$636,153	\$616,023	\$623,236	\$598,044	\$606,080
13.18%	13.64%	13.84%	13.45%	12.57%	13.54%
16,359	12,091	11,783	12,854	17,504	11,941
(16,359)	(12,091)	(11,783)	(12,854)	(17,504)	(11,941)
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2.59%	1.90%	1.91%	2.06%	2.93%	1.97%
15.77%	15.54%	15.75%	15.51%	15.50%	15.51%

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*Required Supplementary Information*  
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*State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio*  
*Last Ten Fiscal Years*

	2019	2018	2017	2016
<b>Net Pension Liability</b>				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$320,834	\$308,829	\$308,995	\$276,391
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(320,834)</u>	<u>(308,829)</u>	<u>(308,995)</u>	<u>(276,391)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
School District Covered Payroll (1)	\$2,291,671	\$2,205,921	\$2,207,107	\$1,974,221
Pension Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>
<b>Net OPEB Liability</b>				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
OPEB Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Total Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>

(1) The School District's covered payroll is the same for Pension and OPEB.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
\$294,454	\$271,204	\$275,532	\$276,741	\$278,133	\$295,614
(294,454)	(271,204)	(275,532)	(276,741)	(278,133)	(295,614)
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$2,103,243	\$2,086,185	\$2,119,477	\$2,128,777	\$2,139,485	\$2,273,954
14.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%
\$0	\$20,862	\$21,195	\$21,288	\$21,395	\$22,740
0	(20,862)	(21,195)	(21,288)	(21,395)	(22,740)
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
0.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%

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**Net Pension Liability**

**Changes in Assumptions – SERS**

Beginning in fiscal year 2018, an assumption of 2.5 percent was used for COLA or Ad Hoc COLA. Prior to 2018, an assumption of 3 percent was used.

Beginning with fiscal year 2017, amounts reported incorporate changes in assumptions used by SERS in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation. These assumptions compared with those used in fiscal year 2016 and prior are presented as follows:

	Fiscal Year 2017	Fiscal Year 2016 and Prior
Wage Inflation	3.00 percent	3.25 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.50 percent to 18.20 percent	4.00 percent to 22.00 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.50 percent net of investments expense, including inflation	7.75 percent net of investments expense, including inflation

Beginning with fiscal year 2017, mortality assumptions use mortality rates that are based on the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age setback for both males and females. Amounts reported for fiscal year 2016 and prior, use mortality assumptions that are based on the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table set back one year for both men and women. Special mortality tables were used for the period after disability retirement.

**Changes in Assumptions – STRS**

Beginning with fiscal year 2018, amounts reported incorporate changes in assumptions and changes in benefit terms used by STRS in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation. These new assumptions compared with those used in fiscal year 2017 and prior are presented as follows:

	Fiscal Year 2018	Fiscal Year 2017 and Prior
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.

Beginning with fiscal year 2018, post-retirement mortality rates for healthy retirees are based on the RP-2014 Annuity 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. 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.



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For fiscal year 2017 and prior 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 setback for age 90 and above. Females younger than age 80 are set back four years, one year setback from age 80 through 89, and no setback from age 90 and above.

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

**Changes in Assumptions – SERS**

Amounts reported incorporate changes in key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total OPEB liability as presented as follows:

Municipal Bond Index Rate:	
Fiscal Year 2019	3.62 percent
Fiscal Year 2018	3.56 percent
Fiscal Year 2017	2.92 percent
Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation:	
Fiscal Year 2019	3.70 percent
Fiscal Year 2018	3.63 percent
Fiscal Year 2017	2.98 percent

**Changes in Assumptions – STRS**

For fiscal year 2018, 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.

For fiscal year 2019, 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.

**Changes in Benefit Terms – STRS**

For fiscal year 2018, 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 2020.

For fiscal year 2019, 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 will be discontinued beginning January 1, 2020.

**Southington Local School District**  
*Notes to Required Supplementary Information*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019*

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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

Southington Local School District  
Trumbull County  
2482 St. Rt. 534  
Southington, Ohio 44470

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 financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Southington Local School District, Trumbull County, (the District) as of and for the ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 5, 2020.

### ***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 opinion on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

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

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

***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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

***Purpose of this Report***

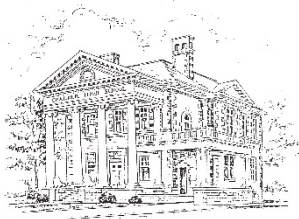
This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering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



Keith Faber  
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

March 5, 2020



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## SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

JUNE 30, 2019

<b>Finding Number</b>	<b>Finding Summary</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Additional Information</b>
2018-001	<b>Significant Deficiency regarding the computation of accrued interest payable.</b>	Fully corrected	

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# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



**SOUTHINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**TRUMBULL 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  
MARCH 31, 2020**