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**MARLINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STARK COUNTY**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Marlington Local School District  
Stark County  
10320 Moulin Avenue NE  
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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 Marlington Local School District, Stark County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with 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 Districts 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 Marlington Local School District, Stark County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position thereof 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 liabilities and pension 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.

*Supplementary and Other Information*

Our audit was conducted to opine on the District's basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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

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

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 19, 2018, 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.

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**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

January 19, 2018

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The management's discussion and analysis of Marlington Local School District's (the "School District") financial performance provides an overall review of the School District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. 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 financial statements and notes to those respective statements to enhance their understanding of the School District's financial performance.

**Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2017 are as follows:

- Total revenues increased from fiscal year 2016 by \$231,773, or 0.9 percent. This increase is largely due to increases in charges for services and sales program revenues.
- Total program expenses increased from fiscal year 2016 by \$2,230,083, or 9.28 percent. This increase is largely due to increases in most program expense lines related to the change in the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability.
- Total revenues exceeded total program expenses by \$280,651, resulting in an increase in the School District's net position by 2.45 percent, ending the fiscal year with a net position of (\$11,160,219).
- The School District continues to receive funds from a 2.0 mill renewal permanent improvement levy which was passed in November 2013 for a continuing period of time. The levy had previously been on a five year cycle. This levy generates approximately \$500,000 annually and is an important funding source for capital expenditures for School District infrastructure, buses, and select technology.
- The School District remains in a House Bill 264 Program through PlugSmart to invest in energy conservation initiatives. To participate in the program, the School District invested current funds as well as leveraged a long-term borrowing to offset the costs of the program. The long-term energy savings of the program is estimated to pay back the invested costs over 12.6 years.
- The School District completed a project with a cost of approximately \$300,000 to renovate and create a Cadd-Fabb Lab at the High School as part of the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Program. The project was privately funded through the Stark County and Greater Alliance Foundations. Various local monetary and non-monetary donations were received for the engineering equipment and tools to be used in the Cadd-Fabb lab for the students. The project was completed in time for the start of the 2017 school year.
- The School District entered into a water service agreement with the City of Alliance to obtain water for the School District's middle and high school campuses. The project to install the water line from the City of Alliance to the School District is a project between the City of Alliance and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The project is funded as part of a Water Supply Revolving Loan Account with the EPA and is subject to fifty percent loan forgiveness. The estimated cost of the School District's share of the project is \$616,000 to be paid back at zero percent interest over 30 years.
- The School District transferred \$1,500,000 from the general fund to the permanent improvement capital projects fund in fiscal year 2017 in order to earmark funds for improvements within the middle school and athletic facilities. These projects began in fiscal year 2018.

**Using these Basic Financial Statements**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes pertaining to those statements. The statements are organized so the reader can understand the Marlington Local School District as a financial whole, or complete operating entity.

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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 nonmajor funds presented in total in one column. In the case of Marlington Local School District, the general fund and the permanent improvement capital projects fund are the most significant funds.

**Reporting the School District as a Whole**

*Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities*

While this document contains all the funds used by the School District to provide programs and activities, the view of the School District as a whole considers all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during fiscal year 2017?" The statement of net position and statement of activities answer this question. These statements include all assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources using the accrual basis of accounting, similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. Accrual accounting takes into account 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 changes in that net position. The amount of net position, the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, is one measure of the School District's financial health, or financial 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. Assessing the overall health of the School District involves many factors. Non-financial factors may include the School District's performance, demographic and socioeconomic factors and willingness of the community to support the School District. On the other hand, financial factors may include the School District's financial position, liquidity and solvency and fiscal capacity.

In the statement of net position and the statement of activities, all of 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 of non-instructional services, and extracurricular activities.

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

*Fund Financial Statements*

The analysis of the School District's major funds begins on page 11. Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the School District's major funds. The School District uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the School District's most significant funds. The School District's major governmental funds are the general fund and the permanent improvement capital projects fund.

*Governmental Funds*

Most of 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 that are 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

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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 is reconciled in the financial statements.

*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 provides a summary of the School District's net position for fiscal year 2017 compared to 2016.

<b>Table 1</b>			
<b>Net Position</b>			
<b>Governmental Activities</b>			
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b>Assets</b>			
Current and Other Assets	\$23,510,357	\$22,045,381	\$1,464,976
Capital Assets, Net	10,008,390	9,569,822	438,568
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>33,518,747</u>	<u>31,615,203</u>	<u>1,903,544</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Pension	6,642,582	3,035,592	3,606,990
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current Liabilities	3,021,686	2,287,600	(734,086)
Long-Term Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year	506,140	532,623	26,483
Due in More Than One Year:			
Net Pension Liability	36,421,224	30,644,173	(5,777,051)
Other Amounts	1,707,543	1,849,128	141,585
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>41,656,593</u>	<u>35,313,524</u>	<u>(6,343,069)</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Property Taxes	8,711,416	8,530,135	(181,281)
Pension	953,539	2,248,006	1,294,467
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>9,664,955</u>	<u>10,778,141</u>	<u>1,113,186</u>
<b>Net Position</b>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	9,001,022	8,224,896	776,126
Restricted	3,113,524	2,245,573	867,951
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(23,274,765)</u>	<u>(21,911,339)</u>	<u>(1,363,426)</u>
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u>(\$11,160,219)</u>	<u>(\$11,440,870)</u>	<u>\$280,651</u>

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The net pension liability is the largest single liability reported by the School District at June 30, 2017 and is reported pursuant to Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an Amendment of GASB Statement 27." For reasons discussed that follow, many end users of this financial statement will gain a clearer understanding of the School District's actual financial condition by adding deferred inflows related to pension and the net pension liability to the reported net position and subtracting deferred outflows related to pension.

GASB standards are national and apply to all government financial reports prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. When accounting for pension costs, GASB 27 focused on a funding approach. This approach limited pension costs to contributions annually required by law, which may or may not be sufficient to fully fund each plan's *net pension liability*. GASB 68 takes an earnings approach to pension accounting; however, the nature of Ohio's statewide pension systems and state law governing those systems requires additional explanation in order to properly understand the information presented in these statements.

GASB 68 requires the net pension liability to equal the School District's proportionate share of each plan's collective:

1. Present value of estimated future pension benefits attributable to active and inactive employees' past service.
2. Minus plan assets available to pay these benefits.

GASB notes that pension 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. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this pension 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 of this liability. 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 employee enters the employment exchange with the knowledge that the employer's promise is limited not by contract but by law. The employer enters the exchange also knowing that there is a specific legal limit to its contribution to the pension system. In Ohio, there is no legal means to enforce the unfunded liability of the pension system *as against the public employer*. State law operates to mitigate/lessen the moral obligation of the public employer to the employee because all parties enter the employment exchange with notice as to the law. The pension system is responsible for the administration of the plan.

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. As explained previously, changes in pension benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balance of the net pension liability, 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 pension 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 is satisfied, this liability is separately identified within the long-term liability section of the statement of net position.

In accordance with GASB 68, the School District's statements prepared on an accrual basis of accounting include an annual pension expense for their proportionate share of each plan's *change* in net pension liability not accounted for as deferred inflows/outflows.

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Total assets increased as a result primarily of an increase in cash. This increase is a result of revenues outpacing expenses despite a significant increase in program expenses during the fiscal year.

The significant increase in total deferred outflows of resources in fiscal year 2017 was due to an increase in the difference between projected and actual earnings on investments related to the School District's net pension liability for SERS and STRS.

The net pension liability increased \$5.8 million from the prior fiscal year. This increase represents the School District's proportionate share of the unfunded benefits of the STRS and SERS plans. As indicated previously, changes in pension benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balance of the net pension liability.

The vast majority of revenues supporting all governmental activities are general revenues. The most significant portions of general revenues are grants and entitlements, which is primarily State foundation funding and local property tax. The remaining revenues are program revenues, which consist of charges for services provided by the School District and State and Federal grants.

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

**Table 2**  
**Changes in Net Position**  
**Governmental Activities**

	2017	2016	Change
<b>Revenues</b>			
Program Revenues:			
Charges for Services and Sales	\$3,703,505	\$3,026,243	\$677,262
Operating Grants, Contributions, and Interest	2,979,054	3,374,327	(395,273)
Total Program Revenues	6,682,559	6,400,570	281,989
General Revenues:			
Property Taxes	9,184,139	9,051,627	132,512
Grants and Entitlements	10,169,387	10,533,241	(363,854)
Unrestricted Contributions	380	0	380
Investment Earnings	112,844	137,134	(24,290)
Miscellaneous	382,307	177,271	205,036
Total General Revenues	19,849,057	19,899,273	(50,216)
Total Revenues	26,531,616	26,299,843	231,773
<b>Program Expenses</b>			
Instruction:			
Regular	11,313,411	10,503,061	(810,350)
Special	3,497,206	2,882,294	(614,912)
Vocational	612,141	512,537	(99,604)

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**Table 2**  
**Changes in Net Position**  
**Governmental Activities (continued)**

	2017	2016	Change
<b>Program Expenses (continued)</b>			
Support Services:			
Pupils	\$1,249,063	\$1,247,302	(\$1,761)
Instructional Staff	744,208	912,533	168,325
Board of Education	17,241	16,968	(273)
Administration	1,907,266	1,680,313	(226,953)
Fiscal	699,182	754,425	55,243
Business	107,658	104,829	(2,829)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	2,057,446	1,770,481	(286,965)
Pupil Transportation	1,544,910	1,446,251	(98,659)
Central	121,573	97,341	(24,232)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	1,171,590	1,022,841	(148,749)
Extracurricular Activities	1,186,223	1,045,066	(141,157)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	21,847	24,640	2,793
Total Program Expenses	<u>26,250,965</u>	<u>24,020,882</u>	<u>(2,230,083)</u>
Change in Net Position	280,651	2,278,961	(1,998,310)
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>	<u>(11,440,870)</u>	<u>(13,719,831)</u>	<u>2,278,961</u>
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>	<u><u>(\$11,160,219)</u></u>	<u><u>(\$11,440,870)</u></u>	<u><u>\$280,651</u></u>

***Governmental Activities***

The School District has carefully planned its financial existence by forecasting its revenues and expenses over the next five years. Although the School District relies heavily upon local property taxes to support its operations, the School District does actively solicit and receive additional grant and entitlement funds to help offset some operating costs.

The majority of the School District's expenses are for instruction. Support services for operation and maintenance of plant, administration, pupil transportation, pupils, extracurricular activities, operation of non-instructional services, and instructional staff are the next largest areas of expenses. The remaining amount of program expenses are to facilitate other obligations of the School District. Program expenses increased in total. The increase was largely due to the change in the net pension liability.

The statement of activities shows the total net cost of program services. Table 3 shows the total cost of services for governmental activities and the net cost of those services. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State entitlements.

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**Table 3**  
**Governmental Activities**

	Total Cost of Services 2017	Net Cost of Services 2017	Total Cost of Services 2016	Net Cost of Services 2016
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$11,313,411	\$9,876,604	\$10,503,061	\$9,175,650
Special	3,497,206	1,455,975	2,882,294	973,229
Vocational	612,141	379,341	512,537	97,293
Support Services:				
Pupils	1,249,063	920,808	1,247,302	858,980
Instructional Staff	744,208	657,893	912,533	827,630
Board of Education	17,241	15,038	16,968	15,257
Administration	1,907,266	1,674,947	1,680,313	1,518,982
Fiscal	699,182	612,418	754,425	680,281
Business	107,658	97,925	104,829	97,605
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	2,057,446	1,819,111	1,770,481	1,607,421
Pupil Transportation	1,544,910	1,307,074	1,446,251	1,240,904
Central	121,573	98,229	97,341	79,610
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	1,171,590	75,483	1,022,841	(73,310)
Extracurricular Activities	1,186,223	555,713	1,045,066	496,140
Interest and Fiscal Charges	21,847	21,847	24,640	24,640
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,250,965</b>	<b>\$19,568,406</b>	<b>\$24,020,882</b>	<b>\$17,620,312</b>

Both the total cost of services and net cost of services increased from the prior fiscal year. As one can see, the vast majority of program expenses are not covered by program revenues. Instead, the reliance upon general revenues, including tax revenues and grants and entitlements for governmental activities, is crucial.

**School District's Funds**

Information regarding the School District's major funds can be found beginning on page 16. These funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. All governmental funds had total revenues and other financing sources of \$28,110,132 and expenditures and other financing uses of \$27,484,062. The net change in fund balance for the fiscal year was most significant in the permanent improvement fund with an increase of \$1,274,599, which was primarily a result of transfers in from the general fund for the purpose of earmarking funds for improvements within the middle school and athletic facilities. The general fund had a decrease in fund balance of \$302,018 due to this transfer to the permanent improvement fund.

**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 2017, the School District amended its general fund budget numerous times, none significant. 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.

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For the general fund, the final budget basis estimated revenues totaled \$22,514,170, which is higher than the original budget basis estimated revenues of \$22,236,158. Final budget basis appropriations for expenditures and other financing uses totaled \$23,947,556 compared to the original budget basis appropriations for expenditures and other financing use of \$22,907,154.

The total revenue variance between final budget and actual was \$175,772, or 0.78 percent higher than final budget revenues. The total expenditure variance between final budget and actual amounted to \$578,708, or 2.4 percent lower than final budget basis appropriations for expenditures and other financing uses.

The general fund's unencumbered ending cash balance totaled \$8,995,709, which was \$754,480 higher than the final budgeted amount of \$8,241,229.

**Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

*Capital Assets*

Table 4 shows fiscal year 2017 values compared to 2016. More detailed information is presented in Note 8 to the basic financial statements.

**Table 4**  
**Capital Assets at June 30**  
**Governmental Activities**

	2017	2016
Land	\$2,466,333	\$2,466,333
Construction in Progress	393,588	18,000
Land Improvements	1,066,559	1,155,805
Buildings and Improvements	4,532,873	4,319,283
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	542,734	521,334
Vehicles	1,006,303	1,089,067
<i>Total Capital Assets</i>	\$10,008,390	\$9,569,822

All capital assets, except land and construction in progress, are reported net of depreciation. As one can see, there was an increase in capital assets during the fiscal year due to construction in progress and new asset additions exceeding deletions and annual depreciation.

*Debt Administration*

Table 5 summarizes the bonds and capital leases outstanding. More detailed information is presented in Notes 15 and 16 to the basic financial statements.

**Table 5**  
**Outstanding Debt at Year-End**  
**Governmental Activities**

	2017	2016
Energy Conservation Bonds	\$603,597	\$676,565
Capital Leases	407,463	672,053
<i>Total</i>	\$1,011,060	\$1,348,618



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The School District's overall legal debt margin was \$31,137,996 with an unvoted debt margin of \$345,978 as of June 30, 2017.

**Current Financial Related Activities**

The School District has carefully managed its general fund budget in order to optimize the dollars available for educating the students it serves and to minimize the levy millage amounts needed periodically from the community's citizens. The School District continues to be concerned with maintaining adequate revenue while controlling costs. Inflationary increases in costs associated with education, as well as the age of the School District's buildings and the continuous need to invest in technology infrastructure and technology equipment for its staff and students will continue to be a budget balancing act for the School District.

The contract between the School District and its certified staff was renewed in fiscal year 2016 and the new contract will expire on June 30, 2019. The classified contract was renegotiated in the Spring of 2017 and a new contract was in effect July 1, 2017.

The School District will make prudent use of the 2.0 mill renewal permanent improvement levy the community passed for a continuing period of time which generates approximately \$500,000 per year in revenue for the School District. Passage of the levy was reflective of consistent community support in regards to passage of this and previous renewal levies.

The School District has an 8.5 mill levy expiring at the end of calendar year 2017. The School District obtained approval of the renewal of this levy in November 2017.

Due to the age of the current facilities, an increased need for repairs and capital expenditures has been realized. Each year these proposed expenditures are monitored and prioritized to fit into the annual budget. Until a long-term solution is agreed to by the Board of Education and the community, the School District will continue to utilize annual budget dollars available to address the most significant capital needs.

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

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to show the School District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact: Leslie Pierce, Treasurer, 10320 Moulin Avenue NE, Alliance, Ohio 44601-9797.

**Marlington Local School District**

*Statement of Net Position*

*June 30, 2017*

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>Assets</b>	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$12,998,050
Accounts Receivable	2,673
Accrued Interest Receivable	13,828
Intergovernmental Receivable	690,499
Inventory Held for Resale	16,708
Materials and Supplies Inventory	109,984
Property Taxes Receivable	9,632,401
Prepaid Items	46,214
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	2,859,921
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	<u>7,148,469</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>33,518,747</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	
Pension	<u>6,642,582</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	113,998
Contracts Payable	288,178
Accrued Wages Payable	2,064,285
Accrued Interest Payable	2,222
Matured Compensated Absences Payable	22,023
Intergovernmental Payable	424,658
Unearned Revenue	106,322
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Due Within One Year	506,140
Due In More Than One Year:	
Net Pension Liability (See Note 11)	36,421,224
Other Amounts	<u>1,707,543</u>
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>41,656,593</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	
Property Taxes	8,711,416
Pension	<u>953,539</u>
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>9,664,955</u>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	9,001,022
Restricted for:	
Capital Outlay	2,446,087
Other Purposes	667,437
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(23,274,765)</u>
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u><u>(\$11,160,219)</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Marlington Local School District**  
*Statement of Activities*  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

	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	\$11,313,411	\$1,320,474	\$116,333	(\$9,876,604)
Special	3,497,206	316,073	1,725,158	(1,455,975)
Vocational	612,141	76,459	156,341	(379,341)
Support Services:				
Pupils	1,249,063	119,458	208,797	(920,808)
Instructional Staff	744,208	86,315	0	(657,893)
Board of Education	17,241	2,203	0	(15,038)
Administration	1,907,266	232,319	0	(1,674,947)
Fiscal	699,182	86,764	0	(612,418)
Business	107,658	9,733	0	(97,925)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	2,057,446	238,335	0	(1,819,111)
Pupil Transportation	1,544,910	173,404	64,432	(1,307,074)
Central	121,573	14,344	9,000	(98,229)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	1,171,590	419,085	677,022	(75,483)
Extracurricular Activities	1,186,223	608,539	21,971	(555,713)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	21,847	0	0	(21,847)
<i>Totals</i>	<u>\$26,250,965</u>	<u>\$3,703,505</u>	<u>\$2,979,054</u>	<u>(19,568,406)</u>
<b>General Revenues</b>				
Property Taxes Levied for:				
General Purposes				8,713,999
Capital Outlay				470,140
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs				10,169,387
Unrestricted Contributions				380
Investment Earnings				112,844
Miscellaneous				382,307
<i>Total General Revenues</i>				<u>19,849,057</u>
Change in Net Position				280,651
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>				<u>(11,440,870)</u>
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>				<u>(\$11,160,219)</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Marlington Local School District**

*Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
June 30, 2017*

	General	Permanent Improvement	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$9,682,030	\$2,703,667	\$612,353	\$12,998,050
Accounts Receivable	2,673	0	0	2,673
Accrued Interest Receivable	13,828	0	0	13,828
Interfund Receivable	86,368	0	0	86,368
Intergovernmental Receivable	234,686	0	455,813	690,499
Inventory Held for Resale	0	0	16,708	16,708
Materials and Supplies Inventory	109,984	0	0	109,984
Prepaid Items	44,736	0	1,478	46,214
Taxes Receivable	9,134,996	497,405	0	9,632,401
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$19,309,301</u>	<u>\$3,201,072</u>	<u>\$1,086,352</u>	<u>\$23,596,725</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Accounts Payable	\$66,673	\$17,750	\$29,575	\$113,998
Contracts Payable	0	288,178	0	288,178
Accrued Wages Payable	1,846,196	0	218,089	2,064,285
Interfund Payable	0	0	86,368	86,368
Matured Compensated Absences Payable	15,012	0	7,011	22,023
Intergovernmental Payable	389,852	0	34,806	424,658
Unearned Revenue	106,322	0	0	106,322
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>2,424,055</u>	<u>305,928</u>	<u>375,849</u>	<u>3,105,832</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>				
Property Taxes	8,262,359	449,057	0	8,711,416
Unavailable Revenue	589,088	32,509	246,566	868,163
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>8,851,447</u>	<u>481,566</u>	<u>246,566</u>	<u>9,579,579</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>				
Nonspendable	154,720	0	1,478	156,198
Restricted	0	2,413,578	535,903	2,949,481
Committed	218,144	0	0	218,144
Assigned	482,691	0	0	482,691
Unassigned (Deficit)	7,178,244	0	(73,444)	7,104,800
<i>Total Fund Balances</i>	<u>8,033,799</u>	<u>2,413,578</u>	<u>463,937</u>	<u>10,911,314</u>
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances</i>	<u>\$19,309,301</u>	<u>\$3,201,072</u>	<u>\$1,086,352</u>	<u>\$23,596,725</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Marlington Local School District**  
*Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to  
Net Position of Governmental Activities  
June 30, 2017*

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<b>Total Governmental Fund Balances</b>	\$10,911,314
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*Amounts reported for governmental activities in the  
statement of net position are different because:*

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	10,008,390
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Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are reported as unavailable revenue in the funds:

Delinquent Property Taxes	621,597	
Intergovernmental	246,566	
	868,163	
<b>Total</b>		<b>868,163</b>

In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds; whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due.	(2,222)
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Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:

Energy Conservation Bonds	(603,597)	
Capital Leases	(407,463)	
Compensated Absences	(1,202,623)	
	(2,213,683)	
<b>Total</b>		<b>(2,213,683)</b>

The net pension liability is not due and payable in the current period; therefore, the liability and related deferred inflows/outflows are not reported in the funds:

Deferred Outflows - Pension	6,642,582	
Net Pension Liability	(36,421,224)	
Deferred Inflows - Pension	(953,539)	
	(30,732,181)	
<b>Total</b>		<b>(30,732,181)</b>

<i>Net Position of Governmental Activities</i>	<u><u>(\$11,160,219)</u></u>
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See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Marlington Local School District**  
*Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances*  
*Governmental Funds*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017*

	General	Permanent Improvement	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property Taxes	\$8,736,371	\$471,400	\$0	\$9,207,771
Intergovernmental	11,157,018	58,112	1,964,824	13,179,954
Interest	112,844	0	1,400	114,244
Tuition and Fees	2,713,004	0	0	2,713,004
Extracurricular Activities	191,434	0	332,193	523,627
Contributions and Donations	15,193	0	7,158	22,351
Customer Sales and Services	45,353	0	420,371	465,724
Rentals	1,150	0	0	1,150
Miscellaneous	148,553	216,000	17,754	382,307
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>23,120,920</u>	<u>745,512</u>	<u>2,743,700</u>	<u>26,610,132</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	10,254,071	0	451,559	10,705,630
Special	2,475,795	0	878,226	3,354,021
Vocational	598,404	0	16,214	614,618
Support Services:				
Pupils	925,090	0	273,937	1,199,027
Instructional Staff	674,767	45,390	6,090	726,247
Board of Education	17,241	0	0	17,241
Administration	1,806,986	0	16,354	1,823,340
Fiscal	672,535	8,409	0	680,944
Business	76,180	50,961	0	127,141
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,852,636	622,888	0	2,475,524
Pupil Transportation	1,346,084	84,057	1,785	1,431,926
Central	112,263	0	9,000	121,263
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	0	0	1,122,079	1,122,079
Extracurricular Activities	836,395	0	314,967	1,151,362
Capital Outlay	1,109	71,130	0	72,239
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	252,520	85,038	0	337,558
Interest and Fiscal Charges	20,862	3,040	0	23,902
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>21,922,938</u>	<u>970,913</u>	<u>3,090,211</u>	<u>25,984,062</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>1,197,982</u>	<u>(225,401)</u>	<u>(346,511)</u>	<u>626,070</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Transfers In	0	1,500,000	0	1,500,000
Transfers Out	(1,500,000)	0	0	(1,500,000)
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<u>(1,500,000)</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	(302,018)	1,274,599	(346,511)	626,070
<i>Fund Balances Beginning of Year</i>	<u>8,335,817</u>	<u>1,138,979</u>	<u>810,448</u>	<u>10,285,244</u>
<i>Fund Balances End of Year</i>	<u>\$8,033,799</u>	<u>\$2,413,578</u>	<u>\$463,937</u>	<u>\$10,911,314</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Marlington 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, 2017*

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**Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds** \$626,070

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

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay exceeded depreciation expense in the current period:

Capital Outlay	944,068	
Current Year Depreciation	(496,817)	
Total	447,251	447,251

Governmental funds only report the disposal of capital assets to the extent proceeds are received from the sale. In the statement of activities, a gain or loss is reported for each disposal. (8,683)

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds:

Delinquent Property Taxes	(23,632)	
Intergovernmental	(54,884)	
Total	(78,516)	(78,516)

Repayment of bond and capital lease principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. 337,558

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities, such as accrued interest, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. 2,055

Some expenses, such as compensated absences, 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. (169,490)

Contractually required contributions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds; however, the statement of net position reports these amounts as deferred outflows. 1,790,733

Except for amounts reported as deferred inflows/outflows, changes in the net pension liability are reported as pension expense in the statement of activities. (2,666,327)

*Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities* \$280,651

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Marlington 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, 2017*

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property Taxes	\$8,553,935	\$8,677,973	\$8,728,500	\$50,527
Intergovernmental	10,801,626	11,385,562	11,022,060	(363,502)
Interest	113,951	60,000	116,276	56,276
Tuition and Fees	2,563,685	2,240,384	2,616,003	375,619
Extracurricular Activities	37,047	25,000	37,803	12,803
Contributions and Donations	372	0	380	380
Customer Sales and Services	45,629	25,000	46,560	21,560
Rentals	1,127	251	1,150	899
Miscellaneous	118,786	100,000	121,210	21,210
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>22,236,158</u>	<u>22,514,170</u>	<u>22,689,942</u>	<u>175,772</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	10,053,374	10,098,419	10,109,205	(10,786)
Special	2,440,668	2,554,459	2,538,357	16,102
Vocational	590,830	599,426	595,033	4,393
Support Services:				
Pupils	906,940	1,239,507	1,057,500	182,007
Instructional Staff	693,021	765,276	697,950	67,326
Board of Education	18,293	29,155	18,697	10,458
Administration	1,756,498	1,852,711	1,773,695	79,016
Fiscal	687,933	802,250	697,116	105,134
Business	74,917	77,685	76,180	1,505
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,813,790	2,032,515	1,905,955	126,560
Pupil Transportation	1,331,140	1,343,152	1,348,932	(5,780)
Central	113,274	117,035	124,655	(7,620)
Extracurricular Activities	600,621	609,940	600,132	9,808
Capital Outlay	1,183	2,644	2,059	585
Debt Service:				
Principal	252,520	252,520	252,520	0
Interest	20,862	20,862	20,862	0
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>21,355,864</u>	<u>22,397,556</u>	<u>21,818,848</u>	<u>578,708</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures</i>	880,294	116,614	871,094	754,480
<b>Other Financing Uses</b>				
Transfers Out	(1,551,290)	(1,550,000)	(1,550,000)	0
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	(670,996)	(1,433,386)	(678,906)	754,480
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	8,981,338	8,981,338	8,981,338	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	693,277	693,277	693,277	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u>\$9,003,619</u>	<u>\$8,241,229</u>	<u>\$8,995,709</u>	<u>\$754,480</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements



**Marlington Local School District**  
*Statement of Fiduciary Net Position*  
*Fiduciary Funds*  
*June 30, 2017*

	Private Purpose Trust	
	Scholarship	Agency
<b>Assets</b>		
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$663,622	\$53,562
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Undistributed Monies	0	\$3,529
Due to Students	0	50,033
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	0	\$53,562
<b>Net Position</b>		
Held in Trust for Scholarships	\$663,622	

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Marlington Local School District**  
*Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position*  
*Private Purpose Trust Fund*  
*June 30, 2017*

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	<u>Schoarship</u>
<b>Additions</b>	
Gifts and Contributions	\$8,003
Interest	<u>8,198</u>
<i>Total Additions</i>	16,201
<b>Deductions</b>	
Scholarships Awarded	<u>9,120</u>
<i>Change in Net Position</i>	7,081
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>	<u>656,541</u>
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$663,622</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Marlington Local School District**  
*Notes to the Basic Financial Statements*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017*

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

The Marlington 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 is a local district as defined by Section 3311.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. The School District is governed by a five-member Board of Education (the Board) elected by its citizens, which is responsible for the provision of public education to residents of the School District. The School District employs 122 non-certified and 173 certified employees to provide services to approximately 2,382 students in grades K through 12 and various community groups.

*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 Marlington Local 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; or (2) the School District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the School District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the School District is obligated for the debt of the organization. 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 burden on, the primary government. The School District has no component units.

The School District is associated with the Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium, the Stark County Tax Incentive Review Council, and the Alliance Tax Incentive Review Council, which are jointly governed organizations; and the Stark County Schools Council of Governments Health Benefit Plan and the Stark County Schools Council of Governments Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program, which are insurance purchasing pools. These organizations are presented in Notes 17 and 18 to the basic financial statements.

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

The financial statements of the Marlington Local 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 as follows.

**Marlington Local School District**  
*Notes to the Basic Financial Statements*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017*

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***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.

***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 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 year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self balancing set of accounts. The School District has two categories of funds: governmental and 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 or 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.

**Marlington Local School District**  
*Notes to the Basic Financial Statements*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017*

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***Permanent Improvement Fund*** The permanent improvement fund is used to account for and report restricted property tax revenue used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of capital assets for the School District.

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.

***Fiduciary Fund Type*** 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's only trust fund is a private-purpose trust which accounts for a scholarship program for students. 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 community activities.

***Measurement Focus***

***Government-wide Financial Statements*** The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets, liabilities, and deferred outflows/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 reconciliations 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 are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Fiduciary funds also use the accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and the modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, in the recording of deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

***Revenues - Exchange and Nonexchange 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 year-end.

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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 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 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, fees and rentals.

***Unearned Revenue*** Unearned revenue represents amounts under the accrual and modified accrual basis of accounting for which asset recognition criteria have been met, but for which revenue recognition criteria have not yet been met because such amounts have not yet been earned.

***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 pension. The deferred outflows of resources related to pension are explained in Note 11.

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, and unavailable revenue. Property taxes represent amounts for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of June 30, 2018, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2019 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 and intergovernmental grants. 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 found on page 17. Deferred inflows of resources related to pension are reported on the government-wide statement of net position (See Note 11).

***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.

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***Cash and Investments***

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 investments."

During fiscal year 2017, investments were limited to federal national mortgage association notes and federal home loan mortgage corporation notes reported at fair value, commercial paper reported at amortized cost, and State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio).

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

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

Under existing Ohio statutes, all investment earnings are assigned to the general fund unless statutorily required to be credited to a specific fund. 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 2017 amounted to \$112,844, which includes \$27,746 assigned from other School District funds.

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. Investments that are not part of the cash management pool with an initial maturity of more than three months are reported as investments.

***Inventory***

Inventories are presented at cost on a first-in, first-out basis and are expensed/expended when used. Inventories consist of donated and purchased food, supplies held for resale, and supplies held for consumption. Inventory is recorded at entitlement value for commodities.

***Capital Assets***

All capital assets of the School District are classified as 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

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acquisition year). Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition values as of the date received. The capitalization threshold is five thousand 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 and construction in progress, 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 Improvements	10-20 years
Buildings and Improvements	50 years
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	5-20 years
Vehicles	10 years

***Interfund Balances***

On fund financial statements, outstanding interfund loans and unpaid amounts for interfund services are classified as "interfund receivables/payables." Interfund balance amounts are eliminated in the governmental activities column of the statement of net position.

***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 employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. The School District records a liability for all 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. The liability includes the employees who are currently eligible to receive termination benefits and those the School District has identified as probable of receiving payment in the future. The amount is based on accumulated sick leave and employees' wage rates at fiscal year-end, taking into consideration any limits specified in the School District's termination policy. The School District records a liability for accumulated unused sick leave for all employees age 50 or greater with at least 10 years of service and all employees with 15 years of service at any age.

The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements.

On the governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences are recognized as a liability and expenditure to the extent payments come due each period upon the occurrence of employee resignations and retirements. These amounts are recorded in the account "Matured Compensated Absences Payable" in the fund from which the employee who has accumulated unpaid leave is paid.

***Pensions***

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the pension plans, and additions to/deductions from their fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis



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as they are reported by the pension systems. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The pension systems report investments at fair value.

***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, compensated absences and net pension liability 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 year.

***Internal Activity***

Transfers between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements. Internal events that are 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.

***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.

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**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. State statute authorizes the Treasurer to assign fund balance for purchases on order, provided such amounts have been lawfully appropriated. The Board of Education has also assigned fund balance for adult education and public school support.

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

The 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.

***Net Position***

Net position represents the difference between all other elements in the statement of net 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 includes food service, district managed activities and special instruction.

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

***Prepaid Items***

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2017, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and an expenditure/expense is reported in the year in which the services are consumed.

***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

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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. The Treasurer has been authorized to allocate Board appropriations to the function and object level within each fund.

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 budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the certificate when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the amended certificate that was in effect at the time the 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 years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the Board during the year.

**Note 3 – Changes in Accounting Principle**

For fiscal year 2017, the School District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures*. GASB Statement No. 77 requires disclosure of information about the nature and magnitude of tax abatements. These changes were incorporated in the School District's 2017 financial statements; however, there were no material abatements.

The School District also implemented GASB's *Implementation Guide No. 2016-1*. These changes were incorporated in the School District's fiscal year 2017 financial statements; however, there was no effect on beginning net position/fund balance.

**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 presented 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 basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis).
2. Investments are reported at cost (budget basis) rather than at fair value (GAAP basis).
3. Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis).

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4. Budgetary revenues and expenditures of the public school support and termination benefits funds are reclassified to the general fund for GAAP reporting.
5. Encumbrances are treated as expenditures (budget basis) rather than as restricted, committed or assigned fund balance (GAAP basis).

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

Net Change in Fund Balance	
GAAP Basis	(\$302,018)
Net Adjustment for Revenue Accruals	(695,542)
Beginning Fair Value Adjustments for Investments	1,799
Ending Fair Value Adjustments for Investments	17,294
Net Adjustment for Expenditure Accruals	768,315
Perspective Differences:	
Public School Support	(5,586)
Employee Retirements	17,570
Encumbrances	<u>(480,738)</u>
Budget Basis	<u><u>(\$678,906)</u></u>

**Note 5 – Accountability**

At June 30, 2017, the following funds had deficit fund balances:

	Amount
<b>Other Governmental Funds:</b>	
Title VI-B IDEA	\$26,613
Title I	32,973
Title II-A	13,858

The deficit balances resulted from adjustments for accrued liabilities. The general fund is liable for any deficits in these funds and provides transfers when cash is required, rather than when accruals occur.

**Note 6 – Deposits and Investments**

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

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

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

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

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

1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, and Government National Mortgage Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed previously;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
6. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2);
7. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio); and
8. Commercial paper and bankers acceptances if training requirement has 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. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions.

**Deposits**

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the School District will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At year-end, \$5,199,196 of the School District's bank balance of \$9,242,429 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized. Although the securities were held by the pledging financial institutions' trust department and all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with Federal requirements could potentially subject the School District to a successful claim by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

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The School District has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits be either insured or protected by eligible securities pledged to and deposited either with the School District or a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value at all times shall be at least one hundred and five percent of the deposits being secured. Effective July 1, 2017, the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS) was implemented by the Office of the Ohio Treasurer of State. Financial institutions can elect to participate in the OPCS and will collateralize at one hundred and two percent or a rate set by the Treasurer of State. Financial institutions opting not to participate in OPCS will collateralize utilizing the specific pledge method at one hundred and five percent.

**Investments**

Investments are reported at fair value. As of June 30, 2017, the School District had the following investments and maturities:

Measurement/Investment	Measurement Amount	Maturities	Standard & Poor's Rating	Percent of Total Investments
Fair Value - Level 2 Inputs:				
Federal National Mortgage Association Notes	\$742,191	Less than five years	AA+	16.11 %
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Notes	1,874,840	Less than five years	AA+	40.68
Amortized Cost:				
Commercial Paper	1,738,432	Less than 60 days	A-1	37.72
Net Asset Value Per Share:				
STAR Ohio	<u>252,724</u>	45.5 Days	AAAm	N/A
Total	<u><u>\$4,608,187</u></u>			

The School District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets. Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs. Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. The preceding chart identifies the School District's recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2017. All of the School District's investments measured at fair value are valued using methodologies that incorporate market inputs such as benchmark yields, reported trades, broker/dealer quotes, issuer spreads, two-sided markets, benchmark securities, bids, offers and reference data including market research publications. Market indicators and industry and economic events are also monitored, which could require the need to acquire further market data (Level 2 inputs).

**Interest Rate Risk** The School District has no investment policy that addresses interest rate risk. State statute requires that an investment mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the School District, and that an investment must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity.

**Credit Risk** STAR Ohio carries a rating of AAAm by Standard and Poor's. Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service. The School District has no investment policy that addresses credit risk.

**Concentration of Credit Risk** The School District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer.

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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 and public utility property located in the School District. Real property tax revenue received in calendar year 2017 represents collections of calendar year 2016 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2017 were levied after April 1, 2016 on the assessed value listed as of January 1, 2015, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State law at 35 percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax revenue received in calendar year 2017 represents collections of calendar year 2016 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2016 became a lien December 31, 2015, were levied after April 1, 2016 and are collected in calendar year 2017 with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at 35 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 Stark 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, 2017 are available to finance fiscal year 2017 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

Accrued property taxes receivable includes real property and public utility property taxes which are measurable as of June 30, 2017, 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 was levied to finance current fiscal year operations and is 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.

The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2017 was \$283,549 in the general fund and \$15,839 in the permanent improvement fund. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2016, was \$275,678 in the general fund and \$15,394 in the permanent improvement fund. The difference was in the timing and collection by the County Auditor.

On a full accrual basis, collectible delinquent property taxes have been recorded as a receivable and revenue, while on a modified accrual basis the revenue has been deferred.

The assessed values upon which the fiscal year 2017 taxes were collected are:

	2016 Second- Half Collections		2017 First- Half Collections	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Real Estate	\$330,964,640	96.89 %	\$334,300,160	96.62 %
Public Utility Personal	10,608,730	3.11	11,677,570	3.38
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$341,573,370</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>	<b>\$345,977,730</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$56.90		\$56.90	

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**Note 8 – Capital Assets**

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 was as follows:

	Balance 6/30/16	Additions	Deductions	Balance 6/30/17
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>				
Capital Assets, not being Depreciated:				
Land	\$2,466,333	\$0	\$0	\$2,466,333
Construction in Progress	18,000	716,345	(340,757)	393,588
Total Capital Assets, not being Depreciated	<u>2,484,333</u>	<u>716,345</u>	<u>(340,757)</u>	<u>2,859,921</u>
Capital Assets, being Depreciated:				
Land Improvements	2,801,869	0	0	2,801,869
Buildings and Improvements	10,568,983	402,524	(13,724)	10,957,783
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	2,227,184	80,299	(13,499)	2,293,984
Vehicles	2,686,319	85,657	(65,705)	2,706,271
Total Capital Assets, being Depreciated	<u>18,284,355</u>	<u>568,480</u>	<u>(92,928)</u>	<u>18,759,907</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Land Improvements	(1,646,064)	(89,246)	0	(1,735,310)
Buildings and Improvements	(6,249,700)	(188,934)	13,724	(6,424,910)
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	(1,705,850)	(52,610)	7,210	(1,751,250)
Vehicles	(1,597,252)	(166,027)	63,311	(1,699,968)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(11,198,866)</u>	<u>(496,817) *</u>	<u>84,245</u>	<u>(11,611,438)</u>
Total Capital Assets, being Depreciated, net	<u>7,085,489</u>	<u>71,663</u>	<u>(8,683)</u>	<u>7,148,469</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$9,569,822</u>	<u>\$788,008</u>	<u>(\$349,440)</u>	<u>\$10,008,390</u>

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

Instruction:	
Regular	\$119,367
Special	1,022
Vocational	5,070
Support Services:	
Instructional Staff	2,983
Administration	968
Business	21,419
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	144,062
Pupil Transportation	162,571
Central	310
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	12,416
Extracurricular Activities	26,629
Total Depreciation Expense	<u>\$496,817</u>



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**Note 9 – Receivables**

Receivables at June 30, 2017 consisted of taxes, accounts, intergovernmental grants, accrued interest, and interfund. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of State programs, and the current year guarantee of federal funds. All receivables except for a portion of the delinquent property 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 the principal items of intergovernmental receivable follows:

	Amount
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>	
Migrant Children Grant	\$235,079
School Foundation Tuition	171,226
Title I Grant	110,949
IDEA-B Grant	94,767
Workers' Compensation Rebate	57,510
Title II-A Grant	15,018
Reimbursements	5,950
Total Governmental Activities	\$690,499

**Note 10 – 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 2017, the School District contracted with Liberty Mutual Insurance for the following coverages:

Type of Coverage	Coverage	Deductible
Liability	\$1,000,000/\$2,000,000	\$0
School Leaders Errors/Omissions	\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000	\$2,500
Law Enforcement Liability	\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000	\$2,500
Sexual Misconduct/Molestation	\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000	\$0
Employers Stop Gap Liability	\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000	\$0
Employee Benefits Liability	\$1,000,000/\$3,000,000	\$1,000
Excess Liability/Umbrella	\$10,000,000/\$10,000,000	\$10,000
Fleet Insurance	\$1,000,000 liability	\$250/\$500
Property Insurance	\$74,784,438	\$5,000
Violent Event Response Coverage	\$1,000,000	\$0
Crime	\$50,000	\$1,000

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.

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***Workers' Compensation***

The School District participates in a workers compensation program jointly sponsored by the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) and the Ohio School Board Association (OSBA), known as SchoolComp. CompManagement, Incorporated (CMI) is the program's third party administrator. SchoolComp serves to group its members' risks for the purpose of obtaining a favorable experience rating to determine its premium liability to the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (OBWC) and the Ohio Workers' Compensation Fund. This may be accomplished through participation in a group rating program or through group retrospective rating. The School District has chosen to participate in the group rating program for fiscal year 2017. Participation in SchoolComp is restricted to members who meet enrollment criteria and are jointly in good standing with OASBO and OSBA. OASBO and OSBA are certified sponsors recognized by OBWC.

**Note 11 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

***Net Pension Liability***

The net pension liability reported on the statement of net position represents a liability to employees for pensions. Pensions are a component of exchange transactions – between an employer and its employees – of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions are provided to an employee – on a deferred-payment basis – as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period. The 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 liability represents the School District's proportionate share of each pension plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension plan's fiduciary net position. The net pension liability calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost of living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting this estimate annually.

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

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

The proportionate share of each plan's unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term *net pension liability* on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually-required pension contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in *intergovernmental payable* on both the accrual and modified accrual bases of accounting.

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***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. 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:

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

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

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

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

Funding Policy – Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the School District is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS’ Retirement Board up to statutory maximum amounts of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the System’s funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 14 percent. No allocation was made to the Health Care Fund.

The School District’s contractually required contribution to SERS was \$470,121 for fiscal year 2017. Of this amount, \$61,143 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 retirement system administered by STRS. STRS provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information, and detailed information about STRS’ fiduciary net position. That report can be obtained by writing to STRS, 275 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS website at [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org).

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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. With certain exceptions, the basic benefit is increased each year by two percent of the original base benefit. For members retiring August 1, 2013, or later, the first two percent is paid on the fifth anniversary of the retirement benefit. Members are eligible to retire at age 60 with five years of qualifying service credit, or age 55 with 26 years of service, or 31 years of service regardless of age. Eligibility changes will be phased in until August 1, 2026, when retirement eligibility for unreduced benefits will be five years of service credit and age 65, or 35 years of service credit and at least age 60.

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

The Combined Plan offers features of both the DB Plan and the DC Plan. In the Combined Plan, 12 percent of the 14 percent member rate goes to the DC Plan and the remaining 2 percent is applied to the DB Plan. Member contributions to the DC Plan are allocated among investment choices by the member, and contributions to the DB Plan from the employer and the member are used to fund 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, 2017, the employer rate was 14 percent and the plan members were also required to contribute 14 percent of covered salary. The statutory member contribution rate was increased one percent to 14 percent on July 1, 2016. The entire 14 percent employer contribution rate was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The fiscal year 2017 contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates.

The School District's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$1,320,612 for fiscal year 2017. Of this amount, \$230,973 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, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the School District's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the 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	0.10786740%	0.08860979%	
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability			
Current Measurement Date	<u>0.10239520%</u>	<u>0.08641839%</u>	
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>-0.00547220%</u>	<u>-0.00219140%</u>	
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$7,494,384	\$28,926,840	\$36,421,224
Pension Expense	\$723,341	\$1,942,986	\$2,666,327

At June 30, 2017, 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	\$101,082	\$1,168,783	\$1,269,865
Changes of assumptions	500,291	0	500,291
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	618,178	2,401,705	3,019,883
Changes in proportionate share and difference between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	61,810	0	61,810
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>470,121</u>	<u>1,320,612</u>	<u>1,790,733</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$1,751,482</u>	<u>\$4,891,100</u>	<u>\$6,642,582</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Changes in proportionate share and difference between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>\$231,489</u>	<u>\$722,050</u>	<u>\$953,539</u>

\$1,790,733 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 year ending June 30, 2018. 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
2018	\$249,089	\$367,126	\$616,215
2019	248,643	367,125	615,768
2020	374,439	1,288,727	1,663,166
2021	177,701	825,460	1,003,161
Total	<u>\$1,049,872</u>	<u>\$2,848,438</u>	<u>\$3,898,310</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, 2016, compared with June 30, 2015, are presented as follows:

Method	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2015
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
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	3.00 percent	3.00 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.50 percent net of investment expense, including inflation	7.75 percent net of investment expense, including inflation
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal

For 2016, the mortality assumptions are that mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age set back for both males and females. For 2015, the mortality assumptions were 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.

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

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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 rebalancing uncorrelated asset classes. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

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 Strategy	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. A discount rate of 7.75 percent was used in the prior measurement period. 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 net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 percent, as well as what each plan's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.50 percent), or one percentage point higher (8.50 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (6.50%)	Current Discount Rate (7.50%)	1% Increase (8.50%)
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$9,922,097	\$7,494,384	\$5,462,287

**Actuarial Assumptions – STRS**

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

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Inflation	2.75 percent
Salary Increases	12.25 percent at age 20 to 2.75 percent at age 70
Investment Rate of Return	7.75 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA)	2.00 percent simple applied as follows: for members retiring before August 1, 2013, 2.00 percent per year; for members retiring August 1, 2013, or later, 2.00 percent COLA commences on fifth anniversary of retirement date.

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table (Projection 2022 – Scale AA) for Males and Females. Males’ ages are set back two years through age 89 and no set back for age 90 and above. Females younger than age 80 are set back four years, one year set back from age 80 through 89, and no set back from age 90 and above.

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

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

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

\* 10-year annualized geometric nominal returns include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.5 percent and does not include investment expenses. The total fund long-term expected return reflects diversification among the asset classes and therefore is not a weighted average return of the individual asset classes.

**Discount Rate** The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75 percent as of June 30, 2016. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes member and employer contributions will be made at the statutory contribution rates in accordance with rate increases described previously. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future plan members and their beneficiaries, as well as projected contributions of future plan members, are excluded. Based on those assumptions, STRS’ fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2016. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.75 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2016.



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

	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$38,441,420	\$28,926,840	\$20,900,731

***Changes Between Measurement Date and Report Date***

In March 2017, the STRS Board adopted certain assumption changes which will impact their annual actuarial valuation prepared as of June 30, 2017. The most significant change is a reduction in the discount rate from 7.75 percent to 7.45 percent. In April 2017, the STRS Board voted to suspend cost of living adjustments granted on or after July 1, 2017. Although the exact amount of these changes is not known, the overall decrease to School District's net pension liability is expected to be significant.

**Note 12 – Postemployment Benefits**

***School Employees Retirement System***

**Health Care Plan Description** – The School District contributes to the SERS Health Care Fund, administered by SERS for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries. For GASB 45 purposes, this plan is considered a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan. SERS offers several types of health plans from various vendors, including HMO's, PPO's, Medicare Advantage, and traditional indemnity plans. A prescription drug program is also available to those who elect health coverage. SERS employs two third-party administrators and a pharmacy benefit manager to manage the self-insurance and prescription drug plans, respectively. The financial report of the Plan is included in the SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be obtained on SERS' website at [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

Access to health care for retirees and beneficiaries is permitted in accordance with Section 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 105(e). SERS' Retirement Board reserves the right to change or discontinue any health plan or program. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. The SERS Retirement Board established the rules for the premiums paid by the retirees for health care coverage for themselves and their dependents or for their surviving beneficiaries. Premiums vary depending on the plan selected, qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

**Funding Policy** – State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required pensions and benefits, the Retirement Board may allocate the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund in accordance with the funding policy. For fiscal year 2017, no allocation 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 2017, this amount was \$23,500. Statutes

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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 2017, the School District's surcharge obligation was \$55,777.

The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate, is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. The School District's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015 were \$55,777, \$52,687, and \$83,488, respectively. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal years 2016 and 2015.

***State Teachers Retirement System***

Plan Description – The State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio) administers a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit Health Plan administered for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS Ohio. Ohio law authorizes STRS to offer this plan. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. The Plan is included in the report of STRS Ohio 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 Ohio 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 Ohio. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. Nearly all health care plan enrollees, for the most recent year, pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017, June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015, STRS Ohio did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care.

**Note 13 – Other Employee Benefits**

***Compensated Absences***

The criteria for determining vacation, personal and sick leave benefits are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Classified employees earn five to twenty days of vacation per year, depending upon length of service. Accumulated unused vacation time is paid to classified employees and administrators upon termination of employment. Teachers do not earn vacation time. Teachers, administrators and classified employees earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Upon retirement, payment is made to certified and classified employees for one-fourth of accrued, but unused sick leave credit up to a maximum 70 and 71 days, respectively.

In addition to severance, certified employees meeting certain criteria are entitled to an incentive bonus of \$15,000. Employees retiring the first time they are eligible to retire based on STRS eligibility will receive the bonus. Classified employees with at least 20 years of service to the School District are eligible for an additional severance of up to \$5,000 including payment for accrued sick leave. During fiscal year 2017, three employees qualified for the bonus. Employees will receive the bonus in fiscal year 2018. This liability is reported as matured compensated absences payable on the governmental fund financial statements.

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***Life Insurance***

The School District provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to most employees through Stark County Schools Council of Governments Health Benefits Program. Coverage in the amount of \$60,000 and \$50,000 is provided to all certified and classified employees, respectively.

***Insurance Benefits***

The School District also provides medical/surgical insurance, prescription drug, vision and dental insurance through the Stark County Schools Council of Governments to all eligible employees. Employees have the option of choosing a traditional comprehensive plan with 80 percent co-payment of major medical expenses after deductibles or a Preferred Provider Organization (Medical Mutual or Aultcare) plan with 90 percent co-pay of major medical expenses after deductibles.

**Note 14 – Set-Asides**

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

The following cash basis information describes the change in the fiscal year-end set-aside amount for capital acquisition. Disclosure of this information is required by State statute.

	Capital Acquisition
Set-aside Restricted Balance as of June 30, 2016	\$0
Current Year Set-aside Requirement	406,319
Permanent Improvement Levy Offset	(470,955)
Qualifying Disbursements	(207,854)
Totals	(\$272,490)
Set-aside Restricted Balance as of June 30, 2017	\$0
Set-aside Balance Carried Forward to Fiscal Year 2017	\$0

Although the School District had a qualifying offset and disbursements during the fiscal year that reduced the set-aside amount to below zero for the capital acquisition set-aside, this amount may not be used to reduce the set-aside requirement for future years. This negative balance is therefore not presented as being carried forward to future years.

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**Note 15 – Long-Term Obligations**

Changes in long-term obligations of the School District during fiscal year 2017 were as follows:

	Amount			Amount	Amounts
	Outstanding		Deletions	Outstanding	Due in
	6/30/16	Additions		6/30/17	One Year
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>					
Net Pension Liability:					
SERS	\$6,155,019	\$1,339,365	\$0	\$7,494,384	\$0
STRS	24,489,154	4,437,686	0	28,926,840	0
Total Net Pension Liability	30,644,173	5,777,051	0	36,421,224	0
Energy Conservation Bonds (2.3%)	676,565	0	72,968	603,597	74,656
Capital Leases	672,053	0	264,590	407,463	224,120
Compensated Absences	1,033,133	389,352	219,862	1,202,623	207,364
Total Governmental Activities	\$33,025,924	\$6,166,403	\$557,420	\$38,634,907	\$506,140

During fiscal year 2015, the School District issued \$779,685 in energy conservation bonds, which will be used for the modification and remodeling of School District buildings to conserve energy. These bonds will be paid from the general fund and will mature in fiscal year 2025. At June 30, 2017, \$3,692 of the bond proceeds were unspent.

Information regarding the capital leases can be found in Note 16.

There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability; however, employer pension contributions are made from the general fund and food service, district managed activities, migrant children, title VI-B, Title I, and title II-A special revenue funds. Compensated absences will be paid from the general fund and the food service, title VI-B, and Title I special revenue funds.

The School District's overall legal debt margin was \$31,137,996 with an unvoted debt margin of \$345,978 as of June 30, 2017. Principal and interest requirements to retire the energy conservation bonds and capital leases outstanding at June 30, 2017 are as follows:

	Energy		Capital		Total	
	Conservation Bonds		Leases		Principal	Interest
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest		
2018	\$74,656	\$13,458	\$224,120	\$4,854	\$298,776	\$18,312
2019	76,383	11,732	183,343	1,925	259,726	13,657
2020	78,149	9,964	0	0	78,149	9,964
2021	79,958	8,157	0	0	79,958	8,157
2022	81,808	6,307	0	0	81,808	6,307
2023-2025	212,643	7,392	0	0	212,643	7,392
	\$603,597	\$57,010	\$407,463	\$6,779	\$1,011,060	\$63,789

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**Note 16 – Capital Leases**

During fiscal year 2014, the School District entered into a capital lease with Santander Bank for school buses, which will end in fiscal year 2017. During fiscal year 2015, the School District entered into a capital lease with Santander bank for school buses, which will end in fiscal year 2018. During fiscal year 2016, the School District entered into a capital lease with Apple, Incorporated for Macbooks, which will end in fiscal year 2019. These leases meet the criteria of capital leases. Capital assets were capitalized at the present value of the minimum lease payments at the time the leases were entered into.

The Macbooks individually fell below the capitalization threshold to record as a capital asset. The assets acquired through capital leases are as follows:

	Governmental Activities
Asset:	
Vehicles	\$339,522
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(101,985)
Total	\$237,537

The agreements provide for minimum annual lease payments as follows:

	Governmental Activities
2018	\$228,974
2019	185,268
Total Minimum Lease Payment	414,242
Less: Amount Representing Interest	(6,779)
Present Value of Minimum Lease Payments	\$407,463

**Note 17 – Jointly Governed Organizations**

***Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium*** The Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium (SPARCC) is a jointly governed organization created as a regional council of governments pursuant to State statutes made up of public school districts and educational service centers from Stark, Portage, and Carroll Counties. The primary function of SPARCC is to provide data processing services to its member districts with the major emphasis being placed on accounting, inventory control and payroll services. Other areas of service provided by SPARCC include student scheduling, registration, grade reporting, and test scoring. Each member district pays an annual fee for the services provided by SPARCC.

SPARCC is governed by a board of directors comprised of each Superintendent within SPARCC. The Stark County Educational Service Center serves as the fiscal agent of SPARCC and receives funding from the State Department of Education. Each district has one vote in all matters and each member district's control over budgeting and financing of SPARCC is limited to its voting authority and any representation it may have on the board of directors. The continued existence of SPARCC is not dependent on the School District's continued participation and no equity interest exists. Marlington Local School District paid \$154,774 to SPARCC during fiscal year 2017 for services. Financial information can be obtained by writing the Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium, 2100 38<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Canton, Ohio 44709.

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***Stark County Tax Incentive Review Council*** The Stark County Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) is a jointly governed organization, created as an advisory council pursuant to State statutes. TIRC has 24 members, consisting of three members appointed by the County Commissioners, four members appointed by municipal corporations, ten members appointed by township trustees, one member from the county auditor's office and six members appointed by boards of education located within the enterprise zones of Stark County. The TIRC reviews and evaluates the performance of each Enterprise Zone Agreement. This body is advisory in nature and cannot directly impact an existing Enterprise Zone Agreement; however, the council can make written recommendations to the legislative authority that approved the agreement. There is no cost associated with being a member of this Council. The continued existence of the TIRC is not dependent upon the School District's continued participation and no measurable equity interest exists.

***Alliance Tax Incentive Review Council*** The Alliance Tax Incentive Review Council (ATIRC) is a jointly governed organization, created as an advisory council pursuant to State statutes. ATIRC has various members, including the School District's Superintendent. The ATIRC reviews and evaluates the performance of Enterprise Zone Agreements. This body is advisory in nature and cannot directly impact an existing Enterprise Zone Agreement; however, the council can make written recommendations to the legislative authority that approved the agreement. There is no cost associated with being a member of the ATIRC. The continued existence of the ATIRC is not dependent upon the School District's continued participation and no measurable equity interest exists.

**Note 18 – Insurance Purchasing Pools**

***Stark County Schools Council of Governments Health Benefit Plan*** The Stark County Schools Council of Governments Health Benefit Plan (Consortium) is a shared risk pool created pursuant to State statute for the purpose of administering health care benefits. The Consortium is governed by an assembly which consists of one representative from each participating school district (usually the superintendent or designee). The assembly elects officers for one year terms to serve on the Board of Directors. The assembly exercises control over the operation of the Consortium. All Consortium revenues are generated from charges for services.

***Stark County Schools Council of Governments Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program*** The Stark County Schools Council of Government Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program has created a group insurance pool for the purpose of creating a group rating plan for workers' compensation. The governing body is comprised of the superintendents and representatives who have been appointed by the respective governing body of each member.

The intent of the pool is to achieve a reduced rate for the School District with other members of the group. The injury claim history of all participating members is used to calculate a common rate for the group. An annual fee is paid to Comp Management, Incorporated to administer the group and to manage any injury claims. Premium savings created by the group are prorated to each member entity annually based on the percentage created by comparing its payroll to the total payroll of the group.

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**Note 19 – Fund Balance**

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

Fund Balances	General Fund	Permanent Improvement Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total
<b><i>Nonspendable:</i></b>				
Materials and Supplies Inventory	\$109,984	\$0	\$0	\$109,984
Prepaid Items	44,736	0	1,478	46,214
<b><i>Total Nonspendable</i></b>	<b>154,720</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,478</b>	<b>156,198</b>
<b><i>Restricted for:</i></b>				
Food Service Operations	0	0	290,094	290,094
Miscellaneous Local Grants	0	0	12,276	12,276
District Managed Activities	0	0	222,331	222,331
Migrant Children Education	0	0	7,510	7,510
Capital Improvements	0	2,413,578	3,692	2,417,270
<b><i>Total Restricted</i></b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,413,578</b>	<b>535,903</b>	<b>2,949,481</b>
<b><i>Committed to:</i></b>				
Underground Storage Tanks	10,000	0	0	10,000
Employee Retirements	208,144	0	0	208,144
<b><i>Total Committed</i></b>	<b>218,144</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>218,144</b>
<b><i>Assigned to:</i></b>				
Purchases on Order:				
Instruction	153,773	0	0	153,773
Support Services	237,220	0	0	237,220
Extracurricular Activities	10	0	0	10
Capital Outlay	950	0	0	950
Adult Education	4,439	0	0	4,439
Public School Support	86,299	0	0	86,299
<b><i>Total Assigned</i></b>	<b>482,691</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>482,691</b>
<b><i>Unassigned (Deficit)</i></b>	<b>7,178,244</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(73,444)</b>	<b>7,104,800</b>
<b><i>Total Fund Balances</i></b>	<b>\$8,033,799</b>	<b>\$2,413,578</b>	<b>\$463,937</b>	<b>\$10,911,314</b>

**Note 20 – Contingencies**

***Litigation***

The School District is a party to legal proceedings. The School Board is of the opinion that the ultimate disposition of the current proceedings will not have a material effect, if any, on the financial condition of the School District.

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***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 terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and is 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, 2017, 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. The fiscal year 2017 adjustment resulted in a receivable to the School District in the amount of \$73,801.

***Lease***

The Board of Education entered into seven “Paid-Up” Oil and Gas Leases effective July 27, 2011 and continuing through July 27, 2021 with the Chesapeake Oil Company. In consideration of the execution of the leases, the School District received lease payments of \$260,380. The School District has a total of 177.55 acres subject to the lease provisions which call for payments to the lessor of royalties, less all taxes, assessments, and adjustments on production from the leasehold in the amount of 12.5 percent for oil or gas. The total carrying value of the land leased is \$618,500. As of the date of financial statements, the value of any potential royalties cannot be determined and the School District has not received any financial compensation beyond the lease payments.

**Note 21 – Significant Commitments**

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	\$480,738
Permanent Improvement	1,980,063
Other Governmental Funds	116,681
Total	<u><u>\$2,577,482</u></u>



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**Note 22 – Interfund Transactions**

***Interfund Balances***

Interfund balances at June 30, 2017, consisted of the following:

	Interfund Balances	
	June 30, 2017	
	Receivables	Payables
General	\$86,368	\$0
<b>Other Governmental Funds:</b>		
Title I: Migrant Children	0	37,785
Title VI-B IDEA	0	26,192
Title I	0	16,554
Title II-A	0	5,837
Total Other Governmental Funds	0	86,368
<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>	<b>\$86,368</b>	<b>\$86,368</b>

As of June 30, 2017, all interfund balances outstanding are anticipated to be repaid in one year. Advances were originally made to cover negative cash balances in various funds.

***Interfund Transfers***

Interfund transfers made during fiscal year 2017 consisted of transfers from the general fund to the permanent improvement capital projects fund in the amount of \$1,500,000 for projects within the middle school and athletics facilities.

**Marlington 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 Four Fiscal Years (1) \**

	2017	2016	2015	2014
School District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.10239520%	0.10786740%	0.10574700%	0.10574700%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$7,494,384	\$6,155,019	\$5,351,795	\$6,288,435
School District's Covered Payroll	\$3,198,914	\$3,224,560	\$3,363,481	\$3,120,038
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	234.28%	190.88%	159.11%	201.55%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	62.98%	69.16%	71.70%	65.52%

(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.

**Marlington Local School District**  
*Required Supplementary Information*  
*Schedule of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability*  
*State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio*  
*Last Four Fiscal Years (1) \**

	2017	2016	2015	2014
School District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.08641839%	0.08860979%	0.08977432%	0.08977432%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$28,926,840	\$24,489,154	\$21,836,221	\$26,011,164
School District's Covered Payroll	\$9,152,943	\$9,227,800	\$9,173,547	\$9,576,546
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	316.04%	265.38%	238.03%	271.61%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	66.80%	72.10%	74.70%	69.30%

(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.

**Marlington Local School District**  
*Required Supplementary Information*  
*Schedule of School District Contributions*  
*School Employees Retirement System of Ohio*  
*Last Ten Fiscal Years*

	2017	2016	2015	2014
Contractually Required Contribution	\$470,121	\$447,848	\$424,997	\$440,616
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(470,121)</u>	<u>(447,848)</u>	<u>(424,997)</u>	<u>(440,616)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
School District Covered Payroll	\$3,358,007	\$3,198,914	\$3,224,560	\$3,179,048
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	14.00%	14.00%	13.18%	13.86%

2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
\$408,725	\$403,183	\$355,990	\$376,818	\$268,482	\$295,706
(408,725)	(403,183)	(355,990)	(376,818)	(268,482)	(295,706)
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$2,953,215	\$2,997,646	\$2,833,058	\$2,782,997	\$2,728,471	\$3,011,266
13.84%	13.45%	12.57%	13.54%	9.84%	9.82%

**Marlington Local School District**  
*Required Supplementary Information*  
*Schedule of School District Contributions*  
*State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio*  
*Last Ten Fiscal Years*

	2017	2016	2015	2014
Contractually Required Contribution	\$1,320,612	\$1,281,412	\$1,291,892	\$1,192,549
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(1,320,612)</u>	<u>(1,281,412)</u>	<u>(1,291,892)</u>	<u>(1,192,549)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
School District Covered Payroll	\$9,432,943	\$9,152,943	\$9,227,800	\$9,173,547
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	13.00%

2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
\$1,244,951	\$1,328,163	\$1,273,846	\$1,271,201	\$1,255,948	\$1,337,461
(1,244,951)	(1,328,163)	(1,273,846)	(1,271,201)	(1,255,948)	(1,337,461)
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
\$9,576,546	\$10,216,638	\$9,798,815	\$9,778,469	\$9,661,138	\$10,288,162
13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%

**Marlington Local School District, Ohio**  
*Notes to Required Supplementary Information*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017*

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**Changes in Assumptions – SERS**

Amounts reported for fiscal year 2017 incorporate changes in assumptions used by SERS in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation. These new 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 investment expense, including inflation	7.75 percent net of investment expense, including inflation

Amounts reported for fiscal year 2017 use mortality assumptions with mortality rates that are based on the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age set back for both males and females. 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.



**MARLINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STARK COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

<b>FEDERAL GRANTOR Pass Through Grantor Program / Cluster Title</b>	<b>Federal CFDA Number</b>	<b>Pass Through Entity Identifying Number</b>	<b>Total Federal Expenditures</b>	<b>Total Federal Non-Cash Expenditures</b>
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b>				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education</i>				
Child Nutrition Cluster:				
School Breakfast Program	10.553	049882-3L70-2016	\$18,958	
School Breakfast Program	10.553	049882-3L70-2017	120,921	
National School Lunch Program	10.555	049882-3L60-2016	12,687	
National School Lunch Program	10.555	049882-3L60-2017	449,539	\$103,203
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	049882-3GE0-2017	15,228	
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			<u>617,333</u>	<u>103,203</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			<u><b>617,333</b></u>	<u><b>103,203</b></u>
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</b>				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education</i>				
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	049882-3M00-2016	61,209	
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	049882-3M00-2017	281,481	
Total Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies			<u>342,690</u>	
Migrant Education State Grant Program	84.011	049882-3EH0-2016	135,988	
Migrant Education State Grant Program	84.011	049882-3EH0-2017	86,016	
Total Migrant Education State Grant Program			<u>222,004</u>	
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	049882-3M20-2016	124,045	
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	049882-3M20-2017	459,785	
Total Special Education Grants to States			<u>583,830</u>	
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	049882-3Y60-2016	13,019	
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	049882-3Y60-2017	73,539	
Total Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants			<u>86,558</u>	
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u><b>1,235,082</b></u>	
<b>Total Expenditures of Federal Awards</b>			<u><b>\$1,852,415</b></u>	<u><b>\$103,203</b></u>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.*

**MARLINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STARK COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
2 CFR 200.510(b)(6)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

**NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the Marlinton Local School District (the District) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2017. The information on this Schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the District.

**NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

**NOTE C - CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER**

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

**NOTE D – FOOD DONATION PROGRAM**

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

**NOTE E - TRANSFERS BETWEEN PROGRAM YEARS**

Federal regulations require schools to obligate certain federal awards by June 30. However, with ODE's consent, schools can transfer unobligated amounts to the subsequent fiscal year's program. The District transferred the following amounts from 2017 to 2018 programs:

Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	\$28,102
Migrant Education State Grant Program	84.011	\$53,937
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027	\$19,237



# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

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

Marlington Local School District  
Stark County  
10320 Moulin Avenue NE  
Alliance, Ohio 44601

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 Marlington Local School District, Stark County, (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 19, 2018.

### ***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.

**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

January 19, 2018



# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Marlington Local School District  
Stark County  
10320 Moulin Avenue NE  
Alliance, Ohio 44601

To the Board of Education:

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

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

### ***Management's Responsibility***

The District's Management is responsible for complying with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

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

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

***Opinion on the Major Federal Program***

In our opinion, Marlington Local School District complied, in all material respects with the compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2017.

***Report on Internal Control Over Compliance***

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

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

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

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

**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

January 19, 2018

**MARLINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STARK COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
2 CFR § 200.515  
JUNE 30, 2017**

**1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS**

<i>(d)(1)(i)</i>	<b>Type of Financial Statement Opinion</b>	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	<b>Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	<b>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iii)</i>	<b>Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	<b>Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?</b>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	<b>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?</b>	No
<i>(d)(1)(v)</i>	<b>Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion</b>	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(vi)</i>	<b>Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR §200.516(a)?</b>	No
<i>(d)(1)(vii)</i>	<b>Major Programs (list):</b>	Special Education Grants to States CFDA 84.027
<i>(d)(1)(viii)</i>	<b>Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs</b>	Type A: > \$ 750,000 Type B: all others
<i>(d)(1)(ix)</i>	<b>Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR §200.520?</b>	Yes

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

None

**3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS**

None